



# Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce - the VOICE

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## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 25

Breakfast Mixer – Tips on Taxes from 7:30 to 9 am  
IRS Resources for Small Businesses & 2008 and 2009 Tax Law Changes that may affect your small business with speaker: Marie Wright, Senior Stakeholder Liaison, Internal Revenue Service at the Wheaton Regional Library 11701 Georgia Avenue Wheaton, MD 20902  
Also, the Election and Installation of the 2009 Chamber Board \$5.00 advance (member's option) or \$10.00 at door  
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Wednesday, March 25

Top 10 Legal Mistakes Small Businesses Make  
Get hundreds of dollars of legal advice – from 6 to 8 pm  
Cost: \$25.00  
MDSBDC – Maryland Small Business Development Center  
Westfield South Building  
11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 700  
Wheaton, MD 20902  
301-403-0501 ext. 11  
[training@mdsbdc.umd.edu](mailto:training@mdsbdc.umd.edu)

Monday, March 30

Wheaton Sector Plan Work Group meeting with M-NCPPC Planning Director Rollin Stanley  
7 pm, Large Conference Room at the Mid-County Regional Center, 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton  
Beth Chaisson will lead a discussion on forming an Environmental joint WRAC/WUDAC subcommittee

Wednesday, April 22

Silver Anniv. Gala Awards Dinner  
Keynote Speaker: Kim Martucci, WUSA TV 9 (CBS)  
from 6 to 9 pm  
at Hollywood East Café on the Boulevard, 2621 University Blvd. W Wheaton, MD 20902  
\$30.00 advance, \$35.00 at door  
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March–April 2009

## Congressman Chris Van Hollen on Legislative Agenda of 111th Congress

Congressman Chris Van Hollen spoke about major issues of interest to small businesses, then answered questions at the February 25 Breakfast Mixer. Chamber member The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew sponsored and hosted the event at their new facility in Cloverly. The Congressman reviewed President Barack Obama's speech to Congress of the night before, on

February 24, and explained how the new federal economic stimulus package is expected to provide relief for Maryland's small businesses through tax cuts and incentives.

The federal stimulus package is projected to help save or create 66,000 jobs in the state. Businesses also will be able to write off \$250,000 in capital expenditures for this year. Besides cutting the income taxes of 95% of working families, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides tax breaks to many small-business owners. Many of Maryland's small-business owners fall under the income tax cut for couples who earn \$250,000. Many are sole proprietors and LLCs and don't pay corporate income tax, but pay income taxes as earnings on their personal income.

The stimulus package includes tax credits for companies that hire recently discharged military veterans and young adults who have finished school. There is an extension of the bonus depreciation through 2009. Businesses will be able to write off 50% of their depreciable capital expenditures, or have the option of using research and development credits or alternative minimum tax credits up to \$30 million per company, in lieu of the bonus depreciation.

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## Green Building Practices and Update on Recycling in County

Featured speakers were Alan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordinator at the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, and Jason Holstine of the Amicus Green Building Center. Originally planned for January 28, the Breakfast sponsored by the



Photos courtesy of Vicky Surles

Kensington Volunteer Fire Department had to be rescheduled to February 4 because of snow and icy conditions.

Alan Pultyniewicz provided an update on the County's recycling program, and gave a description of the materials that can be recycled, with additional types of plastics added in 2008.



He also told how to recycle other materials such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, and gave tips on reducing waste, with information on buying products made with recycled content, both for work and at home.

Montgomery County has been a national leader in recycling, and to exemplify this commitment, the County Council established a County-wide goal to recycle 50% of all our solid waste. The amount of materials recycled in Montgomery

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**Spotlight on New Member**

**New Creation Church**

New Creation Church is located in the Wheaton Community, nestled among large oak trees, that gives it a particular quaint charm that invites and welcomes all people to come.

The New Creation Church offers a meaningful, powerful, and purposeful ministry experience. Those who visit New Creation will hear the congregation enthusiastically declare, “Our purpose is to connect with God who is in Me and in You.” The membership is challenged to be intentional about making this connection through worship, teaching and learning experiences, social events, and service to the Church and the Community at large.

The New Creation Church and its pastor have been featured in articles by the Washington Post, Gazette, Afro-American Newspaper, and American Baptist publications. The church visions itself as “Visionary people having fun experiencing the fullness of God.”

