



# GSSCC Weekly Update

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August 4, 2014

## Register This Week for GSSCC's August Networking Breakfast

...scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. next Wednesday, August 13, at **The Sheraton Silver Spring**. Click [here](#) to log in and register by this Friday, August 8, to pay the member price of \$20 per person.

## 4th Annual Joint GSSCC-BCCCC Speed Networking Extravaganza – DON'T MISS IT!

“Great networking!” “Best event I’ve ever attended!” “Met so many potential new clients!” These were just a few of the comments heard about last year’s joint GSSCC-BCCCC Speed Networking Extravaganza. And, this year’s event promises much more of the same. When: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20. Where: The Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club (7719 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda). Who: Held in conjunction with the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, this event draws more than 100 guests from Silver Spring and Bethesda. Pre-registered attendance by Monday, August 18, is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members. Registrations received after August 18 will be \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Click [here](#) to log in and register.

## GSSCC MEMBER NEWS

\* **Cornerstone Montgomery** will host its inaugural charity golf tournament on Tuesday, October 7, at The Members Club at Four Streams, in Poolesville. The event begins with a BBQ lunch at 11:30 a.m., shamble-style tournament at 1:30 p. m., and a dinner reception and awards ceremony following golf. The event includes a live auction for major sports related experiences. For information about sponsorship opportunities, or to reserve a foursome, visit [www.cornerstonemontgomery.org](http://www.cornerstonemontgomery.org) or call 240-355-5718.

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## GSSCC's Committee Meetings in August

\* Joint meeting of **Economic Development Committee** and **Government Affairs Committee** – 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, AFI Conference Room, Meeting with David Dise re status of Silver Spring Transit Center (*Seating is limited, so please call by Tuesday, August 5, to register.*)

\* **Young Professionals Group Planning Meeting** – 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19

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## **August 7, 2014 -- SPECIAL REPORT**

### **Work on Silver Spring Transit Center Begins Today**

Crews were on the job at 7 a.m. this morning to begin the necessary repairs on the Silver Spring Transit Center. According to Montgomery County Department of General Services Director David Dise, who met with the GSSCC Economic Development and Government Affairs Committees this morning, everyone - the contractors, the designers, Montgomery County, WMATA, and the engineers - are all in agreement on the plan and are committed to making the necessary repairs to get the Center open. Crews will be adding metal braces and "cap ties" to provide the necessary horizontal rigidity to the girders. They will also be adding struts through the existing beams to deal with concerns about torsion/twisting. And, they will be applying layer of latex modified concrete to the surface to address concerns about concrete thickness and durability. Dise was not yet able to provide an exact time frame for completion, pointing out that much of the work is tedious and must be done by hand. However, he said that the County is in discussions with the contractor about keeping its crews on longer hours in order to finish everything more quickly. He noted that as plans for the repairs were being hammered out over the past several months, crews were on the site removing problem areas, sidewalks, ADA ramps, expansion joints, floor drains, and the like, and roughing up the surface in preparation for the final remediation efforts. He also said that the contractors and engineers had done tests of all the planned "fixes" to make sure that they will work, and make sure all parties - contractor, County, and WMATA - agreed on the plan. GSSCC will continue to follow the progress of the repairs and report any relevant updates to our members.

### **Shark Week Comes Back to Silver Spring This Weekend!**

Join **Discovery Communications** for a free screening of *Air Jaws - Fin of Fury* this Friday, August 8, at 8 p.m. on the Fountain Plaza in **Downtown Silver Spring**. Arrive early for official Shark Week swag.

### **Vote for Your Favorite Silver Spring Business in this Year's Gazette Best of Montgomery**

This week through September 22, **The Gazette** is once again accepting votes for "*The Best of Montgomery County*." Categories include food, personal care, recreation, services (auto repair, banks, car wash, etc.), stores (jewelry, consignment, boutique, etc.), home and garden (florists, garden centers, landscaping, etc.), people (dentists, doctors, veterinarians, etc.). The top three winners in each category will be featured in the **Gazette Best of** special section, to be inserted in the December 4 edition of the paper and featured on Gazette.net all year long. Cast a vote for your favorites and be entered into a drawing to win \$500 in Visa gift cards. Click [here](#) to vote.

### **4th Annual Joint GSSCC-BCCCC Speed Networking Extravaganza - Reserve Your Space TODAY!**

Don't miss this opportunity to make new contacts and expand your business network! Click [here](#) to log in and register today for the Joint GSSCC-BCCCC Speed Networking Extravaganza, scheduled from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, this year at the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club (7719 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda).

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## **Welcome New Members!**

Please join GSSCC in welcoming these new members in July: **Eastward Films, LLC; Montgomery Community Media/Montgomery Community Television; and The Premier Apartments.**

## **Thanks for Renewing!**

GSSCC thanks the following companies for renewing their membership in July: **Beautycounter; David S. Rose, PhD, LLC; Eastern Montgomery Regional Center; Montgomery College – Takoma Park/Silver Spring; Print 1; Rod Miller Inc.; US Army Recruiting Station; and Washington Property Company.**

## **GSSCC MEMBER NEWS**

\* It may be "Restaurant Week" in D.C., but here in Silver Spring, **The Daily Dish** is offering its own version of a three-course \$30 summer special dinner. The special menu features a choice of appetizers, a chicken, salmon or beef entrée, and a choice of desserts. For details and reservations, call 301-588-6300, or go to [www.thedailydishrestaurant.com](http://www.thedailydishrestaurant.com).

