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What an exciting spring it has been at the Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West. The past three months have been filled with heritage events and preparation for the summer season.

In May, we celebrated the National Road with the Grantsville National Road Festival. This multi-organization hosted event is a week-long celebration filled with food, art, history and fun. We were pleased to help support the Historic National Road Presentation with local historian and presenter, Al Feldstein. It was a fantastic event with nearly 40 attendees. Al shared a slideshow of images from postcards and even read some of the notes on the back of the postcards.



We recently led a group of hospitality students from Garrett College on a familiarization tour to some of our fantastic heritage sites in the county including Swallow Falls State Park, Farmer's Market in Oakland, museums, art gallery, Deep Creek Discovery Center, Casselman River Bridge State Park, Spruce Forest Artisan Village and High Country Creamery and Market. These students are working towards a hospitality career. The tour was to give a deeper insight to some of our fantastic assets in hopes that as they are working with visitors and residents, they can share the many opportunities we have in our area.

This June we attended the Pennsylvania Bus Association Sales Retreat in Corning, NY. We had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with tour operators to promote our region as a destination for group tours.

As part of our annual development activities, we were proud to be the host organization for the Gran Fondo Friendsville Aid Station this June. Garrett County welcomed over 1,000 riders. Our group of eleven volunteers had a wonderful time prepping and serving riders. (A **big** thank you to all who were involved including Friendsville Mayor Schlosnagle and Councilman, Jerry Fike). How wonderful to expose visitors to our beautiful scenic byways and natural landscape. Riders were also entertained with local Appalachian music provided by Day Old News. For more information about Gran Fondo, please visit: <https://www.garrettcountrygranfondo.org/>.



Pictured left to right: Cindy Sharon, Wade Dorsey, Peggy Jamison, Colleen Nordeck, Amy Clinton, Jen Durben, Karen Reckner, Gene Durben, Patty Manown Mash

2018 Mini-Grant Update

Keep an eye out this July for the release of our FY2018 Mini-Grant round. This program is designed to provide funding for innovative exhibits, tours, marketing, planning and projects which build upon interpretive themes identified in the Management Plan including: Transportation, Man and Nature, Historic Recreation, Cultural Uniqueness.

- Projects must be **non-capital** and seek to attract cultural heritage tourists to the region.
- Projects must be funded dollar for dollar (cash match only)
- Projects must be completed by May 15, 2018.

Examples of past projects and updated information will be available on our grants page at www.garrettheritage.com.

Maryland Sustainable Growth Awards

The Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission presented awards for leadership, community planning and conservation at its fifth annual awards ceremony today at the Maryland State House. These awards recognize individuals, organizations and programs that exemplify well-planned economic and community development initiatives throughout the state.



The six winners represent individuals and organizations that demonstrate their commitment to sustainable growth - development or redevelopment that is compact, walkable and takes advantage of existing infrastructure while preserving the rural landscape - in Maryland.



[Click to view video](#)

Garrett County 2017 Sustainable Community

Winner: For facilitating or creating development that addresses at least one or more of Maryland's 12 Planning Visions.

Town of Grantsville and the Grantsville Revitalization Organization - The Town of Grantsville, like other rural communities has suffered by the loss of population and economic opportunities. Grantsville Revitalization Organization (GRO) was formed in 2007 to combat a declining population trend, loss of Main Street

businesses, and overall municipal deterioration. The GRO implemented a four-part plan: establishing an aggressive economic development package that included tax exemptions, water and sewer fee waivers, and in some cases financial assistance; executing a multi-media marketing plan; launching an all-inclusive municipal strategic plan that incorporated streetscape design concepts and maximized historical assets; and applying for, and being awarded, Maryland Arts and Entertainment designation.

To learn more about all the winners of these prestigious awards, click [here](#).

Now Accepting FY2018 Commercial Tax Credit Applications

[Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program Flyer](#)

The application period for the Competitive Commercial credit is now open. Applications are due August 31, 2017.

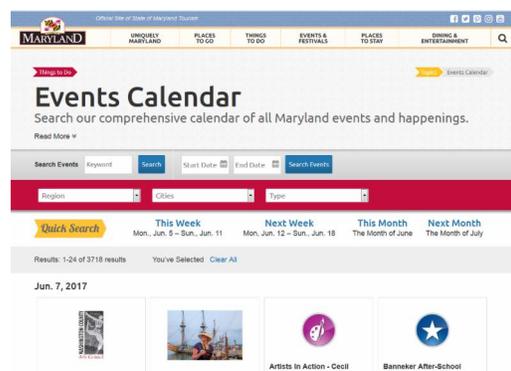
Owners of income-producing properties have the opportunity to earn a state income tax credit (capped at \$3 million) that is equal to 20 percent of eligible rehabilitation expenses for substantial rehabilitation projects. Substantial rehabilitation projects are defined as projects with eligible expenses that exceed the greater of the adjusted basis value of the structure or \$25,000.

