



Chamber In The News

April 24, 2009

Council Confirms Steve Silverman as New County DED Director



(Pictured L to R: Timothy L. Firestone, MC Chief Administrative Officer; Gigi Godwin, MCCC President and CEO; Steve Silverman, MC Director of Economic Development)

On Tuesday, April 21, 2009 the Montgomery County Council confirmed Steve Silverman as the County's new Director of Economic Development. Mr. Silverman was nominated for the position on April 7 by Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett.

"The Chamber fully supports this appointment and we look forward to working with Steve on creating a new strategic vision for economic development in the County," said Georgette "Gigi" Godwin, MCCC President and CEO.

Del. Bill Frick & Craig Rice

Address Legislative Affairs Committee



(Pictured L to R: **Del. Craig Rice** and **Del. Bill Frick**, both of the Maryland House of Delegates, speak to the Legislative Affairs Committee about the recently concluded 2009 Maryland Legislative Session.)

Delegates Bill Frick (District 16) and Craig Rice (District 15) met with the Legislative Affairs Committee on Friday, April 17, 2009. They gave an overview of the 2009 Maryland Legislative Session which ended on April 13th, and answered questions from members.

Del. Frick stated that “While this was a difficult session, overall we can feel good about the outcome of this legislative session. Shifting the burden of the teachers’ pensions from the State to the County would have been devastating.”

“We (the MC Delegates) held together as a team this year to hold the line and work for what was best for the County as a whole,” stated Del. Rice. “We were looking not just at ‘wins,’ but also protecting what we could have lost.”

Lisa Fadden, MCCC Vice President, Public Affairs addressed one of MCCC's top priorities, transportation funding. She emphasized our members “extreme frustration” over the lack of progress and leadership on the many transportation issues facing the County.

Del. Frick stated that there is a growing sense that they are running out of short term fixes and that there is a real need to focus on the long term. “Raising sales taxes is tough when you border other states,” said Del. Frick. “We need real fiscal solutions. Taking it out of transportation just isn’t going to be possible.”

MCCC President, Gigi Godwin, expressed her concern that Maryland must remain competitive for businesses to stay or relocate here. “We need to focus on the bigger picture of what message do we send to businesses by proposing and passing legislation that harms Maryland’s competitiveness,” stated Ms. Godwin. “The real question isn’t who has left, but rather who hasn’t come.”

Del. Rice agreed, “Maryland has no manufacturing. There needs to be a shift to attract more forward thinking companies, and we need forward thinking people to make it happen.”



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Scheduled of Events:

- 7:30– 8:00 a.m. - Registration and Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies
- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Networking
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Featured Speaker
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Workshops
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Featured Speaker
- 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. - Expo & Lunch

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Board Members In The News

Robert Burton, Partner, [Venable LLP](#) will be one of the speakers at the National Contract Management Association NOVA “Hot Topics in Government Contracting Seminar 2009.” The seminar will take place on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 from 8:15 a.m.-4:20 p.m. in Fairfax, Virginia. A one hour reception follows immediately. Registration is \$100.00 per NCMA member or groups of three or more, and \$150.00 for non-NCMA members.

For more information about the event, please [click here](#).

There Are Many Ways to Get Involved

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce supports policies that will ensure our community's global economic competitiveness into the future. The policy priorities of the Montgomery County Chamber are set by the decisions of our four major policy committees: Economic Development and Education and Workforce Preparation Committee; Legislative Affairs; Small Business Committee; and Transportation and Land Use.

[Click here for schedule of upcoming committees and get involved today!](#)

Upcoming Events . . .

Register Now:

Thursday, May 7 - 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. [New & Prospective Member Orientation](#) (MCCC Board Room)

G Wednesday, May 13 - 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. [2009 GovConNet Congressional Procurement Conference & Expo](#) (The Universities at Shady Grove)

Wednesday, May 27 - 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. [Chamber After Hours](#) - directly following the MCCC Board of Directors Meeting (Smokey Glen Farm)

Thursday, June 4 - 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. [MCCC 50th Annual Dinner](#) (Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center)

G Tuesday, June 9 – 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon - [GovConNet Prime Opportunities with Lockheed Martin](#) (The Universities at Shady Grove)

Save the Date:

Monday, July 20 – Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation Golf Tournament (Lakewood Country Club)

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