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On behalf of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce, I am excited to present a reference guide and comprehensive list of community programs and services to our members and visitors. I would like to give a warm welcome to new members and give a big thank you to current members who have renewed their membership.

The Chamber takes pride in our efforts to promote, represent, and advocate for the businesses and non-profits of Kent County. Our goal is to improve the quality of life and well-being of the residents and visitors of Kent County by enhancing the environment of the business community and helping our businesses succeed. Whether we’re advocating on behalf of county businesses, or hosting events to connect and promote our members, we are always looking for ways to be of service to the businesses and non-profit organizations in our communities.

Our members can stay connected through our informative e-newsletters, social media, email blasts, and our web presence, as well as our ribbon cuttings and chamber mixers. We offer community events like our annual BrewFest and the Fall FunFest to create opportunities to come together for entertainment and merriment, and the Local Candidate Forum and Post-Legislative Session Discussions to provide important information flow and discourse. We will continue to find new ways to grow our member-related offerings, and we’ll look for opportunities to serve the businesses of Kent County with integrity and dedication.

As always, your business is important to us, and we’re glad to have you on our team.

Sincerely,

Meghan Livie
President
Kent County Chamber of Commerce

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
MEGHAN LIVIE
Welcome to the Kent County Chamber of Commerce’s 2023 Resource Guide and Membership Directory. This valuable publication is updated annually and consistently noted as one of the most popular benefits of Chamber membership, with more than 1,000 copies distributed last year. We strive to continually evolve and enhance the Directory every year and we are thankful for the support we receive from our advertisers.

This year’s publication features updated Kent County Economic Facts, as well as information about Kent County’s history, government, communities, arts, businesses, education and healthcare. We also included a listing of the Annual Events throughout the County, by month, so you always know what is coming up in our area. Our membership has grown, so there are now even more businesses and organizations found in the Membership Listing, listed by Business Category for easy reference. Copies of our directory are available for the public to pick up in our office located in the Kent County Visitors Center.

This past year has been one of change and growth for the Chamber and our members, and we are excited about the future here in Kent County. We happily welcomed 12 new businesses to our area with Ribbon Cuttings, restarted networking events with six Business After Hours Mixers, and celebrated numerous business anniversaries. The Kent Chamber also introduced a new signature event - Fall FunFest - which was very well received by the participating businesses and the Kent County Community. We also have several conferences and other learning opportunities on the horizon this year, so stay tuned.

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce strives to be a leading advocate for businesses and organizations in the County and we are continually adjusting and evolving to benefit our members and the community. We thank you for your support and look forward to a great year!

Best Regards,

Sarah King
Executive Director
Kent County Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS CATEGORY LISTING

Agribusiness
Animal Care
Apartments/Rentals
Arborist
Architects
Art Galleries/Dealers
Automotive
Building / Construction
Materials & Supplies
Business Services
Car Rentals
Cleaning Services
Commercial Construction
Commercial Printing
Communications
Computer Technology
Consulting
Contractors
Delivery
Education
Electric Companies
Energy Services
Engineers
Financial Services
Firearms & Gunsmithing
Fitness
Food Service
Funding
Government
Grocery Stores
Health & Fitness
Healthcare
Healthcare – Mental Health
Insurance
Land Trust
Landscape & Nursery
Legal Services
Library
Lodging
Manufacturing
Marinas
Marine Services
Marketing Services
Media
Minority-owned
Moving/Storage & Supplies
Nonprofit Organizations
Party/Wedding Rentals
Personal Services
Photographers
Picture Framing
Property Management
Real Estate Services
Recreation
Recruiting Services
Restaurants & Food Services
Retail
Retirement Community
Roofing
Sales & Service
Security
Surveyors
Transportation
Utilities
Warehouse & Transloading
Waste Removal
Wineries
Women-owned
With more than 300 member businesses, nonprofits, and individuals, the Chamber is Kent County’s premier business-to-business facilitator. Through our many unique programs, events, and advocacy, we provide a platform for leaders from the private, public, and nonprofit sectors to engage with each other to grow their respective organizations for the ultimate benefit of Kent County and its residents.

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce works tirelessly to build and maintain relationships with key leaders and stakeholders throughout multiple industry sectors and government on behalf of our members. By being the number one champion and advocate for business in Kent County, we provide our members with direct access to business decision-makers, thought-leaders, and elected officials to amplify their message so they can get the job done.

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce boasts a robust and highly engaged email subscriber list, offering members the very best value when it comes to marketing their business or organization. Advertisement e-blasts go right to the inbox of business leaders, presenting members with unprecedented access to the decision-makers that determine which businesses to contract with. Sponsors of the Chamber get the added benefit of being featured on all Chamber documents and marketing materials, showcasing their organization as a premier supporter of Kent County’s business climate and quality-of-life.

Membership
Membership is open to all businesses, individuals, and nonprofit organizations in Kent and neighboring counties. The cost of membership is based on the number of employees and membership dues are billed annually on the anniversary date of the member.

Sponsorship
The Kent County Chamber offers members the opportunity to increase their recognition in the community with five levels of sponsorship. Sponsor benefits include a recognition plaque prominently displayed in the Chamber office, advertising and promotion at all Chamber events, recognition in all Chamber communications tools, advertising discounts in our publications, tickets to Chamber events, and promotional links on our website.

ABOUT THE CHAMBER

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1928 as the Kent County Business Men’s Association. The Association was incorporated in 1958 and evolved into the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. Today the Chamber is the leading advocate for business in the County, serving our members in ways that enhance our business community, the quality of life and the well-being of residents and visitors.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION STATEMENT

The Kent County Chamber of Commerce will be the leading advocate for business in the County by serving our members in ways that enhance our business community, the quality of life, and the well-being of residents and visitors.

Sponsorships levels:
- Diamond ............... $5,000
- Platinum................ $3,000
- Gold..................... $2,000
- Silver................... $1,000
- Bronze.................. $500

For details and information about sponsorship benefits call the Chamber office at 410-810-2968.
CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS

1. BUSINESS REFERRALS
The Chamber office receives requests for information on availability of goods and services from local businesses every day. We gladly give referrals and recommend ONLY our Chamber members!

2. PUBLICATIONS
The Chamber promotes our members and sponsors in our annual Kent County Membership Directory and County Map publications. The member listings are also published on the Chamber’s website with members’ email and website addresses when available.
Both of these publications present a wonderful opportunity to purchase an ad that will be seen all year by residents of and newcomers to Kent County.

3. PRESS RELEASES
We spread the good news of our member businesses every day. We gladly give referrals and recommend ONLY our Chamber members!

4. MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
We publish a monthly newsletter which provides information of interest to Chamber members. The Newsletter is distributed via email and is available on the Chamber website. Reminders keep members aware of important, time-sensitive events and topics.

5. BROADCAST EMAIL SERVICE - E-BLASTS
In an effort to help you build your business and get your message out efficiently and cost effectively, the Chamber office will send an email specifically on your behalf to all Chamber members who have signed up for our mailing list. This is an excellent way to announce new products, services, or events. As a Chamber member, you can take advantage of this service at a very reasonable cost. Please contact the Chamber office for further details.

6. CHAMBER WEBSITE – INTERNET EXPOSURE
All members are listed on the Kent County Chamber of Commerce website in the online directory. Your address and website are established as links from the Chamber’s site, which can mean an increase in customers.

7. BUSINESS DISPLAY
Display of your materials in the Chamber Resource Area of the Visitors Center is available to Chamber members for free.

8. RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSES
We conduct Ribbon Cutting ceremonies and Open Houses to announce new Chamber members or the relocation of current members.

