

Calendar of Events for May Small Business Month



Updated April 30, 2010

| Date | Time | Event Name |
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| Every Saturday | 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. | St. Mary's Square Merchant Association Community Yard Sale – Many vendors, crafters, and yard salers at the St. Mary's Square Shopping Center, 21600 Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, MD. \$15 per space. For more information, contact Tina at 240-577-0955. |
| May 3 | 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. | St. Mary's County Annual Law Day Fair in the Russell Room, Joseph D. Carter Building, 23110 Leonard Hall Drive in Leonardtown. Gain information from various organizations providing legal services and support to the community, including scholarship information, educational opportunities in the legal field and many other services. Refreshments. Sponsored by the St. Mary's County Bar Association. |
| May 4 | | Corporate Employee Security and Safety Training – Negative issues impacting companies and employees will be confronted with real solutions offered. Identity Theft, Fraud, Employee Safety, Cyber Security, and Foreign and Domestic Travel Safety, will be emphasized. Location: Amelex Corporate Headquarters, 44423 Airport Road, Suite 102, California, MD. Reservations can be made online at www.amelexinc.com/training . For additional information or to schedule a course at your facility call 301-862-5500. |
| May 6 | 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. | BNI (Business Network International) Meetings – a new BNI chapter is forming in St. Mary's County. If referrals are – or should be – an important part of your business, then BNI is the organization for you. BNI's sole purpose is to provide a structured environment for the development and exchange of quality business referrals. What makes BNI unique is that we allow only one person per profession. We provide training tools and skills for effective networking and public speaking in a supportive, positive meeting environment. Weekly networking meetings are held every Thursday at The Lexington Restaurant. For more information, contact Tracey Eno at 443-624-8022, traceyeno@comcast.net , or visit www.bnimaryland.com . |
| May 7 | 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. | Marketing Techniques That Work Course – BUS-6620 (0.6 CEUs) Section 81457 at the College of Southern Maryland La Plata Campus. Discover key marketing concepts, methods, and strategies vital to the growth of your business. Learn how to develop a marketing plan, understand your customers, and effectively communicate your message to increase your bottom line. Find out how to achieve competitive advantage with limited resources. And, hear proven techniques and how to apply them for effective results. Get results fast with our brass tacks marketing class. Tuition: \$75. Fees: \$17. For more information or to register, go to www.csmd.edu/Training/Schedules , email askme@csmd.edu or call 301-934-2251. |

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| May 7 | 5:00 p.m. | Leonardtown First Friday – On the first Friday of each month historic Leonardtown's art galleries, restaurants, cafes, gift shops, antique shops, bookstores, etc. open their doors to showcase local artists and/or serve specials at their establishments. The town hosts a free evening of art, entertainment, and specials where people gather to enjoy local art, the company of others, and even a free glass of wine. Speaking of wine . . . at the May 7 First Friday the Port of Leonardtown Winery will offer tours, wine tasting, and a drawing for prizes. Visit uptown and downtown to rediscover the many treasures of Historic/New Leonardtown! For more information, go to www.leonardtownfirstfridays.com . |
| May 12 | 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. | The St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase will be held at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. The Showcase is a free event allowing the public to view local Chamber member businesses and ask questions about the services and products they provide. The booths can be visited between the hours of 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, go to www.smcchamber.com . |
| May 13 | | Personal Safety and Security – Basic crime prevention techniques will be discussed. The course is designed to give you a sense of confidence and security whether you are at work or home. An introduction into how to become a harder target for a criminal along with basic self defense strategies will be emphasized. This course is designed to enhance personal well being. Location: Amelex Corporate Headquarters, 44423 Airport Road, Suite 102, California, MD. Reservations can be made online at www.amelexinc.com/training . For additional information or to schedule a course at your facility call 301-862-5500. |
| May 14-15 | | Elly's Closet, LLC will be holding an Upscale Women's and Junior's Consignment Event at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds in Leonardtown. Shoppers should expect to find great deals on gently worn name brand and designer womens and juniors spring/summer clothing, shoes, jewelry and other accessories. If you are interested in consigning your items, you must register on our website and enter your items into our inventory no later than April 25th. Consignors can set their own sales prices and will receive 60% of their sales. We are also looking for volunteers and advertisers. Consignors, advertisers and volunteers will receive a VIP Pre-sale pass to shop before the public on May 13th. For more information go to www.EllysCloset.com or email Eleanor Hunt . |
| May 15 | 2:00 p.m. | Young Professionals Social Event at Greenwell State Park – The Young Professionals Initiative of St. Mary's County (YPI-SMC) is a group dedicated to attracting and retaining young professionals in Southern Maryland. YPI-SMC hosts social and community events in the interest of young professionals. Come meet other Young Professionals at Greenwell State Park for a Cookout. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. and begin grilling. Bring a dish to share, drinks for yourself and any recreation equipment. There will be kayaking, biking, hiking, canoeing, fishing and horseback riding available. RSVP at www.ypi-smc.org . If you have any questions, call 443-838-6429 or email programs@ypi-smc.org . |
| May 18-19 | | The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) is hosting the NAWCAD Warfighter Support Conference at the J.T. Daugherty Center in Lexington Park. We will brief the NAWCAD Operating Plan 2010/2011 and discuss with our Government, Industry, and warfighter representatives how to increase innovation and partnership to achieve our national security objectives. There is a required meal fee of \$30 to attend this conference. This meal fee will cover food and beverage during the conference. Space is limited. For details and registration go to www.navair.navy.mil/nawcad/events . |