For additional information and application materials, please click [HERE](#).

Heritage Event Sharing on VisitMaryland.org

Do you have an event you would like to share with visitors to Maryland? You may add events to the www.VisitMaryland.org event calendar quickly and easily by following these 4 easy steps:

1. Visit <http://visitmaryland.org/events-calendar>
2. Scroll to the middle of the page and click "**Add Event**"
3. a. Enter login information
b. If not registered, create an account
4. Enter required information and click "**Save**"



The Maryland Office of Tourism will review and post your event.

Criteria and Notes READ FIRST:

- All events must be tourism related and appeal to a variety of Maryland visitors such as cultural, heritage and sporting events that attract non-local audiences and are closely related to the region's most vital tourism attractions/products.
- The Maryland Office of Tourism prefers events that are multi-day in nature in order to maximize economic impact.
- Events must be non-discriminatory, open to the public and within the borders of Maryland.
- Events must have a specific date or date range.
- A facility may not list daily operations as an event. Example: A museum may list special shows, and activities, but not its hours of operation as an event.
- A contact person is responsible for updating event information. Listings that are not updated at least once a year may be removed. The Maryland Office of Tourism will refer inquiries to the contact person if questions arise.
- If an event is listed by multiple facilities and no coordinator is listed, The Maryland Office of Tourism reserves the right to designate an event coordinator or organization as the contact for the event.
- The Maryland Office of Tourism reserves the right to approve, remove, edit and reject any submission.
- Submissions are usually processed within five business days.
- Questions? calendar@visitmaryland.org or contact Kathi Ash 410.767.6341 or email kathleen.ash@maryland.gov.

Upcoming Events

Spruce Forest Artisan Village Workshops - Dates/Times Vary throughout the Summer. Join a class with a local artisan featuring works such as quilling, weaving, acrylic painting, jewelry fabrication, and feather carving. Visit www.spruceforest.org for schedule and cost.

20th Little Yough Summer Music Festival - Fridays in July & August, ending on September 1, 7pm, Mountain Fresh Pavilion. Free music concerts. For more information, visit www.agreatsmalltown.com.

Music at Penn Alps - Held Saturdays from July 1 - Aug 19, 7:30pm. Music at Penn Alps is a summer mostly classical series of Saturday evening concerts with a dash of traditional several nights in the series. Most of these informal concerts are held in the Great Hall of Penn Alps (pictured), which is part of the Penn Alps Restaurant and Crafts Shop complex. The complex includes the Spruce Forest Artisan Village. In addition, we have some concerts in the Spruce Village Chapel each year - it is handicapped-accessible. Visit www.musicatpennalps.org for more information and tickets.

Chautauqua - Wednesday July 5 - Friday July 7, 6:30pm at the Garrett College Auditorium. Chautauqua performances bring history to life! For our 23rd season, we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United States' entry into the Great War as three World War I-era

figures come to life on the Chautauqua stage. July 5 - General John Pershing, portrayed by Doug Mishler, July 6 - WEB DuBois, portrayed by Bill Grimmette, July 7 - Woodrow Wilson, portrayed by Judd Bankert. Free to the public. Visit www.artsandentertainment.org for more information.

Broadford Park Fireworks - Monday, July 3, Dusk at Broadford Lake Park. The Celebration will begin at 7:30 pm at Pavilion #1 where there will be plenty of room for picnics and enjoyment of the beautiful surroundings. Bring chairs and/or blankets for seating. The fireworks will begin at the conclusion of the Stars and Stripes Forever which will be at approximately 9:30 pm. \$3 per person, 8 & under are \$1. Visit www.agreatsmalltown.com for more information.

Fire on the Mountain Fireworks Display - Tuesday, July 4, launched from Bear Claw Tubing Park at Wisp Resort. The Garrett County Chamber of Commerce presents the annual Fire on the Mountain Fireworks Display. Fireworks launched from the top of Bear Claw Tubing Park at Wisp Resort out toward the waters of Deep Creek Lake. Viewing spots include the scenic overlook on Rt. 219, McHenry Cove on Deep Creek Lake and businesses in McHenry. Rain date: July 5th. If there is inclement weather on July 4th, please check this page or tune your radio to our local stations and media partners, 104.5 WKHJ, 92.3 The Train and 1050 AM WMSG radio for live updates on the status of the fireworks. Visit www.visitdeepcreek.com for more information.