9. PROUD MEMBER LOGO
The Chamber has created a “Proud Member” logo that is available digitally and can be used for just about any advertising or promotion for your business; an added value that we know will help grow your customer base. Use this logo in your business print ads, direct mail, business cards, web sites, email blasts, promotional items, and much more! The logo lets your client base know that you are proud Chamber member.

10. SPECIAL EVENTS
We hold networking events such as business-after-hours and breakfasts to showcase our member businesses. Members that attend these events are provided opportunities to network and promote their business. We host educational seminars on topics of interest to local businesses. Annually, we sponsor the Pre and Post-Legislative Session Discussion to keep our members informed on current events.

11. COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD PRESENTATION
We recognize the county’s best businesses, nonprofits, and leaders at our annual Community Excellence Award event.

12. BULK MAILING PRIVILEGES
The Chamber offers exclusively to its members the use of its Bulk Mail Permit. For detailed information on using the Bulk Mail Permit, please contact the chamber office at 410-810-2968 or director@kentchamber.org.

13. MEMBER MAILING LABELS
The Chamber’s membership list is available on labels for a small fee to any interested Chamber member.

14. BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION
We celebrate our members who are celebrating business anniversaries ending in ‘0’ or ‘5’ by presenting them with an official Certificate of Recognition from the Kent Chamber and Kent County Economic Development.

15. FREE USE OF CONFERENCE ROOM
A large conference room in the chamber office is made available for members in need of a professional space to host a board meeting or seminar.

Join us today!
The Kent County Chamber of Commerce membership form can be found here.

We extend a special thank you to Board Members – Bryan Matthews, 2022 Past President – Jim Luff, 2022 Board Member for their past service.

Chamber of Commerce Leadership 2023
President – Meghan Livie, The Peoples Bank
Vice President – Brian Moore
Treasurer – Karyn Dustin, Chesapeake Bank and Trust Company
Past President – Barbara Foster, Sumner Hall (G.A.R. Post #25, Inc.)
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In 1706, the Maryland General Assembly pressed for the establishment of a “New Town” along the Chester, where trade could be centralized, warehouses built, and customs collected – and Chestertown was founded. In the 1730's, Kent County became a center of colonial economic activity, as the first Maryland county to diversify, turning from tobacco to a grain-based economy, and the shortest route from the Virginia Colony to points north. George Washington really did sleep in Kent County. Other famous visitors included Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and James Madison.

Chestertown became an international port. Locally built ships, known for their sleekness and speed, were particularly useful for sailing along the coast, from New England to the Caribbean Islands. Craftsmen moved into the town, as did powerful planter merchants who built their mansions along the river. Respectable brick homes lined the streets. Chestertown was not only a center of economic activity, but of colonial culture. The wealthy enjoyed balls, horse races, a gentlemen’s club, and traveling theatre troupes.

The labor force in the 1600s was largely supplied by indentured servants. By the late 1600s, captured Africans began to be imported and sold as slaves. In the transition from tobacco to less labor-intensive wheat, slaves were sometimes freed, as it was often cheaper to hire people during planting and harvest. Quakers, who had abandoned slavery in the 1770s, led the moral outrage against slavery. An abolitionist society was formed in Chestertown in the late 1700s, and a free black population established itself. Washington College was founded in 1782 - the 10th oldest college in America, and the first college in the United States. By 1790 Chestertown was the geographic center of the American population.

But as land opened up to the west, Baltimore became the preeminent port, and by 1800, Kent County wheat and other products were shipped across the Bay. Although prosperity continued, the heyday of international trade was over in Kent County. The free black population continued to expand, and black owned businesses joined in the prosperity. Although the number of slaves continued to decrease, slavery remained a constant. The underground railroad had “guides” in Kent County, and a number of slaves managed dramatic escapes to freedom. On the eve of the Civil War, political tension grew. Southern sympathies were strong.

Did you know?
Although the first English settlement in Maryland was established in 1631 on Kent Island, once part of Kent County, it wasn’t until the 1650’s that Colonists settled in present day Kent County, (bounded by the Chesapeake Bay, the Chester and the Sassafras Rivers), on Eastern Neck Island ... primarily focused on tobacco production.
But local white leaders cautioned strongly against secession, a certain path to economic ruin. Even those who were pro-union, however, were also largely anti-abolition. Eastern Shore men fought on both sides of the war, truly brother against brother in many cases. Hundreds of Kent County black men served, many of them escaping slavery by steamships that went up and down the bay recruiting union soldiers.

The steamship era played a key role in the local economy through the 1800s and into the 1900s, transporting local goods and produce across the Bay, and often returning with tourists. The Victorian resorts of Betterton and Tolchester became two of the most popular destinations on the Chesapeake into the 1960s.

In the late 1800s the railroad enhanced the ability of local farmers to send produce north. Transportation and technology along with canning and refrigeration, boosted the fishing industry, and Rock Hall became a major hub of the Chesapeake seafood industry.

For African Americans the burden of Jim Crow laws replaced that of slavery. Nonetheless, they continued to play an integral role in Kent County life. In Chestertown, African American performance venues attracted nationally known performers and regional audiences throughout the 1950s and 60s, bringing a vibrancy that would otherwise have been lacking in town life.

To this day, agriculture plays a dominant role in the economy. Watermen continue to ply their trade, although pollution of the watershed and Bay has reduced their numbers enormously. Several decades ago a preservation effort began in Chestertown that led to the creation of a National Landmark Historic District that boasts more historic homes in use than any Maryland community except Annapolis. Preservation has also saved many of the historic country homes, a number of them lived in by the same families for centuries.

The County retains its sense of community. Local businesses know residents by name, and support the County’s nonprofit organizations that also serve the community. There is a tremendous sense of place in Kent County, and an understanding that the history of this region is integral to both its present, and its future.
Kent County, founded in 1642, sits directly east of Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay with Washington DC 50 miles to the southwest and Philadelphia 60 miles to the northeast. The county is located within 90 minutes of three international airports and three major seaports. Route 301 links Maryland to Delaware thus making the county a prime location for warehouse and distribution operations and commercial transportation. The county’s private sector industries generate over $873 million in gross regional product.

With its diverse business landscape, affordable land, and low cost of living, it is a great place for businesses and new residents. Kent County is one of only five counties in Maryland with no business personal property tax and offers sales & use exemption for qualified datacenters. It has put significant investment into its open-access fiber broadband availability becoming one of the most connected counties in the state while encouraging the growth of diverse businesses such as datacenters, call centers, cyber security, telemedicine, training, and education centers.

Kent County is ideal for emerging technologies including environmental, aquaculture, and agriculture businesses, with over 134,000 acres of farmland, 265 miles of tidal shoreline, and proximity to federal labs and research centers. For more information visit www.kentcounty.com/business

### Location

**Driving distance from Chestertown:**
- Atlanta, Georgia: 692 miles, 1,113 kilometers
- Baltimore, Maryland: 64 miles, 103 kilometers
- Boston, Massachusetts: 291 miles, 467 kilometers
- Chicago, Illinois: 747 miles, 1,202 kilometers
- New York, New York: 170 miles, 274 kilometers
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 81 miles, 131 kilometers
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: 283 miles, 456 kilometers
- Richmond, Virginia: 173 miles, 279 kilometers
- Washington, DC: 76 miles, 122 kilometers

### Climate and Geography

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<td>Yearly Snowfall (inches)</td>
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<td>Summer Temperature (°F)</td>
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<td>Winter Temperature (°F)</td>
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<td>Days Below Freezing</td>
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<td>Land Area (square miles)</td>
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<td>Water area (square miles)</td>
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<td>Shoreline (miles)</td>
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### Population

