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Business News from The City of Frederick, Maryland

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BUSINESS IN FREDERICK MARYLAND

Greetings!

I hope you agree that the Frederick's fall foliage has been beautiful this year as we've has slipped into those cool nights and warm days of autumn. These days also bring so many fun Frederick festivals and events -including many sponsored by DED - such as the famous techfrederick Games at Baker Park with over 30 teams who have competed and represented a who's who of Frederick tech companies. FITCI recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with hundreds of attendees, and Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) hosted the first ever Maryland Mainstreet Conference here in Frederick at the Weinberg Theater with nearly 400 registered attendees. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Secretary Jake Day were the signature sponsors and helped lead the conversation about best practices in Maryland's downtowns. I am proud of the DED team which helped plan, support, and sponsor these business events and so much more. Please check out these stories and more in this issue of Frederick Business eNews. And get outside and enjoy the bright leaves and brisk air.

Best,



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[City of Frederick Access Granted](#)

The City received more than 350 applications with requests equaling more than \$11 million dollars. The Access GrantED fund is \$400,000 and the selection team is reviewing, scoring and recommending award for [Access Granted](#) applicants.



Communication is forthcoming - Stay tuned.



Techfrederick Games - Wrap Up

Techfrederick annual Tech Games crowned a new winner for 2024 - **WLR Automotive Group**. Through the support of 23 generous sponsors, techfrederick was able to host 34 teams of community professionals to compete in 10 events, with more than 250 participants, volunteers, and spectators were present!

Not sure what the Tech Games are? Learn more on [their website](#) and consider joining the fun next year.



FCC Food Entrepreneurship Program

The latest cohort of Frederick Community College's **Food Business Entrepreneurship program** recently finished up and class participants were provided an opportunity to pitch to judges about their future food business ventures! The City's Department of Economic Development as well as the County's Office of Agriculture were sponsor's of the successful event. Follow the story [here](#) and learn who the recent winners are.

New Professional Development Series for Artists and Arts Nonprofits

The creative economy significantly enhances the quality of life in Frederick and supports its vibrant business community. This fall, the Weinberg Center for the Arts launched a series of Professional Development Workshops for artists and arts nonprofits. These workshops provide essential tools, resources, and networking opportunities.



[City of Frederick Junior Entrepreneur Pitch Competition](#)

On Tuesday, October 29, 2024, The City of Frederick hosted its first-ever Junior Entrepreneur Pitch Competition. This competition aimed to foster creativity and entrepreneurial spirit among youth, providing them with a platform to showcase their ideas, practice public speaking, and receive valuable feedback from experienced judges. Winners of the competition can be found on [our blog](#).

START A NEW CAREER IN THE BIOTECH INDUSTRY

BIOTECH BOOT CAMP

Frederick Community College, Frederick County Workforce Services, Office of Economic Development, FREDERICK Economic Development, Maryland MEP

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

January 6 - January 31, 2025
@ Frederick Community College

PAST-PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Average starting salary ranges from \$24 - \$30K

“I got the opportunity to explore a field in which I previously had absolutely no experience. As a direct result of my participation in the program, I secured a position at a dynamic company in a booming industry. I am beyond grateful for my introduction to biotech and for my new career.”

No Cost - for participants motivated to start a career in Biotech.

No prior biotech experience required.

Virtual Information Session

To learn more about the 2025 Biotech Boot Camp, please join us for a Virtual Information Session.

Date: November 1, 2024 Time: 10:00 AM Location: ZOOM

Scan the QR Code to register for the Information Session

[Biotech Bootcamp Info Session November 1](#)

Here's a great way to jumpstart your career with an entry point into the local biotech industry. The Biotech Boot Camp is a free, 4-week, training program designed to help jobseekers gain the fundamental skills necessary to enter Frederick's growing biotech industry. The program is intended for both first-time and experienced workers looking for a new career pathway. Following the successful completion of the course, program participants will be guaranteed an interview with local/regional biotech companies. The next [information session](#) is November 1st!

[Fort Detrick Alliance/FITCI Tech Showcase](#)

Join us for the FDA-FITCI **15th Annual Technology Showcase**, November 21st. This will be held at FITCI's beautiful new EDGE location. Here you will have the opportunity to engage with a variety of small business and technology transfer



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resources at Fort Detrick and near Frederick. Featured will be all the start-up companies in various stages of development at FITCI's EDGE.



City of Frederick Recognizes Economic Development Week with Proclamation

Mayor Michael O'Connor recently joined the Board of Aldermen in celebration of Economic Development Week, which ran from Oct 21 -25. The City of Frederick remains an economically viable, thriving community because of its job creation, entrepreneurship, and commercial investment locally and statewide. The City's workforce benefits from access to 57,000 jobs and over 3,900 businesses here and contributes substantially to the economic growth, health and sustainability of Frederick County and the state of Maryland.

Awards & Attaboys

Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP) of Frederick County is proud to celebrate their 10th year of service to Frederick County on November 7, 2024. In 2014, a 12-year-old male student arrived at school in Frederick County with a very warn pair of flip flops. These shoes no longer provided substantial support, just enough to prevent feet from directly touching ground surfaces. To learn about that student's happy ending and how SHIP was started, [read here](#).

Forrest Popkin, AIA, joined **Bates Architects** as Vice President and Partner in September 2024. Popkin worked with Bates Architects between 2010 and 2018, earning his license in 2017, and worked at other Maryland architecture firms [before returning](#).

Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc recently celebrated its 20th anniversary nurturing entrepreneurship & innovation in Frederick County. [Read on](#) to learn about FITCI's start and history.

Frederick County Chamber of Commerce recently announced its new Board of Directors, which is future-focused and ready to help elevate Chamber work and influence. You're certain to know more than one of these influential [business folks!](#)

Hearts House, a nonprofit organization that has been a cornerstone of support for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse in Frederick County, announces the departure of its long-standing President and Executive Director. [Learn more](#) about the new Director and plans for this important organization.

Openings & Anniversaries

[Roggenart European Bakery, Bistro & Cafe](#) - 81305 West 7th Street - Grand Opening
[Structures Salon](#) - 38 South Market Street- **30th Anniversary**
[Gladstone Psychiatric and Wellness](#) - 50 Carroll Creek Way, Suite 320 - Grand Opening
[FITCI](#) - 321 Ballenger Center Dr., Suite 125 - **20th Anniversary**
[Norberg Wealth](#) - 420 West Patrick Street - Grand Opening
[Roy Rogers](#) - 1240 West Patrick Street - Remodel
[Justice Jobs](#) - 22 S. Market Street, Suite 110 - New Location

Calendar

Maryland Women's Business Center: Maximizing the Use of Square Terminals
November 7

SBDC MD: A Roadmap to Your Professional Web Presence
November 11

SBDC MD: Independent Contractors-What To Know No Matter On What Side You Are Positioned
November 14

EmployABILITY Showcase, Frederick County's Reverse Job Fair for People with Disabilities
November 19

FITCI: FITCI Tuesday Tours, Talks, and 'Tails
November 19

Maryland Women's Business Center - Business Insurance 101
November 20

Frederick County Chamber: November Business Card Exchange
November 20

Fort Detrick Alliance: 15th Annual FDA/FITCI Tech Showcase
November 21



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