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| May 18 | 6:30 p.m. | The Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Planning Commission will hold three public hearings in May to discuss the Draft Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. The hearings will be Tuesday, May 18 at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department in Lexington Park; Wednesday, May 19 at the Margaret Brent Middle School; and Thursday, May 20 in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Chesapeake Building in Leonardtown. The May 18 and May 19 hearings will begin at 6:30 p.m.; the May 20 hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be taped and broadcast on County Government Channel 95—the May 20 meeting will be televised live. The live meeting and subsequent broadcasts may also be viewed from the county's website at www.stmarysmd.com . Click on "95 Live." The Channel 95 schedule is listed on the county's website. The draft ordinance will be posted to the county's website soon at www.stmarysmd.com . |
| May 18-20 | | Introduction to CMMI for Development courses offered at Sabre Systems, Inc., 46655 Expedition Drive, Suite 301, Lexington Park, MD. Cost: \$1,500 (includes continental breakfast and lunch). Course materials include textbook, <i>CMMI, Second Edition, Guidelines for Process Integration and Product Improvement</i> and an official SEI certificate will be issued upon successful completion of course. Register at least 2 weeks prior to class by visiting http://cmmi.sabresystems.com . Limited Space - Register Early. For more information, contact cmmitraining@sabresystems.com or call Marguerite Bean toll free at 877-729-7227. |
| May 18-19 | | ITAR Advanced Seminar – Advanced Licensing & Compliance Principles presented by Export Compliance Solutions LLC (ECS) in Annapolis, MD. ITAR compliance is no longer a choice, it is a necessity. All ECS seminar speakers are former U.S. Government employees with direct experience working for or with the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC). COST: \$995 for the two-day seminar, which includes breakfast and lunch, a bound book containing all presentations, and a copy of the ITAR. Dress code: Casual. Space is limited so register now. Call 410-757-1919 or toll-free 866-238-4018 or go to www.ExportComplianceSolutions.com . |
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| May 20 | | Workplace Ethics – Learn to avoid costly litigation, criminal charges, and loss of prestige as a result of poor workplace behavior. This course will introduce you to topics to include Sexual Harassment, Appropriate Workplace Behavior, Substance Abuse, and ways to address and prevent these behaviors in a professional environment. Location: Amelex Corporate Headquarters, 44423 Airport Road, Suite 102, California, MD. Reservations can be made online at www.amelexinc.com/training . For additional information or to schedule a course at your facility call 301-862-5500. |
| May 20 | 5:30 p.m. | The Patuxent Partnership Annual Dinner at the Campus Center Great Hall, St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City. Reception at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$55 per person. Advance registration and purchase is required by May 13, 2010. Purchase your table for 10 for \$550 by calling Sarah Moritz at 301-866-1739 x303. Email vegetarian requests to Sarah.Moritz@paxpartnership.org . Civilian Business Attire/Military Summer Whites. To register, go to www.paxpartnership.org . |

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| May 21 | | Bike to Work Day -Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, Commuter Connections, and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invite you to join us at this popular region wide event. Bike to Work Day encourages commuters to try bicycling to work as an alternative to solo driving. Bike to Work Day is a FREE event and open to all area commuters. There will be a raffle, prizes, food, drink and more at all pit stops throughout the region. The designated pit stop for the southern Maryland region will be in the Town of Indian Head. Participants who pre-register and join the festivities will receive a FREE T-shirt, refreshments, giveaway prizes and a chance to win bicycles. Even if you are not biking to work that day, stop by (with or without your bicycle) and enjoy the activities. There will be demonstrations on bicycle safety, a remote broadcast from one of the local radio stations, wellness exhibits and lots more! Register by visiting a www.waba.org . For questions about the Bike to Work Day call the Washington Area Bicyclist Association at 202-518-0524 or email waba@waba.org . The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland can assist employers who are interested in developing and implementing Bicycling Programs for Employees. This is a FREE Service offered by TCC. Interested employers may contact us via telephone: 301-870-2520/1-800-SO-CLOSE. |
| May 21 | | Workshop for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) by the Minority Business Enterprise University. If you are a woman or minority owned small business in Maryland, this free all day conference is for you! You will learn how to do business with the State as an MBE and have an opportunity to meet contractors and lenders. The Southern Maryland MBE tour event will be held at the College of Southern Maryland, La Plata. For more information, contact Susan Casey, scasey@gov.state.md.us or 410-260-3909. |
| May 21 | 2:00 p.m. | Port of Leonardtown Winery to Open – All are invited to attend the official ribbon cutting of the Port of Leonardtown Winery and enjoy the events planned during Winery Weekend—May 21-23. Guided tours of the Winery will begin following the ribbon cutting. A collaborative project led by the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative, the Winery is housed in a former State Highway Administration Building in Leonardtown on McIntosh Run off Rte. 5. The Winery's grounds will be transformed into a park with a kayak/canoe launch on the McIntosh Run. The Port of Leonardtown Winery features a tasting room, picnic area and is located near shopping, restaurants, canoe/kayak launch and a wildlife sanctuary. The Winery will be open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 6 pm. It will also be open until 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month during Leonardtown's First Friday events. Contact the Wine Growers Cooperative at www.portofleonardtown.com or visit their blog at http://portofleonardtownwinery.blogspot.com/ for more information. |
| May 23-25 | | National Small Business Week Events – Small business owners, the news media and others are invited to attend the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week where the nation's top entrepreneurs will be hailed during events held in Washington, D.C. Interested parties can register online at www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com where additional information is available. The event will also be webcast live at the web site. |