\* **Righttime Medical Care** (20 University Blvd. East/Four Corners) will host a job fair for part-time and full-time medical positions at its soon-to-be-open Silver Spring Care Center. Applications will be accepted and brief interviews conducted for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, PCTs/MAs, care center managers and welcome desk representatives from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Thursday, August 14. Candidates may complete an [online application](#) prior coming. Call (443) 332-4268 for more information.

\* Dine out at **Cubano's Restaurant** (1201 Fidler Lane) next Monday, August 18, and support the **YMCA Silver Spring**. Between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., **Cubano's** will contribute 35% of all food and

beverage purchases to the **YMCA**. Click [here](#) for more details.

\* **Argyle Country Club** will host the first annual Silver Spring Invitational on Thursday, September 11. Invitations are limited to club members and business owners in the Silver Spring area. The event begins with breakfast at 9 a.m.; shotgun start for scramble play at 10:30 a.m., lunch served on the course; and awards ceremony/ dinner reception at 5 p.m. Registration fee is \$175 per person, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Salute Military Golf Association. Contact Angela Ng at 301-598-5500.

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## **Mark Your Calendar for GSSCC's September Networking Breakfast**

...scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, at The DoubleTree (8727 Colesville Road). Click [here](#) to log in and register by Friday, September 5, and pay the early-bird admission price of \$20. Registrations made after June 6 will cost an additional \$10.

## **Montgomery County's "Ban the Box" Bill Could Handcuff Employers**

A bill introduced by Montgomery County Councilmembers Marc Elrich, Cherie Branson, Nancy Navarro, Craig Rice, and Hans Riemer would prohibit certain employers from inquiring into, or actively obtaining the criminal history of an applicant before making a conditional offer of employment. The bill would prohibit employers having 10 or more employees from asking about a potential hire's criminal background on an employment application or during the interview process, and from asking any other person to disclose information on the existence of the applicant's criminal record before making a conditional offer. After making a conditional offer, the employer could conduct a criminal background check, but could consider only specific offences relevant to the specific job duties of the applicant. Further, if the employer decides not to hire the applicant based on the arrest or conviction record, the employer must provide the applicant a copy of the criminal record report on which the decision to withdraw the offer was based. Click [here](#) to see a copy of the proposed legislation. A public hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9. GSSCC will oppose this legislation and will be working to defeat or amend it. Members who are willing to testify their concerns at the hearing should contact Jane Redicker at the Chamber.

## **GSSCC MEMBER NEWS**

\* **Andalman & Flynn, P.C.** is pleased to announce that E. Barrett "Rhett" Donnelly has joined the firm as an associate attorney and practices in the areas of family law and collections. Donnelly grew up in Montgomery County having graduated from Georgetown Prep before earning a Bachelor's of Science in business from Wake Forest University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland law school. **Andalman & Flynn** has offices in downtown Silver Spring and Rockville Town Center.

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## **GSSCC Networking Opportunities this Fall**

As everyone returns from summer vacation, it's time to mark your calendar for GSSCC's many networking opportunities already scheduled for this fall.

### **September Networking Breakfast at The DoubleTree**

...scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10. Click [here](#) to log in and register by Friday, September 5, and pay the early-bird admission price of \$20. Registrations made after September 5 will cost an additional \$10.

### **September After-Hours at A Wider Circle**

...scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24. Click [here](#) to log in and register by Friday, September 19.

### **October Networking Breakfast at Argyle Country Club**

...scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8.

### **October After-Hours hosted by Tiger Personnel and Cubano's**

...scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22.

### **November Networking Breakfast at The Daily Dish**

...scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5.

## **GSSCC's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Discover the Taste of Silver Spring® -- SAVE THE DATE**

...scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19.

## **GSSCC MEMBER NEWS**

\* The **YMCA Silver Spring** will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual YMCA Golf Tournament on Tuesday, September 9, at **Argyle Country Club**, in support of the YMCA's Caring for Community campaign. Volunteers are needed for set-up/pre-event registration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the event from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and during the awards/post-event dinner from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Morning and evening volunteers will be provided a meal. Volunteers are encouraged to promote their organizations by wearing a company t-shirt or logoed item. Contact Amy Swanson at 301-585-2120 ext. 2506 or [amy.swanson@ymcadc.org](mailto:amy.swanson@ymcadc.org).

\* **The Premier Apartments**, 8711 Georgia Ave., will roll out the red carpet at a VIP Grand Opening celebration from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10. Join **The Premier** and GSSCC for an exclusive ribbon cutting ceremony, tours, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. RSVP by September 5 with your guest info to [Premierinfo@vmimgmt.com](mailto:Premierinfo@vmimgmt.com).

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\* **Major Events Committee** – 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9 – TENTATIVE – Planning meeting for FY15 events

\* **Economic Development Committee** – 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 19 – Location TBD – Presentation on Metro Plaza redevelopment

\* **Membership Development Committee** – 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23

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### **Purple Line Partners Describe Subcontracting Opportunities**

The **Maryland Purple Line Partners**, one of the four groups bidding for the State of Maryland contract to build and operate The Purple Line, has scheduled a forum where potential subcontractors can learn more about contracting and workforce development opportunities in connection with the project. The meeting is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, at the Silver Spring Civic Building. Click [here](#) to register.

### **Montgomery County Offers Employment Law Update**

The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights and the Montgomery County Human Rights Commission will provide a free briefing on new and emerging employment laws and regulations from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30, at the Silver Spring Civic Building. Complimentary continental breakfast will be available. RSVP by Friday, September 19, to Beverly Marshall at (240) 777-8479.

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