



Chamber In The News

March 20, 2009

Chamber Honored by County Council in Joint Proclamation for Public Safety Efforts



On Tuesday, March 17, 2009, the County Council proclaimed March 2009 as Public Safety Month and presented a joint proclamation in recognition of the hard work and bravery of our county's public safety officers, as well as the continued efforts of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce in recognizing these heroes each year at the Annual Public Safety Awards (PSA) Luncheon.

The award was presented to PSA Event Chair Steve Robbins, of the law firm of Lerch, Early and Brewer and Chamber President and CEO Gigi Godwin by Montgomery County Council President Phil Andrews, and councilmember Nancy Floreen. The Chamber is proud to receive this honor alongside the brave men and women of our Fire & Rescue Services, Department of Police, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Maryland-National Capital Park Police - Montgomery County Division and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Dr. Jerry Weast Addresses Economic Development and Education Committees



(Pictured: Dr. Jerry Weast, Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools; Dr. Stewart Edelstein, Vice Chair, MCCC Education & Workforce Preparation Committee, Executive Director, The Universities At Shady Grove; Gigi Godwin, MCCC President; and committee members.)

Superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools Dr. Jerry Weast spoke at the Chamber's Economic Development Committee and Education and Workforce Preparation Committee meeting last week.

Dr. Weast said that the school system is a critical component to our vibrant business community, and noted areas where there is an opportunity for partnership between the Chamber and MCPS. Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Gigi Godwin, asked Dr. Weast to join the Chamber in advocating for more economic development to grow our tax base.

Legislative Affairs Committee Interviews Candidates for District 4 Special Election

The Chamber's Legislative Affairs Committee interviewed Maryland State Delegate Ben Kramer, County Board of Education Member Nancy Navarro and Civic Activist Cary Lamari, candidates in the Montgomery County Council District 4 Special Election.

The primary election will be held on Tuesday, April 21 and the general election will take place on Tuesday, May 19. To see the candidates' answers to the Chamber's Candidate Questionnaire, please

[Click here.](#)

Board Members In The News

Sterling Crockett, Chair of the Chamber's Small Business Committee and Chairman and CEO of Sterling Construction Services Inc. in Rockville, attended a briefing by President Obama to small business owners, community lenders and members of Congress at White House on Monday, March 16.



2009 Congressional Procurement Conference & Expo

Honorary Chair: US Representative Chris Van Hollen

Wednesday May 13, 2009

The Universities at Shady Grove
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Conference Center , Bldg. II
Rockville , MD 20850

Schedule of Events

7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 Opening Ceremonies
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Procurement & Educational Sessions
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Lunch & Expo

Just Announced! Ms. Casey Coleman, Chief Information Officer, General Services Administration, will be our featured speaker. GSA ranks fourth in Stimulus funding! Ms. Coleman will speak from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Please note: This featured speaker event with Ms. Coleman is included with your registration fee, but you must reserve your seat when you register for the conference. SEATING IS LIMITED!

Connect with Federal, state and local procurement officials and more than 500 business leaders at the 2009 Congressional Procurement Conference. Learn how to grow your government contracting business from the top decision makers at government agencies and prime contractors. Network with more than 500 customers, suppliers and business partners during the morning sessions and at the afternoon expo. Representatives from virtually every industry sector will be in attendance.

[To learn more about the Procurement Conference or to register as an individual, exhibitor or a sponsor, please click here.](#)

Sold Out
35th Annual Public Safety Awards Luncheon

Date: Friday, March 20, 2009
Reception: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Award Ceremony and Luncheon: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful event.
Look for a complete recap of the luncheon next month.

Chamber After Hours

Wednesday, March 25
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Gordon Biersch
200 East Middle Lane , Unit A
Rockville , MD 20850
phone: 301-340-7159

Join the MCCC for a fun evening of networking as we Spring into a new season of business development opportunities at Gordon Biersch in Rockville Town Square .

Cost: Free to members, \$40 to non-members

Contact: Linda Ekizian, 301-738-0015 ext. 241, lekizian@mcccmd.com

[Click here to register](#)

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 Committee and Education and Workforce Preparation; Legislative Affairs; Small Business Committee; Transportation and Land Use.

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

SAVE THESE DATES:

G = GovConNet

Wednesday, March 25 - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Chamber After Hours (Gordon Biersch)

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. – 3:00 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 – Golf Tournament (Lakewood Country Club)

For more information on these and other Chamber events, visit our Web site at www.montgomerycountychamber.com