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<th>Kent County Households</th>
<th>Upper Eastern Shorea</th>
<th>Marylandb</th>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>8,175</td>
<td>18,671</td>
<td>235,623</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>7,850</td>
<td>18,130</td>
<td>240,130</td>
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<td>2020c</td>
<td>8,600</td>
<td>19,340</td>
<td>251,360</td>
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aCaroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent and Talbot counties
bSelected places population (2020); Chestertown 5,252, Rock Hall 1,310, Galena 612, Millington 605, Butlertown 505
cProjections

### Population Distribution

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<td>20 - 44 yrs</td>
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<td>45 -64 yrs</td>
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<td>4,397</td>
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### LABOR AVAILABILITY

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<td>22,744</td>
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Residents commuting outside the county to work (2016-2020)

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<td>University of Maryland</td>
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<td>Heron Point of Chesapeake</td>
<td>Nursing care</td>
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<td>David A. Bramble</td>
<td>Asphalt paving &amp; road construction</td>
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<td>Kent Center</td>
<td>Medical &amp; support services for persons with disabilities</td>
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<td>LaNote</td>
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### EMPLOYMENT

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### HOURLY WAGE RATES

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### TAX RATES

#### Corporate Income Tax (2022)

- Base: $1.50 per $100 taxable income
- Personal Income Tax (2022): 3.20% 2.0-5.75%

### BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Industries in the county include manufacturing, retail, wholesale trade, and transportation.
TRANSPORTATION
Highways: U.S. 301 and MD 213
Rail: Maryland & Delaware Railroad Company with access to Norfolk Southern Railway; Amtrak passenger service provided in Wilmington, Delaware approximately 60 miles from Chestertown
Truck: More than 100 local and long-distance trucking establishments are located on the Upper Eastern Shore
Water: Served by the Port of Baltimore, 50’ channel; a leading U.S. automobile and break-bulk port; seven public terminals including the state-of-the-art Intermodal Container Transfer Facility
Air: Served by Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), approximately 64 miles from Chestertown, and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), approximately 72 miles from Chestertown; Messey Aerodrome (3000’ turf runway) is approximately 19 miles from Chestertown

RECREATION AND CULTURE
Parks: Nine county parks; in addition, Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, Chesapeake Farms, Turner’s Creek and the Sassafras River Natural Resource Management Area appeal to nature lovers.
Recreation: Public beaches, marinas, county-owned landings, private yacht clubs, fishing charters and other boat charters provide opportunities for water-related activities; hunting of geese, ducks, deer and upland game, fishing and paddling are other recreational pastimes.
Attractions: 18th and 19th century buildings, several museums, and open landscapes that complement Kent County’s Chesapeake Country National Scenic Byway, Star-Spangled Banner Trail, and Maryland certified Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area.
Arts & Entertainment District: Chestertown.
Events: Tea Party, Taste of the Town, National Music Festival, River Arts Studio Tour and Show, Main in the Park, Chestertown Antiques Show and Sale, Historic Chestertown House Tour, Solana Downinging, Dickens of a Christmas, and HP Festival in Chestertown; Rock Hall’s Pirates & Wenches Weekend, Rock Fish Tournament, FallFest and Rock Hall Crawl New Year’s Eve Celebration; Betterton Day; Galena Dogwood Festival; Massey Air Show; and the Kent County Fair.

UTILITIES
Electricity: Delmarva Power and Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.; customers of investor-owned utilities and major cooperatives may choose their electric supplier
Water: Municipal systems in Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington and Rock Hall; county systems serve Edesville, Fairlee, Kennedyville, Millington and Worton
Sewer: Municipal systems in Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington and Rock Hall; county systems serve Edesville, Fairlee, Galena, Kennedyville, Millington, Quaker Neck, Rock Hall, Tolchester and Worton
Telecommunications: Verizon Maryland, BridgeMAXX, Delmarva WiFi, AT&T, Cox, T-1 Speed, Twobig Networks, Tidewater WiFi, Talkline, and others; cable provided by Atlantic Broadband, satellite TV provided by Direct TV

GOVERNMENT
County Seat: Chestertown
Government: Three commissioners elected at large for four-year terms; code home rule government allows for broad local legislative authority
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Shelley Heller, County Administrator 410.778.4600
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Email: econdev@kentgov.org
www.kentcounty.com/business

Sources:
1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (1981-2010 normal)
2 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Survey
3 U.S. Bureau of the Census
4 Maryland Department of Labor, Office of Workforce Information and Performance
5 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
6 Kent County Economic & Tourism Development
7 Maryland Department of Commerce
8 Maryland State Department of Education; Maryland Higher Education Commission
9 Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation; Comptroller of the Treasury
10 Maryland Association of Realtors
11 Maryland State Archives; Maryland Association of Counties

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Kent County is governed by a three-member Board of Commissioners, elected by the public for four-year terms. Kent County is a “code county” meaning that the County has adopted the optional powers of home rule as provided under Article XI-F of the Maryland Constitution.

The Commissioners strive to be responsive to the needs and concerns of its citizens. The Commissioners are committed to the creation of accessible, affordable, robust, and high capacity internet access to meet the technological needs of today, tomorrow, and in the future.

**Kent County Office of Economic Development and Tourism Development**

Kent County Economic Development promotes activities that seek to enhance the business community, the services and income opportunities available to residents, as well as the social well-being and quality of life for all members of the county. We take pride in our economic diversity by hosting and providing opportunities for various industries to grow and prosper. With over 130,000 acres of agricultural land, 265 miles of shoreline, and located in close proximity to major US highways, Kent County’s location has been a strategic asset for many of our industries while providing the rural lifestyle that many desire. Kent County Economic Development supports existing and new businesses in growth and prosperity, focusing on improving the County’s business climate. The importance of a healthy business environment is critical to maintaining the quality of life the County has enjoyed for over 400 years. Economic Development coordinates with public and private organizations for sustainable economic growth. For more information, contact the Economic Development Office at 410-810-2168, or visit www.kentcounty.com/business.

As the marketing arm of Kent County, the mission of the Tourism Office is to increase visitation to the County, through advertising, social media, media relations, content development, public relations and internal marketing support to tourism related organizations, attractions and businesses. Its vision is for Kent County to be a tourism destination that primarily utilizes and is compatible with its existing char-
The team at American Rock Hall Service Center exemplifies customer service and community engagement. When owner Steve Leonard came to town, the first thing he did was ask how the business could partner with the community. He heard Economic and Tourism Development wanted to replace the “Welcome to Kent County” sign on the property. Rather than just granting the necessary approvals, Steve went the additional mile and upgraded the landscaping around the sign and added a light to shine on the sign at night so it could be visible at all times during the day.

Whereas American mostly sells and services commercial buses, they recognized the need in Rock Hall was primarily the servicing of vehicles so they quickly pivoted their operation to accommodate passenger cars and light-duty trucks. American Rock Hall Service Center also provided a much-needed place of employment in Rock Hall. During business hours, one will find several young men servicing vehicles. Rather than just providing a job for Kent County’s young people—some of whom are new to the workforce—American provides a valuable source of mentorship and training. American’s mechanics are trained not just in the art of servicing vehicles, but also in the art of being an active and responsible citizen.

And, American is always welcoming to the community and actively encourages residents to just pop in for a cup of coffee, on the house of course.
Chestertown - County Seat

Chestertown was chartered in 1706 and was once a bustling Royal Port of Entry for the colonies. Today it is a National Historic Landmark district where brick sidewalks are lined with Georgian, Federal and Victorian homes and independently owned shops and restaurants. The town is home to Washington College, the 10th oldest liberal arts college in the United States, and the records in the county court house are the oldest in the State, dating to the 1640s.

Chestertown draws families and retirees who want to experience small town living and a rich cultural life on the Eastern Shore. Visitors from across the country enjoy strolling, gallery-hopping, shopping, and dining in the charming Historic District. Boaters can now enjoy the totally renovated municipal marina on the Chester River, just two short blocks from the heart of downtown.

