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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SECTION NEWSLETTER

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New Business Spotlight

NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

PhysioCare



On January 26, 2020, PhysioCare held its Grand Opening Ceremony for its Lanham location.

PhysioCare is now open in Lanham! DPIE staff recently worked with the staff of the facility to secure the permits needed to open on January 26, 2020, in the Eastgate Shopping Center on Greenbelt Road. The Lanham location is the second for PhysioCare, which also has an office in Brandywine. PhysioCare treats orthopedic and neurological disorders.

Proteus Bicycles



Above, Customers gearing up for a bike ride around College Park. Below, Business Owner Laurie Lemieux.

Proteus Bicycles in College Park recently worked with the Business Development Section to secure the permits to add a coffee shop to their store. Customers will be able to purchase coffee, drinks and packaged foods while they wait for their bikes to be repaired. Construction will be completed in time for the Spring bike season. The BDS served as a liaison to assist with helping Proteus navigate DPIE's permitting process.



The Inside Scoop

DPIE and M-NCPPC Collaboration

Prince George's County residents are often surprised to learn that the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) work collaboratively on the issuance of permits.



Although the Commission specializes in the development and maintenance of park and recreational facilities, it also plans for the physical growth of the County. The Planning Department of M-NCPPC creates small area studies, sector plans, master plans, and other planning initiatives that shape how the county develops.

In addition, the Planning Department oversees conformity with the zoning ordinance. Zoning controls the physical improvements of land as it dictates the use of individual properties. A primary method of zoning conformity in the County occurs through the permitting process. M-NCPPC has several team members located at DPIE.

After an applicant submits their permit application and plans to DPIE, the Planning Department team reviews the documents to determine whether they conform to the standards of the zoning ordinance and any additional regulating plans that govern the subject property. If the application conforms with the zoning and planning regulations, the



applicant will be approved to seek permits. Concurrently, DPIE conducts the plan review processes that lead to permit issuance.

For more about the functions of DPIE, see <http://dpi.e.mypgc.us> and for the responsibilities of the M-NCPPC Planning Department please visit www.pgplanning.org.

Business Development Section Helpful Hints

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Helpful Hints



PROVIDE PERMIT #

When checking on the status of your permit, have your permit number handy. It is much easier for DPIE to search status by the permit number, instead of the address.

USE ePlan

Use ePlan for building permits. You can upload your plans from the comfort of your office and track the status of your permits online.

BEFORE YOU BUY, CONTACT DPIE

Before you purchase that commercial or industrial property, visit our offices at 9400 Peppercorn Place in Largo or call 301-883-5900 to ensure you can use or develop the property as you intend. You may also obtain a zoning designation letter for \$50. For more information visit the M-NCPPC website at www.pgplanning.org.



PREPARE FOR YOUR INSPECTION

On the day of the inspection, ensure that your permits and plans are readily accessible to the inspector. Work performed must be in accordance with the approved plans; any modifications from the approved plans will require a plan revision. If you are not prepared for the inspection, please call 301-883-3820 to reschedule.

What's Happening?

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

For information about monthly committee meetings in February and March (including Legislative Action, Women in Business Development, Economic Development and Small & Minority), visit <http://business.pgcoc.org/events/calendar/>.



MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

On February 27-28, MEDA will offer a hands-on course that will review the fundamentals of developing and implementing a high-impact marketing and attraction plan. <https://www.medamd.com/event/iedc-course-economic-development-marketing-and-attraction/>

MARYLAND WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER

On March 4, learn the top three tips for creating an effective content marketing strategy for social media. For more information, visit <https://marylandwbc.org/event/free-webinar-creating-an-effective-content-marketing-strategy-for-social-media-2/>



GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS COFFEE

Have a business in Greenbelt or are considering opening a business in Greenbelt? The City Council is holding its first Business Coffee for 2020 from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. The gatherings offer local business owners and entrepreneurs the opportunity to network and share information. A light breakfast will be served. To register, visit <https://mid-winter-coffee-2020.eventbrite.com>

Community Feedback



Just wanted to say a quick thank you again for today's meeting. It was incredibly helpful and informative, to a novice like me! I really appreciate you taking the time. ”

CAITLIN McGRATH, PHD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OLD GREENBELT THEATRE



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For more information on the permitting and licensing processes, please contact DPIEBIZDEV@co.pg.md.us.

2020 Census

WHAT IS THE U.S. CENSUS?

By law, every 10 years the U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States. Your participation determines representation and how billions in federal funds are distributed. If our community is undercounted, friends and neighbors miss out on an estimated **\$18,250 per person over a 10-year period**. Statewide, that's a total of **\$26.6 billion over a 10-year period**.

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3233/2020-Census>



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