



Chamber In The News

April 9, 2009

Chamber Applauds Nomination of Steve Silverman as New County DED Director



(Pictured L to R: Lisa Fadden , MCCC Vice President, Public Affairs; Steve Silverman, Nominee, Director of Economic Development; County Executive Isiah Leggett; and Barbara Ashe , MCCC Executive Vice President)

Chamber staff participated in Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett's April 7 press conference to announce that Steve Silverman is his choice to be the County's new Director of Economic Development.

In speaking about the appointment County Executive Leggett stated, "As a former chair of the Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee, (Silverman) is fully versed on the whole range of issues, problems, and opportunities before us. He knows where we've been, where we are, and – most importantly – where we need to go."

In his statement, Mr. Silverman said that he would do everything to ensure that current County businesses stay in Montgomery County and also to make sure that the County is "in play" to attract new businesses. "Government and business must work together to get the job done," said Silverman.

The Chamber fully supports this nomination. “Mr. Silverman served the County as a member of the County Council for many years and has been a strong supporter of a strategic vision for economic development” said Georgette “Gigi” Godwin, Chamber President and CEO. “This appointment of a new leader comes as Montgomery County tries to position itself for the future. This is a time of great challenges in our current fiscal climate, but also of great opportunities to take advantage of federal stimulus funds.”



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8:00 – 8:30 a.m. - Opening Ceremonies
8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Networking
9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Featured Speaker
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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics
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9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Casey Coleman

Chief Information Officer
General Services Administration

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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Board Members In The News

Georgia DiBella has been named manager of **PNC**'s new Germantown Commons Green Branch[®] location (13074 Middlebrook Rd). The new branch will host a Grand Opening on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free food, entertainment, Washington Redskins Santana Moss, a free money giveaway and games and prizes for the whole family. PNC is the first U.S. bank to design and build environmentally friendly LEED[™] certified bank branches and has more buildings LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council (55) than any company on Earth.

[Get Real Consulting](#) has been selected as a winner in the Microsoft HUG (Microsoft Health Users Group) 2009 Innovation Awards in the category of HealthVault Solutions. Get Real Consulting was honored for its contribution to the design and development of Heart360, an online cardiovascular wellness website where patients can track their cardiovascular risk factors.

The April 2 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* published results of a 130,000-woman trial in India demonstrating that HPV testing significantly reduces the numbers of advanced cervical cancers and deaths, compared to other screening methods tested. The trial used [QIAGEN](#)'s HPV Test which detects the high-risk types of human papillomavirus that cause cervical cancer.

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!](#)

Save These Dates . . .

**Thursday, April 23 - 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. – Join the MCCC for the next
New 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)**

**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)**

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

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**For more information on these and other Chamber events, visit our Web site at
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