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Business News from The City of Frederick, Maryland

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BUSINESS IN **FREDERICK** MARYLAND

Greetings!

Frederick's economy is really hopping with more than 10 million square feet of commercial/industrial buildings recently completed, under construction, or in the immediate pipeline representing good jobs and increased non-residential tax base. This was on full display last week at the Frederick BisNow event in downtown Frederick with more than 200 attendees from around the region. Just a few weeks ago my team at DED briefed a packed room at City Hall on the state of Frederick's economic development, showcasing key projects underway including a few unique build-to-suit projects like the 11,000 sf [Maryland Deaf Community Center](#), the 8,000 sf [VFW Post 3285](#) building, and \$40 million in improvements to City owned [Harry Grove Stadium](#). Frederick's development community is very active with key projects at Progress Labs at Riverside (Matan), Ballenger Creek Business Center (Ballenger Creek Dev. LLC), Frederick Commerce Center (Trammell Crow), Frederick Brickworks (Greenberg Gibbons), and Frederick Airport Park (Hannover Co). Frederick's continued commercial/industrial growth has increased the number of jobs available to Frederick's growing population to nearly 57,000. Our team has been working hard to attract investment to Frederick including through the Select USA program and Maryland soft landing program at FITCI. Next week we'll be showcasing Frederick at Bio International.

Recently, I wrapped up a two-year stint as President of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) Board of Directors, and turned over the gavel to my friend and colleague Tammi Thomas with TEDCO. Navigating economic development issues and best practices across the state with MEDA's incredible Executive Director Pam Ruff was both informative and humbling. It was amazing to work collaboratively with the Governor Wes Moore's team across the departments of Labor, Commerce, and Housing/Community Development. We partnered with economic development professionals, elected officials, and MEDA's 575 members to move the needle for Maryland and our own home communities. MEDA's tag line is "Economic Development Transforms Lives" and I believe that having quality, family supporting jobs in Maryland and here in Frederick is critical to sustaining community health. Private business investment and jobs help create the tax base needed to support schools, parks, and public safety. The Pew Research Center [surveyed](#) nearly 19,000 people across 17 advanced economies about what gives them the most sense of satisfaction, and many placed jobs near the top of the list after family.

Check out this issue of Frederick Business eNews for stories on these and more.

Best,



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International Companies Landing in Frederick

For international companies looking to establish a foothold in the United States, Frederick, Maryland, is emerging as a strategic and welcoming first destination. The City of Frederick's Economic Development team, in partnership with local, county, and state organizations, has played a vital role in helping foreign companies secure locations and successfully launch operations here.

Learn more in our [monthly blog](#).



'Go Maryland, Go MEDA, Go Frederick:' Reflections from Former MEDA President Richard Griffin

After two years, the City of Frederick's Department of Economic Development (DED) Director, Richard Griffin, completed his impactful term as President of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA).

Read further about his [reflections](#).



The City of Frederick Strengthens Economic Development Through Partnership with MEDA

As an active participant in MEDA, the City of Frederick DED benefits from shared best practices, collaborative training opportunities, and a strong professional network that increases our ability to support local businesses and attract new investment.

Hear from [Pam Ruff](#) in our Q&A.



Future Ready Frederick is Now Live!

Future Ready Frederick is a community partnership created in response to the workforce challenges facing employees and contractors affected by layoffs or funding changes. The website connects jobseekers with local resources and allows businesses to engage in talent connection and event collaboration.

Get the scoop by visiting the [website](#).



MEDA 2025 Annual Conference Recap - Celebrating Regional Collaboration

The Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) once again brought together the state's economic development professionals, policymakers, and business leaders for an unforgettable annual conference in Cambridge, Maryland. The theme for 2025, *"Maryland's North Star: Regions Coming Together,"* celebrated the power of regional partnerships.

Enjoy the [recap here](#).



2025 Economic Development Overview of the City

The Department of Economic Development hosted the 2025 Economic Development Overview of the City last month, sharing insights, trends and expansion news.

If you missed it, you can [watch the live here](#) and view the [presentation slides](#).

