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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SECTION NEWSLETTER

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Business Spotlight

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Shoppers World at the Shops at Iverson opened in November.

The BDS Team recently assisted Shoppers World in Hillcrest Heights with the permitting and licensing process. Shoppers World is a department store that sells apparel for all ages, in addition to home furnishings, linens and other home décor goods. The Iverson store is the

second location in the County. Shoppers World has another store at Beltway Plaza in Greenbelt.

“Shoppers is chock-full of new merchandise for the season,” said Shoppers World Executive Chris Forster. He said the store has offered job opportunities in the County by hiring several new employees during the pandemic.

The Inside Scoop

The New Momentum System Modernizes DPIE’s Tech Processes

DPIE recently transitioned to a new online system, Momentum, for licensing, permitting, inspections and code enforcement. The October launch, the first phase of Momentum, focused on business licensing; and single-family, multifamily and short-term rental licensing. Momentum allows customers to submit applications, make payments and upload documents online. Once the applications are approved, customers may print their licenses at home or work.



The second phase of the Momentum system will focus on the Enforcement Division and Health Department functions within DPIE. Phase Three will streamline procedures in DPIE’s Inspections, Site/Road Plan Review and Building Plan Review divisions, as well as processes associated with the Department of the Environment (DoE). Read about [Momentum](#) on the DPIE website.

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Helpful Hints



KEEP YOUR SIDEWALKS CLEAR TO AVOID FINES



Snow-free business sidewalk.

Business owners with properties abutting a sidewalk are required to keep the walkways free of obstructions such as tree limbs, shrubbery and other debris. They are also required to remove snow and ice within 48 hours of it accumulating to two inches or more or face possible fines.

CHECKING YOUR PERMIT APPLICATION STATUS

Applicants may check the status of reviews by accessing Project Reports in ePlan. Click “ProjectFlow – Changemarks” to review changemark details and “ProjectFlow – Parallel Review – Department Review Status” to check additional information. To review the sequential route for all tasks, applicants should review the “ProjectFlow – Workflow Routing Slip” report.

What's Happening?



Funding Opportunities



Prince George's County Restaurant Resiliency Fund

Prince George's County announced the Restaurant Resiliency Fund, a \$6 million reserve to assist restaurants and other food service establishments affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund provides grants of up to \$25,000 "to promote sustainability and resiliency of businesses operations, support COVID-19 safety measures, and support businesses operating at reduced capacity." Fund applications are accepted between November 13 and December 18, 2020, and reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information, click the [Restaurant Fund](#) link.



PFC Black Chamber Open Door Fund

The People for Change Coalition (PFC) Black Chamber has announced the COVID-19 Open-Door Fund, which provides grants to small businesses in Prince George's County. The fund provides \$1,000—\$3,000 on a rolling basis to businesses that have been open since 2019. Click the [Open-Door Fund](#) link.

Business Community News

DPIE ePLAN TRAINING VIA ZOOM

DPIE's free ePlan Training is now offered virtually. Customers will be trained on completing online applications and uploading plans for review. The sessions are held monthly from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on the third Thursday via Zoom. Online enrollment is limited. To attend, register by the second Thursday of the month at <http://dpiemypgc.us>.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC)

The EDC provides consultations to businesses on an array of subjects from buying or renting commercial space to obtaining financing and writing a business plan. The EDC also offers a number of informative videos, including COVID-19's impact on local small businesses. The EDC continues to host webinars during COVID-19. For more information, visit <https://www.pgcedc.com/>.

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The center hosts webinars throughout the year. For more information, visit www.mdsbdc.umd.edu/training/events-calendar.



PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (PGCOC) MEETINGS


PGCOC holds monthly committee meetings. For more information, visit <http://business.pgcoc.org/events/calendar/>.

Community Feedback



“ Thanks so much for your help with getting this (the permitting and licensing process) moved along. I truly appreciate it! ”

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