



# Flash E-Fax

News & Information

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Note from the Director:

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the Olney Chamber of Commerce. With everything facing business owners today, it amazes me that you continue to take time to support the Olney Chamber. From supporting and participating in programs, to donations of funds and items, you couldn't have been more generous. I am truly thankful for all your support!

So far this membership year we have had a very successful National Night Out, once again winning the community participation award, and a successful Community Night. These two events were a great opportunity to showcase what our businesses have to offer to the community. We also have continued our monthly Biz Buzz and informative programs. Attending these events give businesses an opportunity to network with other business owners. You never know when that one connection will be your next big break.

For the remainder of the membership year we will continue with the monthly Biz Buzz and programs. We have also just partnered with a company to produce a map of the greater Olney area. Local businesses will have the opportunity to highlight their business on the map. Be sure to watch for more on this opportunity in January. We will also start our Annual Scholarship Drive this spring so we can once again offer scholarships to local high school students. Finally, we will end the membership year in June with our membership renewal campaign and our Annual Awards Dinner.

As always you can submit items/announcements for the Chamber's weekly Flash Efax and also for the Chamber's website [www.olneymd.org](http://www.olneymd.org). Just email items to the Chamber office at [chamber@olneymd.org](mailto:chamber@olneymd.org).

I look forward to helping support, promote, and represent the business interests of our members. Please don't hesitate to call the Chamber office at 301.774.7117 with comments, ideas, or concerns so that we can continue to make the greater Olney area the wonderful place it is to live and do business.

~Virginia Mauk, Executive Director

## Montgomery County Means Business '09

Join fellow business colleagues in Montgomery County at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast on Monday, January 12 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Montgomery County legislators from each district will be in attendance. The county chambers will present their combined legislative agendas. Senator Rich Madaleno and Delegate Brian Feldman will take questions from the audience. This is a great opportunity to talk to your representative before the session in Annapolis starts. The breakfast and discussion of 2009 legislative priorities will be held at the North Bethesda Marriott Hotel and Conference Center located at 5701 Marinelli Road in North Bethesda, just off Rockville Pike. Cost for the breakfast is \$55. Register for the breakfast on the Montgomery County Chamber Website at [www.montgomerycountychamber.com](http://www.montgomerycountychamber.com) and click on the Montgomery County Means Business, register here link.

## Announcements:

► **INOVA Blood Drive:** Save lives! Give blood at the Inova Blood Drive to be held on Wednesday, January 14, from 2:30-7:30 p.m. at Brooke Grove Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, located at 18131 Slade School Road on the Sandy Spring campus of Brooke Grove Retirement Village. All donors will receive a fleece stadium blanket in honor of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. Appointments preferred, but walk-ins welcome. For reservations, contact Volunteer Services at Brooke Grove, 301-570-7081 or [volunteers@bgf.org](mailto:volunteers@bgf.org).

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