

Friday, April 25th

Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Following a full night of festivities a continental breakfast will be a little later and will feature a series of speakers from our regional vice-president Thomas J. Fournaine, II of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, PA, Scott Hancock our esteemed Executive Director of MML and, cross your fingers, Governor Bob Ehrlich (been invited) or someone from the Governor's Office.

Business Meeting - 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Who would dare miss the conclusion of our conference, our business meeting. Reports on the upcoming conference in Charlotte and miscellaneous other business information will be presented.

Deli Lunch
At the conclusion of our business meeting a deli lunch will be available prior to checkout.



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April 23, 2003 - April 25, 2003
Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort

MCCMA Spring Conference



Conference Agenda

Wednesday, April 23rd

Noon to 5 p.m. - Golf

Enjoy a relaxing round of golf on the Jack Nicklaus designed Rocky Gap Golf Course. Your registration contains an area to pre-pay for your greens fee and cart. Tee time for golf will be 12:30 p.m.



Enjoy a day of golfing at the Lodge

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Canoeing

For those who arrive mid-afternoon and do not much care of the game of golf, why not take a guided canoe trip. Enjoy a relaxing shoreline canoe tour of Rocky Gap's Lake Habeeb. Trip will last approximately 2 hours.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Pontoon Boat Tour

Not much for manual labor? How about picking up the significant other and arrive at Rocky Gap by 4:00 p.m. to sit back and relax and enjoy a 45-minute tour of Rocky Gap's Lake Habeeb. Limited to the first 13 individuals.

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Early Bird Reception

Can't get out of the office early. Poor soul. But don't worry, arrive by 5:30 pm and enjoy the friendship of you fellow managers and friends at the early bird reception by the pool generously sponsored by the law firm of Funk & Bolton.

7:30 p.m. to ? - Dinner

You are on your own. Wonderful meals are available at the Lodge or if you want to get out and about, venture into downtown Cumberland, a short 6 miles away, and participate in what our restaurants have to provide. For the fearless, you can go to Geatz's Family Bar and Restaurant, where a certain city administrator and director of community development are known to appear now and then, and partake in real Cumberland hospitality. Plus, Lori works on Wednesday nights and that's worth the trip alone.

Thursday, April 24th

7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. - Registration

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

The Mayor of Cumberland and President of the Allegheny County Commissioners will officially welcome the participants of this years spring conference. Original plan was to have the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, but, well, that's another story. Following the official welcome enjoy a 45 minute presentation of the history of the Cumberland area by resident historian Al Feldstein who will dazzle an amaze you with facts you thought you would never hear. A "must see" event.

8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Homeland Security

In this meeting of the full group you will hear from the State of Maryland point people on the issue of Homeland Security. Take away from this meeting what this important issue means to all of us in the State and what funding may be coming our way to help in this area. Speaking will be Steven J. Hess, U.S. Attorney's Office, and Harvey E. Eisenberg, Assistant United States Attorney, both point persons for Maryland's efforts for Homeland Security.

10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Concurrent "Nuts & Bolt" Sessions

"Design-Build" Construction Contracts, Are they for you?
In 1998 the City of Cumberland undertook a \$ 6 million renovation of our Water Filtration Plant in Bedford, PA. In this session you will hear how the City used the "design-build" format to create a project team and how the standard process of bidding and construction were thrown out the window. Instead the City negotiated with the contractor what we wanted the plant to do, received and "performance guarantee" and bond and ended up with a project coming in underbid and on time. A panel comprising the "design team" will lead you through the process from start to finish and hopefully provide you an alternative to paying change orders, additional engineering costs, and the project that never ends.

"Tax Credits, Are they for me?"

A key instrument in the renaissance of downtown Cumberland has been the application and use of federal, state and local incentives and programs. You will hear from Reznick, Fedder & Silverman CPA's, P.C. a public accounting and business advisory firm who will lead this discussion. RF&S was founded in 1977 and has grown to become the largest CPA firm headquartered in the Mid-Atlantic region and is among the 20 largest firms in the United States. Affordable housing has been a core business for RF&S since the firm was founded. Experts in their field, RF&S staff will provide an overview of HOPE VI, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Historical Tax Credits, and the New Market Tax Credit program.

