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Business News from The City of Frederick, Maryland

July 2025

BUSINESS IN FREDERICK MARYLAND

Greetings!

With our Director Richard Griffin traveling internationally this month, I'm honored to step in and share a few updates featured in our July Economic Development eNewsletter:

The interim report for **ACCESS GRANTED** is in! We're excited to spotlight several small businesses that received funding through the City's ACCESS GRANTED program. While final reporting isn't due until year's end, the early success stories are already inspiring — stay tuned as more roll in!

In July, we joined the City in celebrating a major community initiative: the opening of the **City of Frederick's state-of-the-art Police Headquarters**. This long-anticipated project brings the FPD team together under one roof for the first time — a true game changer for public safety in our city. In addition, Governor Wes Moore and the Board of Public Works today approved a **\$7.5 million capital grant** to support the Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center project, a highly anticipated development that will transform local capacity and positioning in the region.

This month, we also leaned into workforce development with two impactful events. First, we convened a panel of biotech HR leaders to discuss growing biotech talent in Frederick, an especially timely conversation as residents and contractors navigate recent federal workforce shifts. We also welcomed **Frederick County Public School Career Coaches** for a behind-the-scenes look at economic development and employer tours with **AstraZeneca, Frederick Health, and Stulz USA**. It was a great way to build bridges between our schools and major local employers.

In other news, we welcomed new businesses, **Penny Mart, Vault of Visions Art Gallery, PEAK Acupuncture and Wellness** and **Serenity Swimming (SHE Pitch winner)** and celebrated other milestones, including the completion of the "rejuvenation" project for **Precision for Medicine**'s office and biorepository at Riverside Research Park and **Engage USA's 25th Anniversary**— congratulations to all!

And while we're halfway through summer, we wanted to make you aware that **stormwater upgrades along East Street** continue to progress. The street remains closed, with reopening expected in late August. In the meantime, please join us in supporting the fantastic small businesses along this corridor — we know they will truly appreciate your support!

Richard will be back in early August, and, as always, our team is here if you need anything. Wishing you a happy and safe summer!

Warm regards,

Mary Ford-Naill

Business News



Growing Biotech Talent in Frederick

This month, more than 70 professionals gathered at New Spire Arts in Downtown Frederick for *Growing Biotech Talent in Frederick*, an evening designed to connect and inform those shaping and leading the Frederick's **biotech landscape**. Attendees learned about the current state of the biotech industry in Frederick, current workforce needs, and how the industry is attracting and retaining talent in the job market.



Board of Public Works Advances \$7.5 Million Capital Grant to Support the First Hotel and Conference Center in Downtown Frederick

Governor Wes Moore and the Board of Public Works today **approved** a \$7.5 million capital grant to support the Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center project.



Exploring Career Pathways Through Economic Development Tour

The City of Frederick's Department of Economic Development and Office of Opportunity and Transformation recently hosted local staff from Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Career Coach Program for an **economic development presentation** and tour of major employers highlighting career opportunities across the city.

Interim Report: Small Business Impact from ACCESS GRANTED

Last year, the City of Frederick awarded \$400,000 in competitive grants to 55 small businesses through its **ACCESS GRANTED** program. Recipients represented a broad mix of industries and

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55 BUSINESSES 400K AWARDED
MARKET GROWTH JOB CREATION

neighborhoods across the city—including health and wellness providers, personal care services, retail shops, food and beverage ventures, tech startups, fitness studios, and creative enterprises.



Governor Announces FCC Award of \$292K to Expand Cutting-Edge Biotech Training

Governor Wes Moore announced that FCC is one of ten recipients (and the only 2-year college) awarded **funding** through Maryland's innovative Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program. This strategic initiative enhances FCC's capacity to support Maryland's thriving biotechnology industry.



Frederick Police Department Opens New Headquarters at 100 All Saints Street

After purchasing the building for its new headquarters from the county in 2021 for \$6 million, the **Frederick Police Department** opened its doors to the facility at 100 All Saints Street in June.



How Bike-Friendly is Frederick?

The City of Frederick is asking for **feedback** from the community as it renews its status as a Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC). Residents, visitors, and City workers are encouraged to complete a public survey from the League of American Bicyclists, which is reviewing the City's application for a Silver-level designation.

Awards & Attaboys

Hood College is launching a minor in sports entertainment and marketing. The **new academic program** will be offered jointly through The George B. Delaplaine Jr. School of Business and the Department of English and Communication Arts.

Green Valley Therapy and **Frederick County Pediatrics** (Fred Co Kids) announce a **groundbreaking partnership** to expand behavioral health services for children and families in the New Market community.

techfrederick recently **received \$250,000** EARN Maryland Grant to Expand their Aspire Tech Training Program, a program designed to help residents build in-demand tech skills, grow within their careers, and strengthen the region's technology workforce.

Hood College is pleased to announce the **appointment of Colby McCarthy** as the College's new vice president for enrollment management. McCarthy will officially join the Hood community on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Danny Foit of **St. Johns Properties** received recognition for **CoStar's 2024 "Power Broker Award"** for *Industrial Lease Properties*. **#CoStarPowerBroker**

Frederick County Office of Economic Development's (FCOED) Senior Business Development Manager Solash Aviles was named one of the 2025 **Daily Record** Leading Women Under 40.

Capital River Wealth Management Advisor Dan Schiffman has been named "**Best in State**" Top Financial Security Professional by Forbes.

Lake Linganore Psychiatry, with headquarters located in the city of Frederick on the Golden Mile, is pleased announce that Dr. Jain has joined its clinical staff. Dr. Jain is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist with over 16 years of experience serving ages 18 and older.

Downtown Frederick Partnership awarded \$55,000 in Mission: Interior **grants** to 20 downtown businesses.

Openings & Anniversaries

Serenity Swimming - 331 Aviation Way, Suite 1 - Grand Opening

Peak Acupuncture & Wellness - 186 Thomas Johnson Drive, Suite 200 - Grand Opening

Penny Mart - 119 South Market Street - Grand Opening

Vault of Vision Art Galley - 1 North Market Street - Grand Opening

Engage USA - 880 N. East Street, Suite 205 - 25th Anniversary

Tire Mart - 43 DeGrange Street - 60th Anniversary

Calendar

SBDC MD: A Roadmap to Your Professional Web Presence

July 31

SBDC MD: Marketing & Branding for Business Success: Build, Grow, and Stand Out

July 31

Frederick County Chamber: Coffee & Contacts August 2025 | CLEAResult

August 1

Frederick County Chamber: City of Frederick Candidate Forum

August 12

SBDC MD: Jump Start Your Business Webinar Series

August 12-14

SBDC MD: How To Increase Employee Engagement Through Internal Communication

August 19

[techfrederick: An Evening with Paul Nakasone](#)
September 18

BioHealth Capital Region: BioHealth Capital Region Forum
September 23-25

Maryland Center for Construction: Education & Innovation Construction Career Day
October 16



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