

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy Holidays from the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce! Hopefully, at this point, you are ready to enjoy the spirit of the season. You may even be considering what your New Year's resolutions might be. What would you like to do in 2019 to ensure your personal and professional growth? What can you do to improve the success of a business or non-profit organization with which you are affiliated?

I'd like to encourage you to get involved in the Chamber to help yourself, the Chamber and the community we serve. We're looking for dedicated volunteers who are willing to lend a hand and their expertise to a variety of initiatives and committees. We also have quite a few opportunities to market your business or show your support through sponsorships. Here are a few suggestions:

Want to share your expertise by holding a seminar? The Chamber has a conference room that members can use for free, and we currently are looking for speakers for our 2019 seminar series. Or perhaps you want to learn a new skill yourself. We have experts who can teach you.

- Want to share your news or knowledge by writing an article? Consider the Chamber's e-newsletter.
- Is participating in a trade show part of your plan? The Chamber offers trade show and other sponsorship opportunities with robust visibility packages.
- Looking for advertising which will be seen by hundreds of local organizations? Consider the Chamber's directory or program
- How will you meet prospective customers? In addition to an average of three events per month, the Chamber offers links from our website to our members' sites, and we provide referrals Members prefer to do business with other members.
- Want to get to know the governmental and business leaders in eastern Baltimore County? Chamber events are where you will meet these individuals and hear breaking news of what's happening

in this area.

- Want to give back to the community but don't know how? Let the Chamber help you identify groups and projects which will further your company's mission.
- Would you like to serve on a committee or help plan a special event? Contact the Chamber, and we'll help you identify an opportunity that meets your needs and talents.

Our members are frequently asked why they belong to the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce, and this is what I hear them say, Friendly people. Great programs..making significant and positive change in our community. They care about their members' success. So if you are thinking about your New Year's resolutions, hopefully becoming an active member of the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce will be one of them.

Sharon Kihn

Executive Director

## BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE JOHN "JOHNNY O" OLSZEWSKI, JR. TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL DINNER

The Chamber is pleased to announce that our new County Executive, Johnny Olszewski, Jr., will be the guest speaker for the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Business Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Martin's East. In addition, the evening will include an awards ceremony to honor local businesses and individuals who are setting the standards for excellence and innovation with their business practices and community involvement. The inauguration of the 2019 Chamber Board of Directors also will take place that night.

Tickets are \$75 per person and include dinner. Please visit the Chamber website – www.chesapeakechamber.org – to register. Sponsorships and program advertising are available. Contact the Chamber at 443.317.8763 for more information about these opportunities.

On November 29 at Columbus Gardens in Nottingham, the Chamber held its 11th Annual Salute to Hometown Heroes program, where local fire, police, hospital and military personnel were recognized for their service. Heroes included:



## **Volunteer Fire and Rescue Companies**

Essex: EMT Edward A. Sittler Middle River: Lieutenant Daniel Mroz Kingsville: Board Member, Building Project Manager Edward Griffiths Rosedale: Firefighter John J. Harding White Marsh: Lieutenant Zachary Wiedeck

#### **Baltimore County Fire Department**

Essex Station 7: EMT/Firefighter Ian Beanland Fullerton Station 8: EMT/Firefighter Cynthia S. Gee Parkville Station 10: Paramedic/Firefighter Jesse Knox Middle River Station 12: Fire Lieutenant Dawn M. Miller Golden Ring Station 16: Paramedic/Firefighter Thomas Gagliano Chase Station 54: Paramedic Rachael N. Belcher Perry Hall Station 55: Fire Specialist Darryl McCray, Sr.

## **Baltimore County Police Department**

Parkville Precinct 8: Officer First Class Rodney Alonzo Kenion White Marsh Precinct 9: Officer Tyler Rivers Essex Precinct 11: Officer First Class Trae Lindsay Auxiliary Police: Officer Emmanuel Espinal K-9 Unit: Officer First Class Joshua List

# Marvland State Police

Senior Trooper Rodney Byrd

Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police

Officer First Class Brian Heckman

Community College of Baltimore County

Johns Hopkins Corporate Security Protective Services Officer Musa Ikram

Maryland Air National Guard, 175th Wing

First Lieutenant Danyelle Long

Maryland Civil Air Patrol Lieutenant Colonel Walter Coats, Jr.

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center Burn Technician Sanovia Lee-Oden

MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center Social Worker - Case Management Jhila M. Medghalchi Special thanks go to all who donated goods, services or funds in support of this terrific program, as well as our sponsors

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# ADDITIONAL UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Please join us for the following upcoming Chamber events. Additional details and registration information can be found on our website - www.chesapeakechamber.org.

#### New & Prospective Member Orientation - FREE

Wednesday, January 16, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce office 405 Williams Court, Suite 108, Baltimore, MD 21220 If you are a new member to the Chamber or are thinking about joining, come enjoy a light breakfast, meet other members, and learn how to utilize all that the Chamber has to offer.

#### **MEGA Networking Event**

Wednesday, January 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sheraton Baltimore North, 903 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, MD 21204 \$35 for members in advance (\$40 at the door); \$45 for non-members (\$50 at the door) Network with businesses throughout Baltimore County at this special annual event.

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