

# Opportunities for Involvement

## Committee Listing

Agri-Business Committee - Meets the third Tuesday of each month except June, July and August at 7:30 a.m. It investigates problem areas and opportunities for the farmer. They establish regular contact with agricultural-oriented organizations as well as developing programs, which will be of mutual interest to the farm community.

Beautification Committee - Meets the first Thursday of each month at noon. This committee establishes goals and implements programs designed to enhance the physical beauty of our community.

Business Affairs Committee - Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. This group develops programs of special interest to the business community. Each meeting concentrates on a particular aspect of business and resource people are invited to attend in order to provide complete information on the subject. Several forums are available, which provide Chamber professionals with educational programs, experience sharing, and opportunities to learn from others in their profession. These forums include:

- Architects, Engineers & Surveyors (task force, meets on an as needed basis)
- Public Relations & Marketing Group (Meets the fourth Thursday at 12:00 p.m.)
- Greater Salisbury Elder Support Network (Meets the third Thursday at 8:30)
- Young Professionals (Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.)

Community Affairs Committee - Meets quarterly with a program, usually a panel discussion on a major community quality of life issue. It is a resource for the Salisbury Festival and keeps abreast of issues and areas of concern in the community. Lends support to activities and events associated with tourism and deemed beneficial to our community.

- The Salisbury Dogwood Festival meets between November and May with the frequency of meetings increasing during the months of March and April. It is responsible for the coordinating, planning and implementation of festival events. The festival is held the first full weekend of May.
- This committee has a task force to address the brain drain, College Student Welcome Task Force.

Local Legislative Committee - Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. Members attend regular meetings of the City and County Councils and the committee maintains a continuing overview of all city and county activities and invites various department heads to explain their duties and functions.

Membership Committee - Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. They recruit new members, develop retention programs and incentives, develop and oversee the Chamber Member to Member Benefit Program, and schedule new member receptions.

- Ambassadors (Meets the first Tuesday at 8:00a.m. @ Dayton's) This committee supports the Membership Committee. It is responsible for the welcoming and assimilation of new members at Chamber functions as well as both visiting and surveying members throughout the year.

National Legislative Committee – A committee that meets primarily by email . Members deal with the nation legislative issues that affect our area and business in general.

PR & Marketing – A committee that meets to support three areas 1) internal education of committee members, 2) PR-ER that provides Chamber members a forum to review and explore marketing options for their business and 3) act as a marketing group for Chamber issues. (Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at noon)

State Legislative Committee - Meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8:00 a.m. during the General Assembly. It focuses attention on state legislation affecting our area and recommends policy positions to the Board. Chamber positions are conveyed to our elected officials and to the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.

- Environmental Affairs (Meets the first Thursday at 8:00 a.m.) Responsible for the Riverfest which takes place in the fall.

Transportation Committee/ Security Task Force - Meets as needed to address timely issues. It monitors and discusses airport activities, railroad services, river dredging and highway planning on the lower shore.

Workforce Development Committee - Meets the second Monday of each month at noon. This committee sponsors the ACES Program, the Student Honor Card, and the Outstanding Teachers Award. It gives an annual Chamber Merit Award in each of the high schools, and assists educational institutions in the County.