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| May 25 | 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. | Community & Veterans Job Fair for cleared and non-cleared job seekers at the Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD. Positions available: Admin Assistant, Automotive, Business Development, Construction, Customer Service, Design, Education, Facilities, Finance, Healthcare, HR, IT, Legal, Marketing, Media, Social Services, Real Estate, Professional Services, Restaurant and Retail. Business attire. No jeans or t-shirts. To receive a signing bonus, register at www.nvideoconferences.com . There are also opportunities for businesses to sponsor its veterans program by placing an advertisement in the job fair conference directory. For more information, contact nVideoCONFERENCES at 410-451-3283. |
| May 25 | 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. | Important Issues Facing Government Contractors seminar presented by the Maryland Association of CPAs (MACPA) at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. The MACPA's Government Contractors Committee and the Defense Contract Audit Agency will discuss the following topics: Compliant Accounting Systems, Current Auditing Issues, Legal Labor Classification and Payment – The Effect on Cost-Reimbursable Contracts, and Business Value Maximization Strategies. Refreshments will be served. CPE: Credit 4 hours. Fee: \$30. For registration contact the MACPA Member Service Center at 1-800-782-2036. For any other questions, contact Dee Day at 1-800-782-2036 x309 or dee@macpa.org . |
| May 26 | 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. | Understanding Export Controls Seminar at the Marriott Inn & Conference Center, University of Maryland University College, College Park, MD. Most export transactions do not require specific approval from the U.S. Government. However, certain export transactions involving national security, foreign policy, short-supply, nuclear non-proliferation, missile technology, chemical and biological weapons, regional stability, crime control, or terrorist concerns require legal permission called an export license prior to shipment. Understanding the complex maze of federal regulations controlling export licenses can require hours of analysis. Companies engaged in the R&D, manufacture and export high technology products in aerospace and defense, communications and IT and safety and security, among others are encouraged to attend. Cost: \$150, includes lunch. For more information, visit www.buyusa.gov/baltimore/exportcontrols.html or contact Kenneth C. Duckworth, Commercial Officer, at 410-962-6896 or email Kenneth.Duckworth@NOSPAM.trade.gov . |
| May 27 | | Workplace Violence – This interactive course covers Disgruntled Employees, Active Shooters, Bomb Threats, Armed Robbery and Hostage Situations in the workplace. It is designed to provide you with the knowledge to respond in a manner that could save your life in the event of a violent encounter. We see it on the news daily and hope it never happens to us. This course is designed to enhance workplace efficiency, security and safety during a violent encounter. Location: Amelex Corporate Headquarters, 44423 Airport Road, Suite 102, California, MD. Reservations can be made online at www.amelexinc.com/training . For additional information or to schedule a course at your facility call 301-862-5500. |
| May 27 | 7:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. | St. Mary's County Spotlight on Small Business – May is Small Business Month and the St. Mary's County Dept. of Economic & Community Development will host a St. Mary's County Spotlight on Small Business event at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. Agenda includes a County Small Business Recognition Program, "Roadmap to Doing Business with the Navy" Panel, "The Secrets of Using Facebook to Market Your Small Business" workshop, exhibitors offering business resources, and networking! Continental Breakfast provided. The event is free and open to all local small businesses, but RSVP is required. Complete event schedule and registration form are available at www.stmarysmd.com/decd/smallbizmonth . |

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| May 28 | | <p>Teams and sponsorships for the 17th Annual Marcey House Golf Tournament are now being sought. Hosted at the Wicomico Shores Municipal Golf Course, the tournament benefits the Marcey House, a residential, rehabilitative treatment facility for recovering substance abusers. SAIC has agreed to once again serve as title sponsor. Joining SAIC are associate sponsors Constellation Energy, MetroCast, SMECO, Verizon, PSI/PAX, WalMart and Washington Gas. Sponsorships are still available at various levels. Sponsors receive special recognition and significantly contribute to the success of this event. For more information on this event and to register teams, contact Larry Harvey or Linda Battenfield at 301-475-4701. All proceeds from this tournament directly benefit the clients of the Marcey House program. A model halfway house program for people recovering from alcohol and drug dependency, it serves clients regardless of their ability to pay.</p> |
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