New Creation has been led in its fourteen years in ministry by the Reverend Dr. Ella V. Redfield, who had the vision to pioneer a new church, “called to do a new thing”, in the Wheaton community. Dr. Redfield received her theological degrees from the Howard University School of Divinity. She has preached in numerous churches as well as conducted a variety of workshops and seminars throughout the United States. She has also worked with both the Howard University School of Divinity in its Continuing Education and Wesley Theological Seminary. Dr. Redfield is the co-author of *“The Circle of Life, Waking Up to the Ultimate Design for our lives”* (see amazon.com). Presently, Dr. Redfield is the President of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

New Creation Church and its Pastor seek to expand its present building and its ministry to better serve the Church membership and the Wheaton community, and beyond.

Ella V. Redfield, D. Min., Pastor  
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or ealdrette@ledcdc.org

**New Federal, State, and County Websites to Track Stimulus Funds**

Following President Barack Obama’s call for a transparent accounting of stimulus dollars, new websites will offer a way to scrutinize the use of stimulus aid at the federal, state, and county levels. The federal government site is [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov).

Maryland expects to receive about \$3.7 billion through the stimulus package. \$720 million would be for educational programs, with \$610 million for roads and public transit. Gov. Martin O’Malley said the new state website <http://statestat.maryland.gov/recovery.asp> will enable the public to monitor the use of the money that comes into Maryland.

The site features interactive maps that enable residents to track the progress of projects in their counties and neighborhoods and shows how many jobs each project is expected to create or preserve. It also shows how much additional education aid each county will receive through the federal dollars. For additional information, call 410-919-7355.

As for how much stimulus money Montgomery County could see, officials continue to work through federal funding formulas but estimate that the county could be eligible to apply for about \$738 million in funding opportunities. The County is working on a site with a searchable database for residents to follow the money. A work group of county officials from various agencies also has been formed to guarantee that any stimulus funds received by the county are spent according to federal requirements.

Source: *The Gazette*

**The Chamber Joins Signal Financial Federal Credit Union**

In the interest of doing better business and doing business with other chamber members, the Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce has joined Signal Financial Federal Credit Union. They are headquartered in Kensington, MD with 7 branches in the metropolitan area, 2 in VA, 2 in MD, and 3 in DC, where they started 62 years ago.

Credit Unions have proven their safety and solvency in general, and Signal Financial in particular. Credit Unions did not participate in sub-prime lending nor the exotic investment vehicles made from those types of mortgages.

In comparing rates, Signal Financial also came out on top. Because Credit Unions do not sell stock or have shareholders, all profits are passed down to members in the form of lower interest rates on credit products (credit cards, loan, mortgages) and higher interest rates on savings products such as CDs, Money Market accounts and IRAs. All accounts are insured up to \$250,000.

Signal Financial offers business accounts that are no-fee or low-fee depending on transaction activity. Because the Chamber is now a member, any company belonging to the Chamber is now eligible to join Signal Financial. Chamber membership provides the required affiliation. This is one more benefit of belonging to our Chamber.

## WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS!

### *Coaching - Business and Life*

#### **Robust Life Coaching**

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kfd@millerland.com  
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301-942-7701  
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### *Architects*

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301-949-9230  
www.alanhamm.com

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301-942-2260

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#### **Wheaton Studio of Dance**

Shannon Rush-Locke  
301-949-5111  
www.wheatonstudioofdance.com

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#### **Mid-County Services Center**

Natalie Cantor  
240-777-8100  
www.wheatonmd.org

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301-622-2400  
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## Spotlight on New Member

### **Kensington Framing & Design**

Jason and Donna Miller, the owners of Kensington Framing and Design, bring a unique range of experience, knowledge and skills to offer their customers. They share enthusiasm for helping each person create a custom design which enhances the work that is being framed. Their showroom is a design center for exploring many options for framing needs. There is a large selection of 1,000 custom designed frames to choose from, and a great selection of other materials including archival quality mat boards and mounting materials and acid free mat boards.

Custom framing at Kensington Framing and Design offers choices to fit every budget. From enhancing a masterpiece suitable for the grandest formal setting, to a simple piece that gives a final decorative touch to a humble corner, they have helped customers create the special look that their pictures deserved.

Jason Miller has fifteen years of experience in the field of framing. As part of his work, he has traveled extensively to framing factories, including two in Italy. His knowledge of a vast array of framing materials, and their qualities and applications for different types of design, is invaluable in choosing the framing materials offered by Kensington Framing and Design. This depth of knowledge about available products and specific design effects produces an environment in the showroom where the customer can become well informed in the process of selecting and coordinating the materials that will best enhance their art or other framing project.

