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GSSCC's July Networking Breakfast - Register Now

...scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. this Wednesday, July 8, at Argyle Country Club (14600 Argyle Road). Click here to log in and register. Early-bird pricing in effect through today, Monday, July 6.

GSSCC Cuts the Ribbon for the Grand Opening of MOD Pizza

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Council Votes to Privatize Economic Development Functions

The County Council voted last week to eliminate the county's Department of Economic Development and replace it with a private nonprofit organization. The new Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation will be run by a board of 11 directors, who will be appointed by the County Executive, subject to approval by the Council. It will be tasked with marketing and attracting new businesses to the county as well as helping existing businesses remain in the county and expand. The decision to privatize the county’s economic development process was made in response to criticisms that the current structure was not effective in attracting and retaining businesses. The move also aligns Montgomery County with other local jurisdictions such as Fairfax and Howard counties, which have created economic development entities that are more akin to private companies rather than government departments.

GSSCC supported the move, but had been concerned the reorganization would fail to adequately address the challenges existing businesses face when then need to interact with County government (e.g. challenges small businesses face when they need to obtain certain permits or licenses, or comply with existing laws and regulations). GSSCC and other business advocacy groups were successful in persuading Council that functions like the Small Business Navigator and the new Development Ombudsman did not belong in the Office of Procurement, but instead needed a higher priority. As a result of our efforts, these departments will both now be housed in the Office of the County Executive.
* **The Fillmore Silver Spring** has partnered with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Leaders Institute, and Bach to Rock to put on its first ever "Geared Up Concert and Fashion Show" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on August 2. The event goal is to raise funds for the MCPS "Give Back Packs Campaign" which provides backpacks to students in need throughout the school system. Tickets are on-sale now at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at The Fillmore Silver Spring Box Office.

* **The Duffy Insurance Group/Allstate Agency** is growing and looking for additional Property & Casualty licensed staff. Life license a plus. Career position for ambitious self starter with strong work ethic. Please email resume to mikeduffy@allstate.com.

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**Welcome New GSSCC Members**

Please join GSSCC in welcoming these companies that became new Chamber members during June.

- **The Daily Do Good**
  Holly Leber
  641 S Street, NW
  Washington, D.C. 20001

- **Workforce Solutions Group**
  Shawn Huntley
  11002 Veirs Mill Rd. Suite 510
  Wheaton, MD 20902

- **Law Office of Maria Mena**
  Maria Mena
  8121 Georgia Ave. Suite 800
  Silver Spring, MD 20910

- **Southern Indulgence**
  Candace Willett
  710 Roeder Road. Suite 304
  Silver Spring, MD 20901

- **MOD Pizza**
  "Harry"
  909 Ellsworth Dr.
  Silver Spring, MD 20190

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**Thanks for Renewing!**

GSSCC thanks these organizations that renewed their Chamber membership during June.
Upcoming GSSCC Committee Meetings

* **Major Events Committee** - 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7.

* **Young Professionals Network** - 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8.

* **Government Affairs Committee** - 9 a.m. on Friday, July 10. Discussion of future County budget/tax expectations with Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget Director Jennifer Hughes.

* **Non-Profit Team** - 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14


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They’re here! Look for your GSSCC Member-2-Member Discount Cards

Look for fellow GSSCC members - volunteers from our Ambassadors and our Membership Committee - who will be stopping by your business in the next week to deliver GSSCC Member-2-Member Discount Program cards for you and your employees. We encourage you and your staff members to put these cards in your wallets, your purses, and your pockets. Use them to save money on meals, dry cleaning, flowers, promotional products, lodging, office supplies, apartment leases, bookkeeping, and much, much more.

Don’t know which Silver Spring businesses participate, and which do not? No worries! Click here to find the list, which is growing every month - to save some money, and support your fellow GSSCC member businesses. Flash your GSSCC Member-2-Member Discount Card everywhere you or your staff shop, eat, or play. If the business does participate, it should honor your card immediately. If not, perhaps it will soon enough . . . or perhaps, like you, it will become a GSSCC member. Happy shopping.

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**Seen at GSSCC’s Business Networking Breakfast**

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**Silver, the Spring Dog’s Recent Visits…..**

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**Protect Your Belongings, Prevent Theft from Vehicles**

Attention GSSCC Members: While this time of year is marked with thoughts of vacations and shortened work days for some, it also tends to bring out those individuals who have more nefarious things in mind. Unfortunately, this time of year brings an increase in theft from vehicles all throughout the County. Montgomery County Police urges you to
protect your belongings. Lock your vehicle at all times. Do not leave anything that could appear valuable in plain sight inside your vehicle. And make sure all evidence of electronics like GSP devices (that holder on the windshield, or the circle it leaves when you move it to the glove box) is removed.

* Congratulations to **e-Management** on receiving the 2015 Information Technology Company of the Year Award from Montgomery County Department of Economic Development (DED), chosen for the company’s "demonstrated record of achievement," and to the company’s CFO Bambo Bamgbose on being named 2015 CFO of the Year by the *Washington Business Journal*.

* The **Silver Spring Library** is having a live watch party for the White House Conference on Aging from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

* **All Set Restaurant & Bar** Chef Ed Reavis was featured on ABC 7 News Good Morning Washington this morning.

