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Business News from The City of Frederick, Maryland

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BUSINESS IN FREDERICK MARYLAND

Greetings!

Frederick has continued to hit solid homers all summer with game winning plays like the Frederick Key's recent announcement that the [Orioles Affiliated High A Minor League Team](#) will play at Harry Grove Stadium next season. This is the result of a triple play partnership between the City, Maryland Stadium Authority, and team owner Attain Sports for nearly \$40 million in stadium improvements which are fully underway. Other major plays include the opening of Serenity Swimming, FCPS Career Coaches business tour, and more. Top pitchers were on deck for the [Chamber's Annual She Pitch Competition](#) which was a sold-out event with our local aces receiving cash awards. In other news, talent scouts report that Frederick's Food Business Entrepreneur Program at FCC, in partnership with the City DED and County Ag Department, is being recognized for an [International Economic Development Council \(IEDC\) Gold Award](#).

Check out these and other stories about Frederick's field of dreams here in this issue of Frederick Business eNews.

Best,



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[Making Waves: The Road to Entrepreneurship with Serenity Swimming](#)

Launching a business is a lot like learning to swim—you start by dipping your toes in the water, then you practice, tread through challenges, and finally make a splash when you reach your goals. For [Serenity Swimming](#), the dream of providing private

swim lessons in Frederick has been years in the making.



Frederick County Career Coaches Explore Local Economic Development

The Downtown Frederick Partnership recently hosted a professional development day for Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) **Career Coaching staff**, offering a comprehensive overview of economic development in Frederick County through a panel of local partners.



Frederick Receives 2025 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award from IEDC

Frederick's Food Business Entrepreneurship Program and local partners have been **awarded** the 2025 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).



Maryland Department of Commerce Secretary Tours Frederick

DED, Frederick County Office of Economic Development (FCOED), Visit Frederick - Maryland, and other partners hosted the **Maryland Department of Commerce** Secretary, Harry Coker Jr., for a full day in Frederick showcasing our community's innovation, talent, and growth. Highlights included a partners breakfast, industry tours, and a luncheon with tourism leaders. The visit was a spotlight on Frederick's role as a growing hub for biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, and tourism.



2025 S.H.E. Pitch Recap: Construction and Cookies Win First Place

The **2025 S.H.E. Pitch** competition put Frederick's women entrepreneurs in the spotlight once again, with finalists pitching ideas and established businesses before a live audience and panel of judges. The City of Frederick's Department of Economic Development, a long-time sponsor of S.H.E. Pitch, served on both the judging



[The City of Frederick Launches Nation's First City Government Returnship Program](#)

Frederick is making history with the launch of its first-ever city government returnship program, the [first of its kind](#) in the U.S. Created by the Office of Opportunity and Transformation (OOT), the City-wide program helps experienced professionals reenter the workforce.



[Maryland Biotech: Opportunities to Connect and Innovate This Fall](#)

As part of the BioHealth Capital Region (BHCR), Maryland's life sciences sector continues to receive national accolades as the [#3 ranked biopharma cluster in the United States](#). This fall, the calendar is packed with events that promote industry connections within the industry, commercialization and entrepreneurial opportunities and collaborative initiatives in biotech.



[Register for the 10th Annual techfrederick Games!](#)

The [techfrederick Games](#) aim to strengthen the community and foster camaraderie through fun, friendly competition, where one team will ultimately emerge victorious—all while raising awareness of [techfrederick](#) and the participating companies. Join the fun!

[Awards & Attaboys](#)

Sass Magazine is [proud to celebrate](#) the success of its [Summer Beauty Issue](#), released digitally on July 15 and launched with a sold-out release party at Vintage restaurant in New Market, Maryland. The event marked another milestone in Sass's mission to uplift and spotlight women across the region.

AARCH, The African American Resources Cultural and Heritage Society, Inc. [has created](#) The AARCH Society-African American Heritage Center Fund to support the development and creation of an African American Heritage Center at 125 East All Saints Street in downtown

Frederick. The Center will serve as a vital cultural institution, offering exhibits, educational programs, and resources that illuminate the contributions and experiences of African Americans in the region.

iHire announces EDU Solutions Powered by iHire, a comprehensive brand unifying the platform's suite of offerings for the higher and continuing education sectors. **EDU Solutions** combines iHire's top education products under one strategic umbrella to help academic institutions meet their enrollment goals, connect with qualified hires, and upskill students with career readiness programs.

The energy in the Hood College Hodson Auditorium was electric as six women entrepreneurs **took the stage** for the fifth annual S.H.E. Pitch competition. Held during the **Frederick County Chamber of Commerce's** S.H.E. Week, the event showcased women owned business ventures in both their idea and growth stages, offering them a platform for recognition, financial support, and valuable exposure.

Leading accounting and advisory firm, **Brown Plus**, is thrilled **to announce** that it has promoted Courtney Catlin, CPA, into the role of Learning and Development Manager, effective August 1, 2025. Brown Plus is a leading accounting and advisory firm, providing attest, tax and advisory services to clients.

Hood College is proud to announce that its student research team, BlazerBloom, **has been named** one of five national champions in the 2025 AlgaePrize, a prestigious research competition hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The team received the award at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado.

Openings & Anniversaries

Frederick MADE - 130 N. East Street - Expansion and **new location**

Frederick County Chamber of Commerce - 118 N. Market St. - 1000 member celebration

Paris Baguette - 520 Snowshill St Unit I-J - Grand Opening

Frederick County Government Prospect Center - 585 Himes Avenue - Wall Breaking Ceremony

Downtown Thursday Market - now located on Carroll Creek Park near Market Street

Frederick City Market (Sundays) - relocated to 622 N. Market Street near Odin Crossfit and Whitesell's.

Calendar

Frederick Economic Development: Innovation Through Collaboration in Biotech
September 3

City of Frederick Office of Equity and Inclusion: Doing Business with the City 101
September 10

techfrederick: Save the Date - **Quarterly Networking Happy Hour**
September 11

techfrederick: Save the Date: **Quarterly Breakfast on the Data Center project**
September 16

techfrederick: **An Evening with Paul Nakasone**
September 18

Cowork Frederick: **Brain Boost Series: The Great SEO Shift: The “Surviving AI” Playbook**
September 19



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