The Town knows how to throw great parties: thousands come to Chestertown each Memorial Day weekend to re-live colonial history at the Chestertown Tea Party Festival, one of a half dozen annual festivals that also include the National Music Festival, African American Legacy Day, Downrigging Weekend, The Chestertown Jazz Festival, the HP Fest of wizarding, and Dickens of a Christmas. And every Saturday, the award-winning Farmers Market fills Fountain Park with fresh vegetables, flowers, baked goods and more!

Millington

The Town of Millington is located a short distance from the Delaware State line. Records dating back to 1672 or earlier identify this area as “Head of Chester”. It was named Millington in 1818 when the Town of Bridgetown, on the Kent side of the river, was merged with Sandtown, on the Queen Anne’s County side. One of the mills for which the town was named, built in 1763, still stands. Not without its tragedies, Millington experienced several devastating fires. One in 1904 destroyed more than 100 structures. And in 1918 water rose from a broken dam and flooded portions of the town. Misfortune notwithstanding, Millington continues to thrive. Visitors enjoy peaceful visits to restored Victorian homes with winding gardens on tidy streets and pathways.
Rock Hall

Rock Hall, also known as the ‘Pearl of the Chesapeake’ is a working watermen’s town. It is a popular destination for pleasure boaters and has spectacular views of the Bay. Twelve miles southwest of Chestertown on Route 20, it was originally known as Rock Hall Cross-roads, established in 1707. Washington, Madison and Jefferson traveled through Rock Hall often. Since water routes were often the safest routes to travel, it was an important port for packets bringing people from the South and Western Shore to inland routes headed north to Philadelphia and New York. For over 300 years, locals have earned their living from the water. The town museum in the municipal building and the Watermen’s Museum next to Haven Harbour Marina offer a closer view of Rock Hall’s history. When Galena ore was discovered in a local, silver mine, the town once again underwent a name change and became known as Galena. Galena has become known as the antiques center, embracing new businesses that help maintain that growth at an even pace. Life in Galena is pleasant and quiet with family and community being fundamental to its existence.

Betterton

Betterton, located on the north end of the county where the Sassafras River meets the Chesapeake Bay, dates back to 1664 when it was called Fish Hall. In 1715, Mr. Edward Crew leased the property for one ear of corn and changed the name to Crew’s Landing. Then, in 1851, William Townsend Turner named the town after the family of his wife, Elizabeth Betterton. In 1870, the location began to draw wealthy patrons from Washington and Newport who would travel by steamboat and stop on their way to New York and Boston. Expensive and extravagant hotels offered accommodations for the wealthy and the popularity of Betterton continued to grow. In 1906, the town of Betterton was officially incorporated. The town’s popularity continued to 1930, when restaurants, taverns, dance halls, bowling alleys, and amusement arcades all helped create the town’s resort image. After 1930, the popularity declined as fewer steamboats made the trip. Today, there is no better place to lounge on the beach, fish, or swim in the nettle-free waters. Visitors can stop by and see the Victorian homes or tour the Betterton Heritage Museum to learn about the town’s rich history. Residents and visitors alike enjoy the beautiful view, good food, and lively conversation at Barbara’s on the Bay and can also be found grabbing a pizza, sub, or salad at Marzella’s. Seasonal residents who come back year after year say that the beauty and serenity of Betterton makes it a charming place to live.

Galena

A small rural town located at the cross-roads of Maryland Routes 213 and 290, Galena’s history dates back prior to the Revolutionary War. The town was founded in 1763 as Downes Crossroads, a name derived from Mr. William Downes, a local businessman who owned a tavern frequented by George Washington. In the early nineteenth century, the town was renamed Georgetown Crossroads. When Galena ore was discovered in a local, silver mine, the town once again underwent a name change and became known as Galena. Galena has become known as the antiques center, embracing new businesses that help maintain that growth at an even pace. Life in Galena is pleasant and quiet with family and community being fundamental to its existence.

For All Seasons

For All Seasons remained open throughout the entire pandemic, keeping 100% of its agency employees working full time. During this time, the agency offered continual access to behavioral health and rape crisis services to everyone on the Mid-Shore, without regard to one’s ability to pay, both in person and through telehealth. The agency grew during 2021, hiring more staff in all departments, including Kent County residents.

The agency’s school-based clinicians pivoted as the schools went virtual and back to in-person, staying in touch with students, teachers, and school administration employees throughout the pandemic. Students have the opportunity to see For All Seasons staff in the convenience of the school, eliminating after-school appointments. With the stress put on children during the pandemic and a turnover of school principals, For All Seasons also reached out to Kent County Public Schools (KCPS) to provide nine presentations to KCPS 5th, 8th, and 11th graders on test anxiety and stress management in the spring of 2022. These presentations will be conducted by Beth Anne Langrell, CEO of For All Seasons, and Lesa Lee, Chief Clinical Officer of For All Seasons. Realizing the stressors that families are experiencing, For All Seasons is also putting together programs for parents on how to help their children as schools rebound from the pandemic. For several years, For All Seasons has also provided Rape Crisis Services for the student population at Washington College and is available when any issue arises to assist the college with mental health crisis support.

Participation in For All Seasons’ support groups developed with Latino families in 2019 has increased significantly, with sustained interest and even increased participation throughout COVID. The Latino support group for women in nearby Sudlersville, which draws Kent County Latino residents, had been making clothing and transitioned to mask-making during COVID, with sewing machines, fabric and supplies being given to the group participants to take home. The group created over 350 masks to provide to the community in 2020. This effort continued in 2021 and built community and pride among this group of women.

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Chestertown Arts & Entertainment

Chestertown’s Arts & Entertainment District was certified in 2015 under a program administered by the Maryland Department of Commerce and the State Comptroller’s Office. The District encompasses 51 acres of the historic downtown area, stretching from the Chester River waterfront to Mill Street. It offers state and local tax abatements for qualified artists who create and sell their creative works in the District and for property owners who build or renovate structures for qualified arts purposes.

The A&E designation highlights the importance of the visual, performing and literary arts to the Chestertown community and their positive impact on quality of life. Arts patrons visit downtown galleries and performing arts venues to be entertained, enlightened, challenged and inspired. They stay to dine in downtown restaurants and cafes, shop in independently owned boutiques, stroll historic tree-lined streets, and explore the natural beauty of the Chester River.

Chestertown RiverArts

With a mission to grow community, creativity, and connection through the Arts, RiverArts is a hub for artists, art lovers, and the art-curious from our local community and beyond. Since 2012, RiverArts has been an active and growing part of the lively Kent County arts scene. Anchored by monthly exhibits in the main Gallery on High Street and online in a virtual viewing room, and a full calendar of annual arts events including Paint the Town, the Studio Tour, and the winter Holiday Show, RiverArts is also home to a myriad of Arts related programs and activities for people of all ages, with robust online programs, activities, and shopping opportunities as well as in person programs in Chestertown.

KidSPOT, RiverArts’ children’s creativity center, serves children and families through free drop-in arts exploration sessions, enrichment programs offered both independently and through the local public schools, Arts Summer Camps, guided “Kids in the Gallery” tours, KidSPOT Craft Bag giveaways, and collaborations with other community organizations. ArtsAlive offers classes for teens and adults at all levels and in an array of mediums and techniques, weekly Salon discussions on interesting topics with local luminaries and thinkers as special guests.

