

# Message from the Executive Director



May and June are two of the busiest months of the year for the Chamber. In addition to the May New & Prospective Member Orientation and the Legislative Wrap-up Luncheon, we had a great time hanging out with the staff and animals at Marshy Point Nature Center. This local attraction is a great way to spend a day with the family this summer. The last Chamber event in May was our carnival, held by Rosedale Attractions & Shows on the grounds of Lockheed Martin in Middle River. We hope that many of you had the opportunity to go to the carnival, despite the weather

Chamber members received a special invitation to the Discover Greenleigh Luncheon on June 6. Project leaders and local elected officials shared details on the progress of this 1,000 acre Middle River project, including news regarding the opening of the SpringHill Suites by Marriott hotel, The Berkleigh (a 317-unit luxury apartment complex) and the new Stanley Black & Decker office building, which will bring 400 new jobs to the area. The event was dedicated to the late Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, whose vision is coming to fruition. When completed, Greenleigh at Crossroads is expected to attract 10,000 new jobs and have 828,000 square feet of flex and warehouse space, 744,000 square feet of office space, 188,000 square feet of retail, and 1,900 residential units. If you would like to learn more about this huge project, please join us for an Economic Development Update Luncheon on Tuesday, July 10 at The Berkleigh (see details below).



On June 14 at the Community College of Baltimore County – Essex Campus, the Chamber held its Annual Awards for Excellence in Education reception. Sponsored by CCBC-Essex Campus, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Kumon Math & Reading Center of Perry Hall, Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park – White Marsh and The Romadka Family Partnership, this event honors teachers and support professionals from our community, who have made an outstanding contribution to education. Award recipients this year included: Nicole Desz from Orems Elementary School, Julie DeGraff from Deep Creek Magnet Middle School, Kristen Nielsen from Crossroads Center, Dr. Ann Kaiser Stearns from CCBC and Frank Madden from Mars Estates Elementary School. Teachers who were award finalists included: Rani Baksh from Martin Boulevard Elementary School, Amy DeNike from Kingsville Elementary School, Julie Krause from Hawthorne Elementary School, Linsey Rains from Sussex Elementary School, Lisa Wilson from Mars Estates Elementary School, Tonya Anderson from Perry Hall Middle School, Mathew Doty from Chesapeake High School, Denisse Villaran from Kenwood High School and Daniel Lewis from CCBC. Support professionals who were finalists included: Anita Collins from Deep Creek Magnet Middle School, Denise Connor-Phyall from Kenwood High School, April Johnson from Hawthorne Elementary School, Susan Nolder from Martin Boulevard Elementary School and Barron Singleton from Crossroads Center. We congratulate all recients and finalist and thank you for all that you do for our children.

Many organizations discontinue programs and events over the summer. The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber continues to meet, and we hope you will take this opportunity to join us for some of our events. We also hope that you will take some time off for a well-deserved vacation this summer. Regardless of whether you go away or just enjoy some of the wonderful attractions we have right here in Baltimore County, time off is good for your mental and physical health. Taking a sufficient break from the office enables you to return to work feeling better, with a more positive attitude, less stress and an ability be more productive and effective. For more information on dining, attractions and events in Baltimore County, visit www. enjoybaltimorecounty.com.

Sharon Kihn Executive Director

## **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.

#### **Golf Tournament with CCBC Foundation**

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

## **Economic Development Update: Route 43, Crossroads & Greenleigh Projects**

Tuesday, July 10, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Berkleigh 6221 Greenleigh Avenue Middle River, MD 21220 \$25 for Chamber Members \$35 for Non-Members (lunch and bus tour included)

#### Talk, Taste & Tour Networking Event

Thursday, July 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
AAA Club Allied
5375 Campbell Boulevard
White Marsh, MD 21236
\$10 for Chamber Members; \$15 for Non-Members

### **New & Prospective Member Orientation**

Tuesday, July 24, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce 405 Williams Court, Suite 108 Middle River, MD 21220 FREE

## <u>Lunch & Learn: "Harnessing the Power of Online Marketing"</u> Speaker: Lowell Sheets, Sheets and Associates

Tuesday, August 14, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Zesto Pizza & Grill

750 Concourse Circle

Middle River, MD 21220

\$10 for Chamber Members; \$15 for Non-Members (pizza lunch included)

#### **MEGA Networking on the Waterfront**

Wednesday, August 29, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Eastern Yacht Club
2330 Seneca Road
Essex, MD 21221
\$25 for Chamber Members; \$35 at Door; \$40 for Non-Members

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