Accident Fourth of July Homecoming - Tuesday, July 4, 9am - 7pm, Parade at 11am. Downtown Accident. Parade, patriotic program, arts & crafts, food, games & historic tours. For more information call 301-746-6346, or visit www.accidentmd.org.

Oakland Downtown Jubilee - Friday, July 7, 1pm - 7pm, Downtown Oakland. Join Coldwell Banker Deep Creek Realty and celebrate Small Town Charm at the Oakland Downtown Jubilee! Come together for an afternoon of kid's activities, music every hour, history presentations, food trucks, raffles and an opportunity for you to shop local! Event admission is FREE with donations collected by vendors and visitors to benefit local charity, Landon's Library. We hope to see you celebrating Oakland's small town charm on July 7 from 1-7pm at the Downtown Jubilee presented by Coldwell Banker Deep Creek Realty. Visit www.downtownjubilee.com for more information.

Art in the Park - Saturday, July 8-9, 10am at the Deep Creek Lake State Park. Once again on the shores of Deep Creek Lake! Be inspired! Forty-five plus artists including several new to the festival display and sell their work at the 17th Annual Art in the Park in one of Western Maryland's most magnificent settings - Deep Creek Lake State Park, July 8-9th. Arrive by boat, car or foot - enter thru the gate at Deep Creek Lake State Park (service charge applies). Food, naturalist programs and children's art tent among featured activities. \$3 in-state residents and \$5 out of state residents. Visit www.discoverycenterdcl.com for more information.

Oakland B&O Museum Summer Speaker Series - Thursday, July 20th at the Oakland B&O Museum. Thomas Kraemer, CSX Engineer, will be presenting slides from the Ervin R. Ylatt book "B&O RR Steam on West Slope" written in the 1930's. For more information, contact the museum at 301-334-3204.

Friendsville Days - Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22, Friendsville Community Park. Our 37th annual Friendsville Days Celebration. Friday: entertainment, food and games. Free picnic at 5:30 pm on Friday. Saturday: main street parade at noon, games, entertainment, kids' activities and fireworks. Sponsored by the Friendsville Days, Inc. For more information, call 301-746-5919 or visit www.visitfriendsville.org.

Kitzmilller Homecoming - Saturday, July 22, 10am at the Town of Kitzmilller. The 29th Annual Kitzmilller Homecoming will commence at 10 AM with local vendors, including craft makers, photographers, artists, and musicians. There will also be historic carriage rides, inflatable entertainments for children, food, games, make and takes, sporting tournaments, and live

music by the Kenny Jones Band. Later in the day there will be a fireman's parade including surrounding fire departments, clowns, bands, politicians, and other performers. The day will conclude with a fireworks display by Pyrotecnico. The event will take place in the Kitzmiller School yard. For more information call 301-453-3449.

Garrett County Agriculture Fair - Saturday, July 29 - Saturday, August 5 at the Garrett County Fairgrounds. 61st Anniversary of the Garrett County Agriculture Fair. Carnival rides, food, games, livestock, mud bog, demolition derby, live music, tractor pull and more. Visit www.garrettcountyfair.org for more information.

Oakland B&O Museum Summer Speaker Series - Thursday, August 17th at the Oakland B&O Museum. John Garner, General Manager of the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad will present information about the Mountain Thunder. For more information, contact the museum at 301-334-3204.

Tunes & Brews - Saturday, September 2, 1am - 7pm at Wisp Resort. Wisp Resort's third annual Tunes & Brews event will showcase some of our favorite Bands & Brews from all around. \$34 per person (21 & over). Visit www.wispresort.com for more information.

Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival - Friday, September 8 & Saturday, September 9. Saturday (Noon to 6pm - wine store open until 7pm). Benefiting HART for Animals and Garrett Lakes Arts Festival (GLAF), will feature beautifully handcrafted works by local and regional artisans, more than 200 wines to taste from Maryland and national wineries, live entertainment, food, silent auction, wine store, wine pairing dinners, lodging packages and more, all set in the beautiful mountains of western Maryland. \$30 adults, \$10 under 21, Children 12 and under Free. Visit www.deepcreekwinefest.com for tickets and more information.

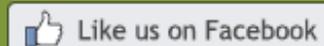
Oakland B&O Museum Summer Speaker Series - Saturday, September 30 at 7pm, Oakland B&O Museum. Join Kathleen Waters Sander, author of John W. Garrett and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. For more information, contact the museum at 301-334-3204.

There are so many events coming up this summer! Please visit www.garrettheritage.com for all upcoming events.

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