Kent County’s diverse offerings draw a wide audience: art and music lovers, heritage and eco-tourists, day-trippers, weekenders, romantic retreaters, families, and outdoor enthusiasts. Our serene natural environment, vibrant cultural life, well-preserved historic district, and small town charms combine to create a remarkable quality of life on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Along an enchanting stretch of coastline with historic small towns, rolling farmlands, scenic wildlife preserves, and bustling marinas, residents and visitors can enjoy museums, galleries, boutiques and gift shops, concerts, farmers’ markets, and restaurants offering Chesapeake Bay cuisine at its best.
guests, hosts groups for arts enthusiasts including photographers, life drawing artists, and plein air painters. The RiverArts Clay Studio offers all kinds of ceramics classes, special events, and provides equipment, studio space, and a warm and vibrant community of area potters.

Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theater

The Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre’s mission is to invigorate the cultural life of our community by nurturing, celebrating and supporting arts and artists through performance and education. Their vision is a community where arts and artists thrive, are accessible, and are an essential element of life. The building at 210 High Street, known first as the New Lyceum and later as the Prince Theatre, operated as a movie house for most of its history. In 2002, the Prince Theatre Foundation Inc was established as a Nonprofit organization and was renamed to the Garfield Center Foundation Inc in 2012.

The Garfield Center produces a variety of entertainment and educational programming throughout the year, including self-produced live plays and musicals, theatre camps for kids, educational outreach programs, and live music events featuring local, regional and national artists. Partnering with over a dozen community organizations for fundraising and other events that benefit us all, the Garfield Center is recognized and valued as a unique community and cultural center for the arts on the Upper Eastern Shore.

Kent Cultural Alliance

The Kent Cultural Alliance (formerly the Kent County Arts Council) serves the residents of Kent County supporting and creating inclusive artistic and cultural experiences designed to connect communities through shared conversations. It is the vision of the Kent Cultural Alliance that all residents of Kent County engage in important civic and social conversation using artistic and cultural experiences as a conduit for connection. The KCA provides competitive grant funding for nonprofit arts organizations, community groups and independent artists. In 2021 the KCA will open its new Vincent & Leslie Prince Raimond Cultural Center as a hub for artistic and cultural exchange and featuring a year-round visiting artist residency program. For more information please go to www.kentculture.org.

The Mainstay

The Mainstay is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the arts and serving Rock Hall and the surrounding region having the mission of invigorating the cultural experience of Eastern Shore life by presenting outstanding musical programming and providing a setting for creativity, inquiry and conversation. The Mainstay programs a diverse offering of concerts by local, regional, national, and international musicians as a reasonable price. Including our weekly Mainstay Monday series, the Mainstay is programming 100+ concerts each year. The Mainstay is especially proud of its reputation for jazz excellence dating back to our early association with jazz great Charlie Byrd. The 125 (mismatching) seat room is cozy, quirky, and intimate and offers a near perfect listening experience without a bad seat in the house. The Mainstay is continually growing in its programming reach and vision, and is increasingly proving to be one of the best places to see a concert in all of the Mid Atlantic. The National Music Festival

The National Music Festival brings together inspiring mentors and the next generation of gifted musicians, providing education, scholarships and affordable, adventurous public performances. The Festival, a division of OuterArts Maryland, Inc., combines world-class mentor musicians and gifted pre-professional apprentice musicians for an intense Festival experience the first two weeks of each June. All apprentices receive full scholarships and housing in private homes. The two groups rehearse and perform side by side in orchestral, chamber, solo recital, choral and chamber opera repertoire. In two weeks, these musicians present over 30 concerts and over 200 free open rehearsals for music lovers from around the world. Each year the Festival serves approximately 110 apprentices and employs approximately 30 mentors (including the Artistic and Executive Directors, who also teach). Musicians come to the Festival each year from more than 15 countries and 30 U.S. states. The average age of apprentices is 22, although some are older and have already completed their advanced degrees and have begun their careers.

FOOD TRUCKS

KENT AND QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTIES

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Kent County’s major industries include Agriculture, Education, Healthcare, Manufacturing, and Tourism.

Kent County, founded in 1642, is located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, directly east of Baltimore. The boundaries include the Sassafras and Chester Rivers, the State of Delaware, and the Chesapeake Bay. The county is located within 90 minutes of three international airports and three major seaports. Route 301 provides a major north-south artery for commercial transportation. Route 301 provides a major north-south artery for commercial transportation, linking Maryland to Delaware and making the area a perfect location for warehouse and distribution operations.

A border-to-border, open-access, high-capacity, fiber-optic network with an international point of presence in the county encourages the growth and development of diverse businesses such as data centers, call centers, cyber security, telemedicine, training and education centers. In addition, Kent County is the perfect locale for emerging technologies including environmental, aquaculture, and agriculture businesses, with over 133,000 acres of farm land, 265 miles of tidal shoreline, and close proximity to federal laboratories and research centers. Chestertown, the county seat, is home to a Maryland Arts & Entertainment District and a state Enterprise Zone offering tax credits for job creation and investment. Commerce Zone and Job Creation Tax Credits are available throughout the county. Kent’s rural setting provides an excellent quality of life with easy access to urban areas.

Downtown Chestertown Association (DCA)
The DCA is a business membership organization representing retailers, restaurants, professional services and lodgings. Their mission is to work together to create a healthy and prosperous downtown economy through activities that promote tourism and encourage residents to shop and dine locally. They sponsor First Fridays in Chestertown and collaborate in numerous festivals and events throughout the year. Contact downtownchestertown@gmail.com for information.
Kent Attainable Housing

Kent Attainable Housing (KAH), creates homeownership opportunities for local families in need of safe, decent, and affordable housing. KAH has embarked on a multi-year program to build affordable homes. The high demand, accompanied by increasing numbers of low-income families, has resulted in housing insecurity for many in Kent County. Kent Attainable Housing believes that when homes are built for families in need, foundations are laid for healthier, happier, and more productive families and a stronger community.

In numerous housing reports, data indicates a growing disparity between what families can afford for housing and what housing is available to them in the county. Given the urgent need to provide affordable housing and the absence of any private or public agency charged with this responsibility in the county, Kent Attainable Housing, Inc. is essential to our community and worthy of recognition for what they have accomplished in a short period of time as well as what they will do for the future of our county.

Upper Shore Division of Workforce Development & Adult Learning (DLLR)
The Upper Shore Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, within the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and operated the Maryland Workforce Exchange, a Website that provide Maryland job opportunities throughout the state. In the Upper Shore, with assistance of partners DLLR/DWDAL operates the American Job Center – Chestertown (Kent County Career Center, 115 A South Lynchburg Street in Chestertown. Call 410-778-3525 or visit www.dllr.maryland.gov.

Small Business Development Center
The Maryland Small Business Development Center (MD SBDC) Network is a partnership between the U.S. Small Business Administration and the University of Maryland, College Park. This partnership links private enterprise, government, higher education and local economic development organizations to provide management training and technical assistance to Maryland’s small businesses. The SBDC Eastern Region offers free counseling services, a comprehensive resource library, and affordable training programs. Contact Richard Loeffler at Chesapeake College at 410-827-5304 or email rloeffler@chesapeake.edu.

Kent County Lodging Association
The Kent County Lodging Association provides a united voice for independent local inns and B&Bs. Members address proposed legislation, shared accommodation availability, and educational and promotional opportunities. The organization meets regularly around the County and membership is open to people with lodging businesses in Kent County. Information is available at www.kentcounty.com/lodging.

