



# NEWSLETTER—SEPTEMBER 2008

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## SEPTEMBER BUSINESS CARD EXCHANGE

Thursday, September 25, 2008, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Co-Sponsored by:

The Blossom & Basket Boutique, Carterque Barbecue & Grilling Company,  
and JessiCakes

at Blossom & Basket, 3 N. Main Street

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- *Thursday, September 4  
General Membership Meeting, 8:00 a.m.,  
Mt. Airy Fire Hall,  
Watersville Road*
- *Thursday, September 18,  
Speed Network Lunch,  
11:30 a.m., Greene Turtle,  
1604 Ridgeside Drive.*
- *Monday, September 22  
Professional Development Workshop-Excel Level One,  
6:30-9:30 p.m.,  
Washington Road Campus of Carroll Community College*
- *Wednesday, September 24  
Professional Development Workshop-Excel Level One (part 2), 6:30-9:30 p.m.,  
Washington Road Campus of Carroll Community College*
- *Thursday, September 25  
Business Card Exchange,  
4-7 p.m., Blossom & Basket Boutique, 3 N. Main Street*
- *Monday, September 29  
Executive Committee Meeting, 1:00 p.m.,  
Mt. Airy Library*
- *Thursday, October 2,  
General Membership Meeting, 8:00 a.m.,  
Mt. Airy Fire Hall,  
Watersville Road*
- *Monday, October 13  
Professional Development Workshop-Disaster Planning for Small Business, 5:45-9 p.m.,  
Mt. Airy Library*

## CELEBRATING 2008, PLANNING FOR 2009

Planning and celebrating is underway with the 2009 Planning Meeting, our 6th Annual Chamber Membership Drive and 25th Anniversary Celebration, and the upcoming Chamber elections.

- Elections will be held at the October 2, 2008 General Membership Meeting. All nominations must be received by September 4, 2008 to be considered.
- The 2009 Planning Meeting will be held October 30, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lorien in Mt. Airy. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please check the website for RSVP information.
- The Chamber's 6th Annual Membership Drive and 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Century Ford on Century Drive. When you renew your membership at this event you will receive discounted dues for 2009 and discounted opportunities to sign up for the 2009 Mt. Airy Phone Book and Community Expo. This is one event you don't want to miss so mark your calendars now!

Look for more information on these exciting events and opportunities on the Chamber website.

## MT. AIRY CHAMBER EMAIL LISTS

The Chamber has two email lists housed with Yahoo's "E-mail Groups" service.

**News from the Chamber:** Postings can only be done by officers and committee chairs or their designated appointees and subject matter must relate to a Mt. Airy Chamber sanctioned event, business item or group advertising notifications for the GMACC and its members that benefits the Chamber as a whole. To join this group and receive posts, send an email to [mtairybusiness-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mtairybusiness-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Business to Business News:** This mailing list is for business related announcements such as sales, open houses, charitable events, grand openings, etc. All members are eligible to post and posts will only be reviewed by the Webmaster to ensure the professional nature of the subject matter. To join this group send an email to [mtairybusinessnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mtairybusinessnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). To post to this group send an email to [mtairybusinessnews@yahoogroups.com](mailto:mtairybusinessnews@yahoogroups.com)

## MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

At your next visit to the Chamber website, look for the Member Discounts page. This is a new page dedicated to member-to-member discounts. There are already over a dozen offers listed! Contact the webmaster, Brian Jacobs, at [bjacobs@rednoodle.com](mailto:bjacobs@rednoodle.com) or at 240-285-4619 to list your member-to-member discount today.

## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our monthly membership meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4th at 8:00 a.m. at the Mt. Airy Fire Hall on Watersville Road. We will have our usual hour of introductions, committee reports, and discussions of new and old business. All Chamber members are welcome to attend!

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The following professional development workshops are planned for September and October:

### **Excel Level One, SBA534A2**

Monday and Wednesday, September 22 and 24, 2008

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Washington Road Campus of Carroll Community College

Room M\*152, Instructor: Kathy Schofield

This workshop will be presented in two (2) three-hour sessions and will focus on the basics of Microsoft Excel 2003. You will learn how to construct simple worksheets, create formulas and functions, format cell contents, and develop charts. See how to track business events and financials! Includes Excel Level One text book. The cost is free and registration is open to current Mt. Airy Chamber members only. Class size is limited to 14 so register NOW!

### **Disaster Planning for Small Business, SBA536**

Monday, October 13, 2008

5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mt. Airy Library's Large Meeting Room

Instructor Panel: Doug Heck, Doug Howard, Ben Rogers and Chris Smith

Presented in a three hour panel format, this course provides instruction and guidance to small business owners on how to prepare for, and handle, insured and uninsured disasters. Hear from, and ask questions of, four experts in the areas of commercial insurance, business planning and accounting, investments, and business computer technology. Learn how best to invest and insure, as well as what to plan for, what to prevent, and what to do when the inevitable happens. To register for this workshop, you must be a current Mt. Airy Chamber member or a paid guest of the Chamber. The cost is FREE to Chamber members and \$10 for guests.

For more information or to register for these workshops, email Marlene Titus at [mtitus@carrollcc.edu](mailto:mtitus@carrollcc.edu)

## SPEED NETWORKING LUNCH

Join us for a Speed Networking Lunch to be held September 18, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at The Greene Turtle, 1604 Ridgeway Drive. For those who have never attended an event like this, it is similar to speed dating or musical chairs with a networking twist. The cost is \$12.00 which includes lunch. To register mail a check made payable to GMACC to 6405 Mill Run Court, Frederick, MD 21703. Please also follow up with an email to Colleen Strube at [colleenstrube@earthlink.net](mailto:colleenstrube@earthlink.net) so she can add your name to the list of participants.

If you would like to donate a door prize for this event or an upcoming event, please contact Colleen at the above email.

For more information about The Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce and all of our programs please visit our website at [www.mtairybusiness.com](http://www.mtairybusiness.com)