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Business News from The City of Frederick, Maryland

April 2025

BUSINESS IN **FREDERICK** MARYLAND

Greetings!

Having the [Maryland School for the Deaf](#) (MSD) in Frederick, along with the [Maryland Deaf Community Center](#) (MDCC), and many Deaf-owned businesses, bring significant cultural, social, and economic value to the community. Check out this issue of City of Frederick's Business eNews for articles on the new MDCC under construction on N. East Street along with stories featuring several Deaf owned businesses. Frederick values itself as a cultural hub where American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf identity are preserved and celebrated. This enriches the local culture and raises awareness of Deaf culture in Frederick and beyond. Additionally, there is economic empowerment and job creation through Deaf-owned businesses, and many Frederick businesses are ASL-Friendly – which provides safe and welcoming spaces for ASL users.

Also in this issue, is a story about what's driving Frederick's top employers and about SCORE, which is one of the organizations that provides business planning services to Frederick startups. This past weekend, the annual Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) annual conference was held in Cambridge, for which I have been the Board President for the past two years and will be passing the torch to my long-time colleague and friend Tammi Thomas with TEDCO. The conference brought together several hundred in attendance and great programs and discussions.

April showers bring May flowers...

Best,



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[First Deaf Community Center in Maryland](#)



Construction is underway for **Maryland's first Deaf Community Center** - and it's going to be an amazing addition to the Frederick Community! The Center will be the first in the State of Maryland to provide a space for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community to interact with each other as well as with the hearing community.



From Values to Vision: What Drives Frederick's Top Employers

In our exploration of the **top 20** largest employers in Frederick, we had the opportunity **to interview** Morgan-Keller, Aldi, and R.W. Warner, Inc. to gain insights into their experiences and perspectives as leading employers that contribute to the local economy.



How Deaf Owned Businesses Are Shaping Frederick

In Frederick—a city known for its strong Deaf community—several Deaf-owned businesses are redefining what inclusive entrepreneurship looks like. This month, **we highlight three of those businesses** that continue to lead with vision, authenticity, and impact.



Not Your Grandpa's SCORE: A New Era in Business Mentorship

When most people hear the name "SCORE," they might imagine a network of retired executives offering advice to mom-and-pop shops. **SCORE** has **undergone a transformation**, from a traditional advisory group into a modernized hub for entrepreneurs from all backgrounds.

Awards & Attaboys

Carr Tech Corp, located at **FITCI** in Frederick and a medical device startup founded by

pharmacist-turned-entrepreneur Sue Carr, **proudly announces** that the company has received FDA 510(k) Class II clearance for its flagship product, FROG (Filter Removal of Glass), an all-in-one filter needle designed to enhance safety and efficiency in medication preparation and administration.

Each April, **Frederick Health** partners with **Infinite Legacy** to bring attention to **National Donate Life Month**. The goal of National Donate Life Month is to increase awareness about the decision to be an organ donor, honoring deceased and living donors, and celebrating the lives they saved through donations.

Shumaker Roofing Co., a trusted name in Frederick County since the 1940s, announces its **certification** as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) under the leadership of service-disabled veteran Tyler Schisler.

Hood College is proud to announce that Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Cheryl Dyson, DOL'22, and Associate Professor of Political Science Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs, Ph.D., distinguished leaders in education and public service, will serve at the **featured speakers** for the College's 128th Commencement Ceremonies.

Openings & Anniversaries

RAK YARD - 400 Sagner Ave, Unit 100 - Grand Opening

Artists & Wolves - 416 N. Market Street - Grand Opening

Green Valley Therapy - 2045 Broadway Street, Unit 310- Grand Opening

True Standard Distilling - 10 N. Carroll Street, Grand Opening

Alora Pure - 107 E. Patrick Street - Grand Opening

Law Office of Lena A. Clark - 129 W. Patrick Street, Suite 11 - 10th Anniversary

Calendar

The First Maryland Virtual Job Fair

May 1

SBDC MD: Get Legit: The Step-by-Step Guide to Legally Starting Your Business in Maryland

May 6

Frederick County Chamber Lunch & Learn: How to Create Marketing That Works

May 7

Frederick County Chamber: Nonprofit Alliance: A Look into Local Nonprofit Trends

May 8

Maryland Department of Commerce: AI for Smart Manufacturing Productivity Forum

May 13

SBDC MD: Tax Planning for Growth: How to Legally Minimize Your Business Taxes

May 14

SBDC MD: Success Strategies For Choosing A Franchise Business

May 14

City of Frederick, Department of Economic Development: Economic Overview 2025

May 28

techfrederick: Lunch and Learn - AI Agents, From Basics to Business Applications

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