Greater Rock Hall Business Association
The Greater Rock Hall Business Association is a member based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting business in the Rock Hall area. We advertise, educate and serve as an advocate for our member businesses and we support community events that contribute to the success of our membership. For more information, contact rockhallbusiness@gmail.com.
Board of Education
The Board of Education consists of a 5-member panel elected to staggered four-year terms by the citizens of the County. The Board determines the policies of the county school system under the guidance and direction of the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Schools. Public meetings normally take place on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Character Counts! Kent County
Character Counts Kent County is a nonprofit community-based Character Education program whose mission is to strengthen our community by encouraging a culture of kindness and strong ethical values through The Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. CCKC is the leading facilitator of character education lessons in Kent County. The organization provides educational tools and support to community members who desire to make a difference in the lives of children in their schools and communities. These dedicated individuals teach lessons that reflect one or more of the six pillars. The strength of the program lies in the work of the volunteer character coaches. The success of the coaches’ efforts will result from the demonstrative support from teachers, school staff members in the schools and parent involvement at home. The Character Counts program is conducted in Kent County Public Schools, the Chestertown Christian Academy and Kent School.

Chesapeake College
Chesapeake College, Maryland’s first regional community college, serves Kent County residents of all ages. Located in Wye Mills, the comprehensive two-year college offers associate’s degree programs, workforce training and personal enrichment. Students choose their own paths and Chesapeake helps them reach their goals – whether it is training for a new career or earning credits toward a degree. Noncredit career training, including skilled trades instruction and health career programs, provides expanded learning opportunities for the community. Adult Basic Education classes allow students to earn a GED or study English as a Second Language. Personal enrichment classes are designed to develop skills and discover new interests. Residents of Kent County have excellent choices in education with both public and private school options for students from pre-kindergarten through post-secondary levels. A number of adult education programs are also offered by the County School District as well as at our local colleges to provide continuing education opportunities and work force training assistance.

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Washington College
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Chesapeake College was founded in 1979 as a ministry of Chestertown Baptist Church. CCA’s mission is to assist families and the local community in cultivating the next generation to be spiritually, academically, socially and physically well-balanced. A complete academic program is offered in Pre-K through twelfth grade with a strong college preparatory emphasis for secondary students. Daily Bible classes and weekly chapel services are also integrated into the curriculum. CCA is a member of the Delaware Valley Athletic Conference as well as the Maryland Association of Christian Schools. Athletic opportunities include soccer, volleyball, and basketball. For more information, please call 410-778-5855 or visit our website at www.ccaonline.org.

**Schools.**

The Gunston School

Founded in 1911 and serving approximately 205 students, The Gunston School is an independent, co-educational, college-preparatory school for students in grades 9 through 12. The Gunston School offers an intellectually rigorous, highly personalized, and nurturing college preparatory educational experience. Valuing a healthy balance between mind and body, a strong sense of community, the creative process, and our connection to the Chesapeake Bay, Gunston strives to educate ethically and environmentally minded scholars, citizens, and leaders for our globalized society.

Gunston School is accredited in the Middle States Association of College and Secondary Schools, the Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools, and is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools. For additional information contact us at 410-758-0620, or visit www.gunston.org.

**Kent School**

Located just outside of historic Chestertown on the beautiful Chester River, Kent School offers an unparalleled environment for learning serving boys and girls from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8. Kent School’s mission is to help students realize their full academic promise. The school accomplishes this by setting high academic and personal standards; by understanding how each student learns best; by having a devoted and highly skilled faculty; and by actively living its community values of integrity, respect, responsibility, and friendship. Kent School educates students through active learning experiences which develop understanding of academic content, appreciation of the arts, use of learning skills, ability to engage in critical thinking, and a strong sense of community. The School is known for its nationally recognized Chesapeake Bay Studies program and uses mind, brain and education science from its work with the Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning to inform program. Special talents and passions are nurtured and celebrated. Kent School is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Association of Independent Maryland DC Schools (AIMS MDDC). It is a member of AIMS MDDC and the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). Learn about us online at www.kentschool.org and then visit us to see firsthand how joyful learning can be.

**Kent County Public Schools**

Anchored in excellence, Kent County Public Schools will provide personal learning experiences within a collaborative community of learners that inspire our students to reach their highest potential and become engaged global citizens. This is the mission of the Kent County Public Schools. To accomplish this goal, the Kent County Public School System recognizes that our schools must challenge and support all students; provide a safe and orderly environment; prepare students to be responsible citizens and promote recognition and respect of diversity.

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2022 KENT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER

Cross Street Realtors

Cross Street Realtors is more than a real estate agency—it is a collection of individuals who are passionate about Kent County. Cross Street’s staff and realtors regularly ‘preach the gospel’ of Kent County to homebuyers who are new to the area and sell them on not just the home they are buying, but the community and lifestyle they are buying into.

During COVID-19 when Kent County’s real estate market exploded with city dwellers fleeing from urban areas, it was Cross Street Realtors who helped facilitate transactions to welcome these new residents to Kent County. They didn’t just broker home sales, they brokered introductions to contractors, service providers, schools, community organizations—and friends. Cross Street single-handedly drove a portion of our economy during the pandemic and the work associated with each transaction helped keep people employed.

Beyond the business of real estate transactions, the staff and realtors of Cross Street readily show up for their community. They are truly present and you will find many of their friends and realtors on the boards of nonprofits, and their logo prominently featured as sponsors/donors for organizations like Mid-Shore Pro Bono, Open Doors, the Kent County Humane Society, Sultana Education Foundation, KART, ShoreRivers, and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, to name a few. The owners, agents, and staff of Cross Street Realtors are authentic and genuine champions for the community—they really are cheerleaders for Kent County.

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THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS

Kent County Parks and Recreation
• Worton Park – 10932 Worton Road, Worton
• Betterton Beach – 5 Ericsson Avenue, Betterton
• Toal Park – 13753 Augustine Herman Highway, Galena
• Edesville Park – 22020 Lovers Lane, Rock Hall
• Kent Agricultural Center – 21349 Tolchester Beach Road, Chestertown
• Bayside Landing Pool – 20927 Bayside Avenue, Rock Hall
• Millington Pool – 154 Millington Road, Millington

Chesertown Parks:
• Ajax Park
• Bailey Park
• Gateway Park
• Henry Highland Garnet Elementary School Playground
• Kent County Middle School Basketball Court
• Wilmer Park

Kid Friendly Business and Organization
Visit: www.kentcounty.com/category/edu-dir
• Echo Hill Camp
• Echo Hill Outdoor School
• Garfield Center for the Arts Summer Camps
• Hester Academy of Irish Dance
• Imagination Library
• Kent County Public Library – Chesertown
• Kent County Public Library – North County
• Kent County Public Library – Rock Hall
• Millington Community Center and Free Library
• Music Life
• KidSPOT – Chestertown RiverArts
• Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School
• Sultana Education Foundation
• Worthington Equestrian Center
• Kent County YMCA
• YMCA Camp Tockwogh

and multiculturalism. By achieving these objectives, the system prepares students to lead in a global technological society and enables students to enjoy the opportunities offered as information systems change. The Kent County Public School System sees these responsibilities as a shared endeavor among teachers, parents, students, and the community. Kent County Public Schools are committed to the continuous improvement required in a world of exponential change. The Kent County Public School System includes five schools: one comprehensive high school, one middle school, and three elementary schools. Additionally, there is an Intensive Behavior and Academic Learning Center offered as an alternative school program in the district. As a comprehensive High School, Kent County is able to provide a rigorous academic program, as well as access to nine Career and Technology Pathways. High school students may also participate in dual credit enrollment opportunities with both Washington College and Chesapeake Community College, including participation in a variety of sports and clubs that are offered as part of the well-rounded high school experience.