The "Future of Frederick County" at BisNow 2025

The City of Frederick took center stage at BisNow's "Future of Frederick County" event, where commercial real estate professionals from across the region gathered to spotlight Frederick's economic landscape. The event explored how rapid growth in data centers, biotech, manufacturing, and residential



development is reshaping our community and driving new investment.

Get the scoop in [our blog](#).



You're Already Paying for Energy — Here's How to Pay Less

The Sustainability Department featured a [guest blog](#) in this month's newsletter, check it out!

Small business owners in Frederick work through their fair share of challenges and opportunities — but there's one area where most business owners still feel like they have no control: their energy costs.

Awards & Attaboys

Frederick Health Hospice is [excited to announce](#) that Korey Cobb has joined the nonprofit organization as its new Director, only the third director since the hospice was founded in 1980. [Learn more](#) about Korey and the full story.

3 Roads Communications, Inc., of Frederick, Maryland [won four prestigious Telly Awards](#) for Documentaries, Social Interest Videos and Nonprofit Videos they produced last year. Three of the four videos were awarded prestigious Silver Tellys, and one, Bronze.

The Frederick Health Board of Directors is [pleased to announce](#) the appointment of Cheryl Cioffi, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE as the next President and Chief Executive Officer of the healthcare system. Dr. Cioffi's appointment followed a comprehensive and thorough succession planning and executive search process.

Downtown Frederick Partnership has been designated as a [2025 Accredited Program](#) by Main Street America for meeting rigorous performance standards. Each year, Main Street America and its partners announce the list of designated programs to recognize their exceptional commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach™.

Executive Director of the **Asian American Center of Frederick**, Elizabeth Chung, was awarded the AAPI Heritage Month Community Champion Business Leader Award by the **Comptroller of Maryland**.

NanoBioFAB CEO, Dr. Xiaonao Liu, PhD, was [honored](#) with the Community Champion Award at the [inaugural](#) Maryland AAPI Heritage Awards by the **Comptroller of Maryland**.

Bates Architects LLC won an award of excellence from the **Frederick County Building Industry Association** for "Design & Architecture Division Best Commercial" for their work with **True Standard Distilling**.

TEDCO, Maryland's economic engine for technology companies, [announced](#) a recent \$250,000 Pre-Seed Builder Fund investment in **NanoBioFab**. The Pre-Seed Builder Fund invests in and provides executive support to Maryland-based technology companies run by entrepreneurs who demonstrate economic disadvantages.

The **Frederick County Chamber of Commerce** is [proud to announce](#) it has officially reached 1,000 active members, a significant milestone in the Chamber's long-standing history of serving the Frederick County business community.

Openings & Anniversaries

Unrivaled Iron Gym - 605 E. Church Street - Expansion
Crunch Frederick - 1051 W. Patrick Street/**Golden Mile** - Grand Opening
True Standard Distilling - 10 N. Carroll Street - Grand Opening
ProSource Wholesale of Frederick - 8450 Broadband Drive, Unit A-C, Grand Opening.
Bloom Health NP - 3 College Ave. - 3rd Anniversary
Woman to Woman Mentoring - 22 S. Market Street, Suite 321 - 10th Anniversary
Wastler's Barber Shop - 48 N. Market Street - 60th Anniversary
Harry Grove Stadium - 21 Stadium Drive - Ceremonial Ground Breaking - Stadium Improvements

Calendar

SBDC MD: Fundamentos Esenciales de los Estados Financieros
June 18

Frederick County Chamber: June 2020 Business Card Exchange - Charm City Run
June 18

Hood College: From Science to Startup: The Entrepreneurial Journey 2-Day Bioscience Workshop
June 26-27

SBDC MD: Planning for Business Ownership
July 9

SBDC MD: Como Desarrollar una Estrategia de Crecimiento
July 10

Fredeirck County Chamber: July Coffee and Contacts
July 11

FCWS: SAVE THE DATE: Bio Tech in Frederick - Panel Discussion and Networking Event
July 16



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