



# Message from the President



We always have something going on at the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce, and this month has been no exception! The variety of events and activities we host illustrates the diversity of our businesses and our community. We got off to a great start this last month with a Talk, Taste, & Tour on April 19th at Williamsburg Homes at Greenleigh. This new community is poised to take off with other businesses and neighborhoods along the Route 43 corridor. This project has brought an urban-inspired community that combines a variety of amenities. Tours of two different models were available, and they were quite impressive. Our Chamber is glad to have Williamsburg Homes as a member and we look forward to more exciting news from the Greenleigh project over the coming months!

On April 25th, along with the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce and numerous other local chambers and business associations, our Chamber co-hosted the Baltimore County Executive Forum at Delta Hotels Baltimore Hunt Valley. This event introduced the seven candidates for County Executive including Councilwoman Vicki Almond, Senator Jim Brochin, Delegate Pat McDonough, former Delegate John Olszewski Jr., Maryland Insurance Commissioner Al Redmer, Jr., Kevin Marron, and Tony Solesky. Moderated by the Baltimore Business Journal, a healthy question and answer session was held, and each candidate stated their priorities and vision for Baltimore County beyond this November's election.

Our Workforce Development Committee has been busy this spring. In addition to preparing for our June Awards for Excellence in Education, the committee piloted our Chamber's Plates of Hope Program from April 30th – May 4th. Several local restaurants, including Buffalo Wild Wings, Carson's Creekside Restaurant & Lounge, Crab Quarters, Marco's Pizza, Red Brick Station Restaurant & Brew Pub, and Texas Roadhouse all donated 10%-20% of diner's checks to help local homeless students. The pilot was very successful, and plans already are being made to expand and include more restaurants next year. Special thanks goes to these local restaurants for their generosity and their support of students in our community.

The Annual Legislative Wrap-up Luncheon was held on May 15th at Carson's Creekside and was a very well-attended and informative event. Our District 6, 7, and 8 Senators and Delegates provided our businesses and community members with an overview on the issues facing our region and the results of proposed legislation in Annapolis during this past legislative session. The Chesapeake Gateway and Dundalk Chambers of Commerce would like to extend our thanks to State Senators Johnny Ray Salling, Kathy Klausmeier, and J.B. Jennings, along with Delegates Bob Long, Rick Metzger, Robin Grammer, Jr., Pat McDonough, Kathy Szeliga, Eric Bromwell, and Joe Cluster for taking time out of their busy schedules to

share their challenges and successes with our Chamber membership. A moment of silence also was held for our recently departed County Executive, Kevin Kamenetz. The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and membership would like to extend our sincerest condolences to County Executive Kamenetz's family and friends.

We're looking forward to more developments as we move into June, primarily with the Chamber's Eastern Baltimore County Task Force and their work with Baltimore County to obtain a Sustainable Community Designation for Essex from the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development. Big things for our Chamber and our region could be coming with this designation. Please stay tuned, as our Task Force is working hard to better position eastern Baltimore County for funding opportunities related to revitalization, clean-up, and beautification projects. And as always, please consider joining us to see what our Chamber can do for your business and your community!

Thank you.  
Jaime Alvarez  
Chamber President

## UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Don't miss the following upcoming Chamber events. Additional details and registration information can be found on our website – [www.chesapeakechamber.org](http://www.chesapeakechamber.org).

### Chamber Carnival by Rosedale Attractions & Shows, Inc.

May 24-28, May 30-June 2  
Grounds of Lockheed Martin Corporation on Eastern Blvd. in Middle River  
FREE Admission

### Awards for Excellence in Education

Thursday, June 14, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Community College of Baltimore County – Essex Campus  
7201 Rossville Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21237  
\$15 per person

### 2nd MEGA Networking Breakfast

Tuesday, June 19, 8:00-9:30 a.m.  
DoubleTree by Hilton Pikesville  
1726 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208  
\$25 Chamber Members, \$35 at Door; \$40 Non-Members (breakfast included)

### Golf Tournament with CCBC Foundation

Thursday, June 21, 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, Rocky Point Golf Club  
1935 Back River Neck Rd, Essex, MD 21221  
1:00 p.m. Lunch, Baltimore Yacht Club  
800 Baltimore Yacht Club Rd, Essex, MD 21221  
\$100/per golfer (includes lunch); \$35/lunch only; sponsorships available

The Chamber currently has openings for sponsors for our 2018 events. Sponsor packages offer many benefits and range in price from \$125 for a literature table to \$5,000 for Titanium sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring a Chamber event, please contact Sharon Kihn at the Chamber for details.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber would like to welcome and thank the following organizations which recently joined the Chamber. Please support these members.

### Bri-Bet Security Solutions

443-278-4477  
[www.bri-bet.com](http://www.bri-bet.com)

### Home Inspection Services

410-371-9376  
[www.homeinspectservice.com](http://www.homeinspectservice.com)

### Forze XXIV Training Gym

667-401-5100  
[www.forzegym.com](http://www.forzegym.com)

### Williamsburg Homes

410-997-8800  
[www.williamsburgllc.com](http://www.williamsburgllc.com)



Congratulations to Bri-Bet Security Solutions on their Grand Opening on May 15. Visit them at 11605 Crossroads Circle, Suite C in Middle River. Pictured (L to R) are Andy Purdie, Bri-Bet; Sharon Kihn, Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce; Brian Kunkel and Beth Leeger Kunkel, owners of Bri-Bet; and MD Insurance Commissioner Al Redmer, Jr.

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