Through strong community partnerships, Kent County Middle School students have the opportunity to engage in project-based learning where academic skills are applied to real-life problem solving. Students earn service-learning hours by becoming actively engaged in their communities. Kent County Public Schools provide personalized instruction to the students in a caring family atmosphere. Free full day universal pre-kindergarten is offered to all children who reside in Kent County. Kent County Public Schools prides in providing all students a designated technology device throughout the school year, with unlimited digital access to educational resources both in and outside of school. Students in kindergarten through grade six (6) receive instruction on computational thinking and coding through their Media curriculum, with additional specialized course opportunities in STEM and Advanced Placement at the secondary level. Secondary students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academies learn in a platform that provides ubiquitous information and personalized learning. KCPS offers a variety of summer learning experiences in the areas of fine arts, physical education, and critical and creative thinking. System provided transportation makes these opportunities available to all students. The Kent County community continues to rally behind the school system efforts to offer quality programs services. The Character Counts program supports the character development of students and is made possible because of the many dedicated volunteers. Additionally, Kent County Public Schools’ students benefit from the services provided by Echo Hill, SEEC, Sultana, Washington College staff and many other partners in learning such as Kent County Arts Council and River Arts.

Radcliffe Creek School
The mission of Radcliffe Creek School is to empower children in a dynamic environment that celebrates unique learning. At Radcliffe Creek School, the student is at the center of the learning process, therefore classroom instruction is tailored to each individual student with a 3:1 student to teacher ratio. This process begins with the identification of each student’s strengths and weaknesses. The School creates an environment where customized learning goes hand-in-hand with academic success and better self-awareness. Radcliffe Creek School believes that as each student develops a positive belief about oneself, he or she is able to engage in the learning process and become a more self-regulated and independent learner. Radcliffe Creek draws students from across Maryland and also includes a preschool, Little Creek, for infants through pre-kindergarten. For more information, call 410-778-8150 or visit www.radcliffecreekschool.org

Washington College
The first college founded in the United States after the Revolutionary War, Washington College was established in Chestertown in 1782 under the patronage of George Washington, to educate leaders and responsible citizenry for a changing world. As one of the nation’s leading liberal arts institutions, Washington College provides students with a distinctively hands-on education that often draws on the history and ecology of the region. WC’s three signature centers regularly enrich the area’s cultural life: The Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience engages students in local explorations of history and hosts prominent authors and experts for public lectures and special events. The Center for Environment & Society promotes interdisciplinary learning, research, and stewardship of natural and cultural resources, monitoring the health of its waterways, training the next generation of environmentalists at the River and Field Campus, and presenting national experts in areas of biodiversity, sustainability, food production, and more. The Rose O’Neill Literary House hosts significant writers, poets, and editors for readings and workshops. Campus visitors are welcome to attend an array of public lectures and sporting events, as well as performances in music, theater and dance, and exhibitions of visual art, in its Gibson Center for the Arts.

This private liberal arts college with an enrollment of about 1,450 also offers a rich variety of continuing education courses through the Washington College Academy for Lifelong Learning (WC-ALL). Residents who join The 1782 Society are invited to special campus events and are eligible to use the College’s fitness facilities for an additional annual fee. www.washcoll.edu.
Assisted Living in Kent County
Kent County has many assisted living facilities – residences for those who need help with daily activities that may include mobility, medications, meal preparation, and household chores. The definition of assisted living excludes skilled nursing care. These facilities are set up in a home-like configuration that promotes independence. Assisted living facilities are certified for specific levels of care by the Federal and State governments. Most accept Medicaid payments.

Chester River Health Foundation
Chester River Health Foundation raises funds to support the patient care services provided by UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown (formerly Chester River Hospital Center) and Chester River Home Care. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of local community representatives. Funds are raised through a variety of programs, including special events such as the annual golf tournament, annual gifts, memorial gifts, charitable gift annuities, grants and bequests. Contributions remain in the local community and are used to purchase new technology, enhance facilities, add new services and provide staff training and development. The Foundation is a member of University of Maryland Shore Regional Health. For more information contact the Chester River Health Foundation, 410-810-5660.

Choptank Community Health System
Choptank Community Health System provides medical and dental services in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot counties to more than 30,000 adults and children, with a mission to provide access to exceptional, comprehensive, and integrated healthcare for all. Choptank Community Health System’s medical services include primary healthcare, women’s health, pediatrics, behavioral health, chronic health management, and care navigation, with new medical patients now being accepted. More information is at www.choptankhealth.org.

Compass Hospice
Compass Hospice provides hospice care and grief support services to people of all ages in Kent, Queen Anne’s and Caroline Counties. “Care on your terms” is the...
As a non-profit organization, Compass counseling and school-based programs collection of support groups, individual grief retreat Camp New Dawn and a Hope & Healing Center hosts the annual care for the youngest, medically frail are not yet ready for hospice. Compass diagnosed with a life-limiting illness and resources for people who have been our Palliative Care program, we offer additional occupational training is provided through our enterprises: Hidden Treasures thrift store, Confidential Shredding, and Kent House Kitchen. For more information, visit www.kentcenter.org or call 410-778-7303.

Eastern Shore Urgent Care
After several years of discussion and careful planning, ESUC was formed in 2021 to help address the health-care needs of the residents of Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties. Our community on the eastern shore deserves access to high-quality, affordable health care, and ESUC can fill that gap. We are proud to be an independently owned urgent care and will take pride in providing the best patient-centered care to help you feel like you again as soon as possible.

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The Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center
The Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is a private, non-profit, 501(C) 3 organization, which became operational in 1997. Governed by a 16 person Board of Directors, AHEC serves the nine counties comprising Maryland’s Eastern Shore. To accomplish our mission, AHEC works to recruit and retain health professionals in the medically underserved areas on the Eastern Shore and offers health care education programs for health professionals in the service area and students from colleges and universities in Maryland and surrounding areas.

For more information: esahc@esahc.org, 410-221-2600, www.esahc.org.

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Kent County Health Department
As a member of the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), Univer- sity of Maryland Shore Regional Health is a coordinated network providing comprehensive health care services to the residents of Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s and Talbot coun- ties. The network includes:

- UM Shore Medical Centers at Chestertown, Dorchester and Kent;
- UM Shore Emergency Center at Queenstown;
- UM Shore Medical Pavilions at Chestertown, Dorchester, Denton, Easton and Queenstown;
- UM Chester River Home Care and UM Shore Home Care;
- Multiple physician practices and outpatient diagnostic, rehabilitation, and clinical services located in Kent County and throughout neighboring Caroline, Dorchester, Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties;
- Regional physicians specializing in endocrinology, family care, ENT, urology, OB/GYN, pulmonology and cardiology at Shore Medical Center – Chestertown or at the Shore Medical Pavilion at Chestertown;
- Urgent Care Centers, in partnership with ChoiceOne, in Denton and Easton.

Transitional and Post Acute Care Services
UMShore Regional Health’s Transitional Nurse Navigator (TNN) and Outpatient Palliative Care programs assist patients in managing chronic and/or life-limiting conditions after discharge from the hospital. The transitional nurse navigator at UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown works with the patient, his or her physicians and nurses, case manager and other personnel to make arrangements for the patient’s care after discharge and identify any special needs that may be met through various community resources, including transportation and home care. The goal of the transitional care program is to provide patients and their loved ones with the support and education needed to manage their condition and maintain their best possible health in their home environment. The Outpatient Palliative Care Program, which is staffed by physicians and nurses with special expertise in palliative care, works with patients and their primary care and specialist providers to alleviate symptoms and complications of various chronic, life-limiting conditions (for example, cancer, COPD, congestive heart failure, advanced dementia, etc.). Pallia- tive Care is a medical specialty focused on preventing, treating and relieving pain and other debilitating effects of serious and chronic illnesses. With the goal of improving the quality of life for patients and families dealing with a con- dition that is chronic and/or advanced, palliative care provides education and support at any stage during an illness. For more information about TNN care, call 410-822-1000, ext. 5359. For more information about Outpatient Palliative Care, call 410-822-1000, ext. 5041.

