



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As the weather gets cooler with the arrival of fall, I hope each of you has been able to take some time and enjoy the summer. As the Orioles wrap up their season, and the Ravens are getting started on their path to the playoffs, we have a lot to cheer for. This month I want to comment on some of the great events the Chamber has had over the summer and let you know about a terrific one coming up.

Cyber Safe: What Every Business Needs to Know

On Wednesday, August 21, 35 people became better educated about how to keep their businesses' computers and online activities safe. The presenters discussed the extent of risk to businesses today, how to protect yourself and your business and how to respond to a cyber attack. Michael Miller, a Special Agent for the FBI, spoke about Internet fraud, online safety, and protecting your data. Other speakers included Zachery Kephart, Vice President, Bankers Insurance, and Mark Jarek, Chief Information Security Officer for Think/Stack. Attendees remarked that the program was excellent and provided important information that every business owner needs to hear. A special thank you goes to Essex Bank, Bankers Insurance and CCBC's Cybersecurity Institute for sponsoring the program.

MEGA Networking on the Waterfront

New Chamber member, the Eastern Yacht Club, is an outstanding venue overlooking the water. On August 28, 150 members of local chambers of commerce and business associations met for one of the largest networking events of the year. The event also was attended by many local politicians, including Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski, who spoke to the crowd. Not only was the food and drink outstanding, but attendees raved about the connections they made with business representatives from all over Baltimore County.

Maryland Insurance Commissioner, Al Redmer, Jr.

On September 5, approximately 30 people attended a very informative breakfast at Alice's – A Family Restaurant. Al Redmer discussed how the Maryland Insurance Administration can help protect you, your business, and your family. He also discussed how the MIA can help you navigate government bureaucracy when it comes to insurance matters. His presentation was filled with good information and examples, which everyone found to be most beneficial.

COMING UP

Salute to Hometown Heroes

One of our best events of the year is our Salute to Hometown Heroes dinner and awards ceremony. Join us as we celebrate our local fire, police, military and hospital heroes, who look out for the safety and well being of those in our community, our state, and our country. See the box below for more details. Be sure to reserve your tickets now, before we sell out, and please consider sponsoring this very special evening.

I hope you have a great fall.
John Hess
Chamber President

12th ANNUAL SALUTE TO HOMETOWN HEROES

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Martin's East
9000 Pulaski Highway
Middle River, Maryland 21220

\$50 Per Person, Tables of 8 Available

Seeking Sponsorships and Advertising - \$60-\$5,000

For more information, go to <https://hometownheroes-11-21-19.eventbrite.com>.

For sponsorships and ads, please contact Sharon Kihn at 443-317-8763 or sharon.kihn@chesapeakechamber.org.



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From left to right: Vondaleir Wright(L2), Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, Richard Murphy(L2), Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford, Samuel Lennon(L2), Melanie Lennon, Baltimore Co. Exec. Johnny Olszewski Jr., Delegate Lauren Arian, and Winston Wilkerson, Chief of Staff for the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce thanks and welcomes the following new members. Please support these members.

L2 Defense Inc.
443-253-1437
www.l2defense.com

White Marsh Mall
410-931-7101
www.whitemarshmall.com

Self Storage Plus
410-687-8050
www.selfstorageplus.com

White Marsh Law Firm
410-687-6042
www.whitemarshlaw.com

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Please join us for the following upcoming Chamber events. Additional details and registration information can be found on our website – www.chesapeakechamber.org.

Membership Meeting: A Passion for Partnerships

Wednesday, October 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Eastern Technical High School

1100 Mace Avenue, Essex, MD 21221

Meet new BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams and learn how local schools and businesses are partnering for mutual benefit.

\$15 for Chamber members, \$20 for Non-Members

New & Prospective Member Orientation

Thursday, October 24, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Chamber Office

405 Williams Court, Suite 108, Middle River, MD 21220

Join us to learn the benefits of membership and how we can help you meet your goals.

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