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**Department of Economic Development Launches “Helping You Navigate Now”  
Listening Series to Assist in Recovery, Reinvestment and Workforce Retention**

**LEONARDTOWN, MD** - The Department of Economic Development is hosting a series of virtual listening sessions with local businesses to help identify and prioritize pandemic recovery needs.

Targeting specific market segments, “Navigating Now” will begin with a focus on the foodservice industry in a session planned for Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, at 9 a.m. Restaurants, catering companies and other businesses in the foodservice sector are invited to participate and discuss current needs for operating under the COVID-19 requirements. Registration can be found here: [helpingyounavigateyourrestaurant.eventbrite.com](https://helpingyounavigateyourrestaurant.eventbrite.com)

“As the economy continues to recover, we want to use these sessions to better understand how to support our local businesses,” said Chris Kaselemis, Director of Economic Development. “The insights gained from these sessions will help identify the priorities and inform our responses as we work to sustain and strengthen our local economy.”

Business owners and industry leaders are encouraged to respond to a brief survey to gauge impact within the foodservice industry before the listening session. The survey can be found here: [surveymonkey.com/r/HYNN-Restaurants](https://surveymonkey.com/r/HYNN-Restaurants). The deadline to respond to the survey is Friday, Aug. 21, and the results will be included in the discussion session.

For more information, please contact the Department of Economic Development at 301- 475-4200, ext. 1400 or [ded@stmarysmd.com](mailto:ded@stmarysmd.com). Visit the website at [www.YesStMarysMD.com](http://www.YesStMarysMD.com).

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