Donna Miller has worked and volunteered at local museums, working with artifacts, preservation techniques and preparing items for display. Her love of history and art also led her to take art history and layout and design while at Hood College. She has an eye for color and style and sees many options when approaching a project. For the last 6 years, Donna has worked in the field of broadcasting and journalism on the national level and locally in Washington DC, as the producer of a radio talk show. This has given her the opportunity to enjoy working with many different people in a creative environment.

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www.KensingtonFraming.com

#### *~ ART SHOWS ~*

If interested in hosting an art show at the shop,  
contact Jason or Donna for details and arrangements!

Coming up:

**Artwork by Edelweiss Calcagno**

April 1 to May 30

Hours: Mon - Fri: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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## Problem Solver Website

A new website assists Maryland's working families with resources during the slowing economy. Employment agencies, links to unemployment services, heating, utility, and weatherization assistance, medical assistance, prescription drug price assistance, telephone services, assisted living programs, are a few of the services. Go to <http://problemsolver.maryland.gov>.

# February 4 Breakfast Mixer – Green Building Practices/Update on Recycling

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County has increased every year, and the materials which must be recycled are increasingly supported by strong, stable markets.

The curbside recycling program started accepting more types of plastics in July 2008. Residents with County-provided recycling collection service can recycle: plastic bottles such as milk, juice, water, syrup, vegetable oil, salad dressing, detergent and shampoo/conditioner; plastic food-grade tubs

and lids such as margarine/butter tubs, cottage cheese, yogurt, mayonnaise, dairy topping, peanut butter and salad containers; plastic pails/buckets such as ice cream, detergent, pet food and kitty litter containers, plastic flower pots, and plastic beverage cups.

The plastics that are collected at the curb are taken to the County Recycling Center where they are separated from other commingled materials, such as glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, foil products and bi-metal steel and tin cans. The plastics are separated by type and then baled and sent to processors the County contracts with.

At the processor, the plastics are cut into flakes and washed. At this point, the labels are removed. The plastic flakes are melted and formed into small pellets that manufacturers use to make a host of recycled-content products:

clothing, automotive accessories, tote bags, recycling and trash containers, carpeting, synthetic lumber products, toys, sleeping bags, and polyester fill.

The County provides weekly recycling collection service to about 208,000 single-family households for mixed paper, cardboard and paperboard; commingled materials (aluminum cans and foil products, bi-metal steel/tin cans, glass bottles and jars and plastic bottles and containers); yard trim materials (grass, leaves, brush and garden trimmings) and Christmas trees. For more information, or for an additional recycling bin, call 240-777-6410.

Speaker Alan Pultyniewicz is Recycling Coordinator at the Mont. Co. Department of Environmental Protection, Div. of Solid Waste Services, 240-777-6480, [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling).

Jason Holstine of Amicus Green Building Center discussed how “Green is our Next Economy”, why green will be a driver of new economic growth. He gave simple steps to green up internal operations, and the strategic benefits of using building materials that are energy smart and environmentally friendly. He also said to beware of greenwashing, and gave examples of that fraudulent marketing trend.

Amicus Green Building Center is one of the DC region’s only green building products supplier. The Center is a “green hardware store” – a one-stop source of building materials that are energy smart, environmentally friendly and healthy. Their sister business, Amicus Consulting Services, provides advisory services to developers, builders, designers, and consumers to add sustainability features and strategic value to any project – from kitchen remodels to billion dollar multi-use developments.

They deal in “green” concerns – including building performance, energy use, indoor air quality, occupant health and performance, waste, and emissions – and review them against the central issues faced by industry professionals – risk management, market trends, budget and time constraints, carrying costs, labor management, marketability and return-on-investment. The Center is open to the public. Architects, designers, building professionals, and everyone else are welcome.

Amicus Green helped write the ecoLeadership Awards with the Alliance for Workplace Excellence, which recently launched. They are a member of the US Green Building Council, NARI, NAHB, Co-Op America Business Network, and Sustainable Business Network of Washington.

**Amicus**  
Green Building Center  
[www.amicusgreen.com](http://www.amicusgreen.com)

Green jobs training programs nationwide are set to receive \$500 million in federal money, part of President Obama’s \$70 billion plan for greening the economy under the \$787 billion stimulus package. Maryland’s Green Collar Job program has already begun training potential workers in how to outfit homes to reduce energy consumption.