* **DB Consulting** will host its 9th annual “Health & Wellness Fair” from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, August 7, at the Silver Spring Civic Building. The free event features various health screening, dental screening, CPR instruction, osteoporosis testing, fitness assessments, and more. McGruff and a fire truck will be on site, along with Tae Kwon Do, Tai Chi, Zumba, and chair massages. Click [here](#) for more info.

* **Montgomery Community Media** is currently recruiting for three open positions: Multimedia Journalist, Philanthropy Associate/Philanthropy Manager & Grant Writer, Production Technicians. For more information click [here](#).

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* Membership Development Committee - 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29.

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Metro Red Line Issues are Topic of T&E Forum This Week

The Montgomery County Council’s Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment (T&E) Committee will host a public forum on issues related to Metro, particularly on the Red Line in Montgomery County, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. this Wednesday, July 22, at the Council office building in Rockville. Speakers will include representatives of WMATA, as well as state and county agencies. The Committee invites attendees to submit questions in advance to Councilmember Roger Berliner or by filling out question cards at the forum. Click here for more information.

Mark Your Calendar to Connect @ Lunch in August

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Annual GSSCC/B-CCCC Speed Networking Coming in August

Watch this space for more details about the annual Greater Silver Spring Chamber/Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber Joint Speed Networking Extravaganza, sponsored by My Office Products, scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, and hosted by The DoubleTree by Hilton in Silver Spring. Click here for more details.
* Congratulations to the new Silver Spring Library for being named the "Best New Reason to Read" in Washingtonian magazine's latest list of "The Best Arts, Music, and Things to Do in DC."

* Enter to win a new set of Cooper Tires during Meineke Car Care Center's Summer to Spare Sweepstakes, now through July 30. Click here to enter.

* Medtech Institute is working with the American Red Cross to host a Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, at its 1100 Wayne Ave. campus. Advance registration is requested. Click here for more information.

* Congratulations to the Silver Spring Civic Building on its five-year anniversary! The Silver Spring Regional Services Center invites the community to share stories, pictures, and artifacts of what the building and Veterans Plaza means in Silver Spring, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, in the Great Hall. The celebration will continue at the last of the "Thursday Night Summer Concert Series" on Veterans Plaza.

* Join Shepherd's Table for its "Friendraiser," from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, at The Urban Winery (949 Bonifant St.). Enjoy drink specials and door prizes. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Shepherd's Table.

* Shane Rock, CEO of Interfaith Works, talked about the organization's School Supplies Drive, now through September 11, on Comcast Newsmakers. Click here to see the interview.

* Arrow Bookkeeping is looking to hire two full charge bookkeepers. Requirements include five-plus years of experience, and strong Excel and Quickbooks knowledge. Fax interest and resume to 301-587-4833.

* Elite Personnel is actively recruiting to fill several positions: Human Resources Generalist for a fast-growing health related company, a Payroll Specialist for a pharmaceutical company, an HR/Payroll specialist for a religious organization in Montgomery County, a Front Desk Administrator for a construction company in Rockville, and more. Inquiries about these and other opportunities should be emailed to Morgan@elitepersonnel.com.

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GSSCC Advocacy Efforts Last Week

**Support for Department of Liquor Control Reforms**
On behalf of Chamber member restaurants, hotels, and other members that hold licenses from the County Department of Liquor Control, GSSCC testified in favor of a measure to allow these members to purchase and receive special order beer and wine from private distributors. Chamber President Jane Redicker told Councilmembers that, “For many years, we have heard complaints about the DLC - the lack of, or inconsistencies in customer service, the inability to know what product is and is not available at a given time, to correctly and completely fill orders in a timely manner, and specifically to effectively fill special orders.” She called the Council’s measure a “first step” in much broader reforms that are needed. Council will work with the Montgomery County General Assembly delegation to seek the legislation that will allow the initial reforms.

**Achieved Delay for Worrisome Local Small Business Reserve Program Changes**
Working with GSSCC local small businesses, GSSCC was successful in persuading the Montgomery County Council to delay action on legislation that would have limited opportunities for local small businesses to compete for and obtain contracts to do business with Montgomery County government departments. As a result of efforts by Chamber President Jane Redicker and a GSSCC member to reach out to Councilmember
Nancy Navarro, whose committee had acted favorably to move the bill forward for a vote this week, the legislation was taken off the agenda to give Councilmembers time to consider the issues raised by the Chamber. It will come back to Council this fall, after the August recess.

* Congratulations to The Tower Companies for being among the 40 finalists for the Washington Business Journal’s “Healthiest Employers 2015”.

* Help keep the vision of Docs in Progress a reality. There are only a few days left to help raise much-needed funds to support its free programs and infrastructure. Click here to donate.

* Support the Silver Spring Library and nominate your favorite librarian for a national award. Up to ten librarians nationwide will be honored with “I Love My Librarian” awards, and nominations are now open.

* Bell Flowers sponsored Air Force One Detailing Team member, Carson Mangum of We-C-Clean Mobile Detailing, on his second trip to Seattle's Museum of Flight from July 13 to July 18. Click here to read about the trip.

* Congratulations to Defacto Sound and Blood Brother on winning an Emmy nomination for “Outstanding Music & Sound”.

* 8407 Kitchen Bar and Mrs. K’s Restaurant are offering 15% off lunch specials for all employees of Holy Cross Hospital, Bethesda Naval Hospital, and Washington Adventist Hospital through August. Click here to see the full offer: 8407 Kitchen Bar and Mrs. K’s Restaurant.

* e-Management has seven new positions available on its careers page including HR, cyber security, records, and more.

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