University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Chestertown
UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown is a 21-bed hospital providing inpatient services, 24-hour emergency care and inpatient care, as well as many outpatient services, including diagnos- tic, surgical, oncology, rehabilitation and specialty clinics. The hospital is licensed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and accredited by The Joint Commission. With generous financial support from the community and the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), the hospital opened the Eleanor and Ethel Leh Women’s Health Center in 2013; a new, expand- ed and state-of-the-art emergency department in 2014; and a renovated and updated Critical Care Unit in 2016. Compass Regional Hospice operates a four-bed inpatient hospice unit on the third floor of the hospital. The medical staff currently includes more than 130 active and consulting physicians representing many specialties.

VNA of Maryland – Chestertown
The specialized home care and ther- apeutic services provided by VNA of Maryland – Chestertown help reduce hospitalizations and allow many patients to live more independently and remain in their homes. For many patients, recovering in the comfort of home has a therapeutic value that enhances the healing process. Professional home health nurses, thera- pists, and social workers treat a wide range of medical conditions. They help patients recovering from illness, injury, or surgery, as well as people living with chronic conditions such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, and many others. Home health also offers several specialized therapy programs. Under the direct supervision of their physicians, VNA of Maryland – Chestertown helps patients of all ages make the transition to the right kind of home care for their needs. The agency’s primary goal is – and has always been – the health and well-being of the patients and families it serves.
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Calvary Chapel of Chestertown
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Presbyterian Church of Chestertown
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KENT COUNTY
PLACES OF WORSHIP
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For All Seasons is the largest outpatient psychiatry team on the Eastern Shore with Board Certified Psychiatrists and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners specializing in every age group from young children to seniors. The agency’s crisis hotlines are open 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. FY21 saw a 35 percent growth in services from the previous year, including 535 mental health and sexual assault crisis calls in FY21. This represented a 31 percent increase from the previous year. Overall, For All Sea
sons’ clients received 43,046 services in FY2021. This included rape crisis support, therapeutic and psychiatric appointments, representing a 27 per
cent increase over the prior year. The agency served 2,941 clients in FY21, including 1,116 children and 1,825 adults. This represents a 21 percent increase from the prior year. This number does not reflect the countless lives touched

by the healing journey of each client including family, friends, neighbors, and work colleagues. In Kent County, during FY21, For All Seasons served 152 clients in its Kent County Office, an increase over the previous year. This included 101 children and 51 adults. Approximately 118 of these clients also received services at For All Seasons’ satellite offices, including 52 children and 66 adults.

Clinical staff in the Kent County of
fice improved their skill level, through several training opportunities including Collaborative Problem Solving, Trauma certification, and more. As a result, two clinicians in Kent County now also provide neurofeedback, a highly sought-after specialized treatment

modality. The agency has grown to provide an increasing amount and number of services to Kent families and continues to hire more Kent County residents as employees of the agency. The agency partners with Kent County schools and the Board of Education, law enforcement, the courts, health-care providers, other community organizations, churches, and local businesses to meet the needs of Kent County residents. For All Seasons has been a longstanding contributor to a healthy community and way of life in Kent County. The agency has been called upon to assist with emergency management and crises and takes initiative to respond to community needs daily. For All Seasons remains committed to providing access to mental health services to anyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and provided more than $21,000 in services to uninsured and underinsured individuals and families in Kent County alone in 2021. ●

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literacy advocates. The national pro
ject of the Busload of Books Tour proj
ect resulted in stories in the Washin
gton Post and Publishers Weekly, both of which referenced Chesterton. Robbi and a handful of fellow parents Founded SOS (Support Our Schools) in 2016 to improve commu
nication between Kent County Public School and the families it serves—by providing clear, up-to-date, reliable in
formation and by moderating an open and respectful conversation about County schools. The SOS Facebook group has 1,800 members and has helped families navigate such chal
lenges as school consolidation, the bussing crisis, and Covid. The group has also provided information about candidates running for local office, endorsing those whose platforms best work to represent the interests of Kent County’s students, educators, and families.

Together, Robbi and Matthew have donated their time to visiting all three county elementary schools to do author/illustrator visits that includ
ed free books for every student and teacher. Robbi and Matthew have brought their design and communications con

sulting experience to designing logos for such Chesterton organizations and institutions as The Arts and Enter
tainment District, Main Street Chester
town, the Black Union of Kent County, Chestertown Unites, the Goodseeds Garden at Garnet Elementary, Kid

They have gradually emerged as well-known figures within the Chestertown and wider Eastern Shore community—unofficial am
bassadors for creativity, family, and adventure. ●
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chesontownriverarts.org
Kent Chamber’s Rhythm & Brews
tkentbrewfest.com

MAY
Galena Dogwood Festival
kentcounty.com/events/annual
Chestertown Tea Party
tkfestertownteaparty.org

JUNE
Guardian of the Pearl Rockfish Tournament
rockhallvfc.org/rockfishtournament
Bay to Bay Ride
kentcounty.com/events/annual
Betterton Day
kentcounty.com/events/annual
National Music Festival
nationalmusic.us

JULY
Kent County 4H Fair
kentcountyfair.org

AUGUST
Betterton Appreciation Day
kentcounty.com/events/annual
Pirates and Wenches Weekend
rockhallpirates.com
Legacy Day
summerhall.org

SEPTEMBER
Chesontown Jazz Festival
chesontownjazzfestival.org
Kent Chamber’s Fall Fun Fest
tkentchamber.org

OCTOBER
Rock Hall FallFest
rockhallfallfest.org
Chesontown RiverArts Studio Tour
chesontownriverarts.org
Sultana Downrigging Weekend
downrigging.org

DECEMBER
Dickens of a Christmas Weekend
mainstreetchesontown.org/dickens

ANNUAL EVENTS

IMPORTANT KENT COUNTY PHONE NUMBERS

- Alcohol Beverage Office ........................................... 410-810-2212
- Board of Elections .................................................. 410-778-0038
- Business & Marriage License (MD State) ..................... 410-778-7460
- Building Inspector/Building Permits ....................... 410-778-7423
- Children & Family Services ................................. 410-810-2673
- County Administrator ........................................ 410-778-4600
- County Circuit Court ........................................ 410-778-7460
- County Offices & Commissioners ....................... 410-778-4600
- County Finance & Tax Office ............... 410-778-7478
- County Health Department .......................... 410-778-1350
- County Human Resources Office .... 410-778-4595
- County Roads ................................................... 410-778-4252
- Department of Natural Resources ........ 410-928-3643
- District Court ..................................................... 410-810-3362
- Economic Development Office .................................. 410-810-2168
- Emergency Services ........................................ 911 or 410-778-7458
- Environmental Health Office ........................ 410-778-1361
- Fire Marshall’s Office ........................................ 410-822-7609
- Humane Society of Kent County ........ 410-778-3648
- Kent County Public Library .................................. 410-778-3636
- Parks & Recreation ........................................ 410-778-1948
- Planning & Zoning ............................................. 410-778-7475
- Property Tax Assessment Office ................. 410-778-1410
- Public Defender’s Office ........................................... 410-778-0809
- Public Works ...................................................... 410-778-2600
- Recycling and Waste Disposal ..................... 410-778-7439
- Register of Wills .................................................. 410-778-7466
- Sheriff’s Office .................................................... 410-778-2279
- Social Services .................................................... 410-810-7600
- Kent Soil & Water Conservation District .... 410-778-5150
- State Attorney’s Office ...................................... 410-778-7450
- Tourism Development Office ................. 410-778-0416
- UM Extension Office ......................................... 410-778-1661
- UM Shore Medical Center at Chesontown .... 410-778-3300
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- Visitors Center ....................................................... 410-778-9737
- Zoning Appeals Board ..................................... 410-778-7467

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