Queen City Creamery & Dairies 108 Harrison Street



Lunch - 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The full group will convene for lunch with newly installed guest speaker Executive Director of ICMA, Bob O'Neill who will speak to the group on the state of the profession, as well as, gathering comments from the crowd in general.

Site Visits 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The afternoon sessions will be a little bit different. The group will divide in half with one group being bused to Canal Place and the other to City Hall. Following 90 minutes both groups will "swap" sites and enjoy what the other just experienced.



Upper Story Redevelopment in Downtown Cumberland

Visit to Canal Place

Upon arrival at Canal Place this group will be met by the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority Executive Director, Richard Pfeifferkorn, who will provide the group an overall presentation of the ongoing project and lead a site tour of the area.

Considerable construction will be underway involving the finishing of the first phase of the Crescent Lawn project, the City's \$ 4.7 million combined sewer overflow correction project and possibly the initial construction of the re-watering of the western terminus of the C & O canal. Clearly, with federal, state and local funds involved the Canal Place project will prove to all an interesting example of interagency cooperation, or in some cases, the lack there of.

Upper Story Revitalization and downtown Cumberland

This group will meet in the City Hall Council Chambers to receive an overview of the City's efforts in bringing residential construction to our downtown, with considerable assistance of the Community Legacy funds received by the City over the last two years. Following a brief presentation by representatives of the Department of Housing and Community Development and city staff involved in this effort will lead a walking tour of the downtown, including visits to sites either under construction or finished products.

Cocktail Reception - 6 p.m.

Prior to dinner a cocktail reception will be held back at the Gap sponsored by Funk & Bolton, LGIT, and ICMA-RC.

Dinner 7 p.m. - ?

Keeping with doing things different, a dinner for managers and significant others will be held outside.

Bonfire and Storytelling (Following Dinner)

What better way to end the evening but to gather around the bonfire, light up a few stogies, and have a few after dinner drinks with s'mores and be entertained by a local storyteller (involving audience participation). I'm sure the Deutschlandman from Bowie and Prangly will be actively involved by that point.

MCCMA SPRING CONFERENCE AGENDA

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8:45 am – 10:00 am Homeland Security

10:15 am – 11:30 am Concurrent “Nuts & Bolts” Sessions:

- “Design-Build” Construction Contracts - Are they for you?
- “Tax Credits” – Are they for you?

11:45 am – 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Site Visits

- Visit to Canal Place
- Upper Story Revitalization and Downtown Cumberland

6:00 pm Cocktail Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner / Followed by Bonfire
and Storytelling

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8:30 am – 10:30 am Breakfast / Speakers
10:45 am – noon Business Meeting
Noon Deli Lunch



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February 7, 2003

Dear Fellow Colleagues:

Enclosed please find the information for this year's MCCMA Spring Conference.

On behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, I hope you have an opportunity to join us at the Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort on April 23-25, 2003 for two full days of activities that should leave us all refreshed and informed.

It was my hope in designing the conference this year to include not only practical "city manager" stuff, but also to provide sessions that may encourage you to bring staff along. You will note that on Thursday many of the sessions are designed to provide all of us involved in city and county management information regarding state-wide issues (*homeland security*), as well as practical "hands on" experiences with issues like downtown revitalization and different methods of public contracting.

I also hope to encourage you to bring your significant other and/or ICMA "partner" along to enjoy what the Rocky Gap State Park and the Lodge has to offer. I have arranged for the Department of Natural Resources to provide those not attending the conference an outstanding "nature walk" around the park on Thursday. Your guest can also partake in the Serenity at Rocky Gap (*brochure included*), a round of golf, or choose from a host of other activities the lodge and park provides for their guests.

The registration fee includes the cost of all your meals, with the exception of dinner on Wednesday night. That night everyone will be welcome to either eat at the award winning Lakeside Restaurant located at the Lodge itself (*advance reservations strongly suggested*), or head into Cumberland for dinner on the "mall," or enjoy dinner and drinks with your hosts at a Cumberland landmark - Geatz's Restaurant.

Two receptions are being held this year through the generous support of sponsors who are listed in the enclosed information, and I would encourage everyone to come early and partake.

If you have any questions with regard to this year's conference, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (301) 759-6424, or my able Director of Community Development Mr. Rhodes at (301) 759-6434, so we can make plans to ensure a most enjoyable conference for all.

Respectfully yours,


Jeffrey E. Repp
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