Maryland is well-positioned to take advantage of the boom in clean energy.

Clean Currents of Rockville, which sells electricity from wind farms across the country, can provide Pepco and Baltimore Gas & Electric customers with lower bills through renewable energy credits. The prices could be locked in for two years and could be \$10 to \$15 lower than this year’s summer rates.

Speaker Jason Holstine is from the Amicus Green Building Center, 4080A Howard Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895, 301-571-8590, [www.amicusgreen.com](http://www.amicusgreen.com). The program was hosted by the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, and was at Kensington Station 5 at Connecticut Avenue and Plyers Mill Road, 301-929-8000, [www.kvfd.org](http://www.kvfd.org).



Photos courtesy of Vicky Surles



## Remembering Thomas G. Oyster, Chamber's First President

Thomas G. Oyster, one of the founders of the Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce, died December 23, 2008 at the age of 98. Mr. Oyster was the first president of the chamber and was instrumental in organizing the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Oyster started the engineering, surveying and land development firm of Thomas G. Oyster & Associates in Wheaton in 1945 and retired in 1985. Walter J. Petzold of the successor firm of Oyster, Imus & Petzold, Inc. served as chamber president in 1976.

Tom Oyster was active in many civic and professional groups including the Maryland Society of Surveyors, Washington Board of Trade, and Suburban Maryland Home Builders Assoc. He served on the Board of Directors of Montgomery General Hospital and raised funds for the March of Dimes. Mr. Oyster was one of the prime movers in the passage of a sign ordinance for Montgomery County and pushed for under-grounding utility lines in Wheaton. He advocated for establishing local parks, transportation improvements including the subway. He convinced the U.S. Postal Service to recognize "Wheaton" as an alternate to "Silver Spring" in three local zip codes after failing to get a separate post office for Wheaton to cover those three areas and 20853.

Mr. Oyster was born and raised in Washington, DC. He learned surveying as a member of the DC National Guard and was employed by the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission for eight years. He worked as a civil engineer for the Corps of Engineers for six years before joining the Marine Corps in World War II. He served for four years attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant and serving in the Pacific Theatre.

Mr. Oyster is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Hagerstown; his son, Dr. A. Thomas Oyster and wife Barbara of Hagerstown, MD; son Richard H. Oyster of Mebane, NC; daughter Suzanne O. Simpson of Palmetto, FL; daughter Judy O. Lewis and husband Jack of Lexington, SC and one sister Catherine Burell of Culpepper, VA and one brother John B. Oyster of Niceville, FL. In addition, he had eleven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

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**LOCAL FIRST WHEATON** is a network of local businesses, non-profits, and supporters of Wheaton, Maryland that are committed to building a strong community and thriving local economy.

Help support and grow the network with a tax-deductible membership donation.

Some benefits include:

- Listing in **Members Directory Guide** that will be distributed city-wide
- Listing in **Web Directory**, which is linked to other sites nationally
- Participate in clean energy programs, join a buying group to purchase wind power and save on your electricity bills, or sell cooking grease for biodiesel fuel
- Free or discounted entrance fees to events
- E-newsletters with **Local First Wheaton** updates, events and member promotions
- Access to the Business Alliance of Living Local Economies (BALLE), a national network of 15,000 locally-owned businesses

Any **Chamber member** that wants to be a part of the **Local First Wheaton Guide** can sign up for the **low \$15 rate through April 15, 2009**.

If interested, contact: Emily Edelman at 240-777-4951 or [edelman@ledcdc.org](mailto:edelman@ledcdc.org)

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## Introducing New Member

### Robust Life Coaching™

Kathy Bailey, owner of Robust Life Coaching™ specializes in coaching consultants and entrepreneurs to maximize their time, resources and profits as "solopreneurs". After years of traveling to cities across the country, working at the national level in curriculum design, teaching, public speaking, facilitation and coaching, Bailey decided in 2008 to concentrate on coaching, reduce her travel and become better acquainted with the Wheaton-Kensington-Silver Spring area. "I missed the camaraderie and sense of community that comes from getting to know your business neighbors in your home community," she says. "I'm enjoying getting more connected with folks locally. There is a spirit of cooperation here that makes doing business a real joy, as well as a win-win for businesses that want to network and collaborate."

As an entrepreneur and creator of three businesses over the past 18 years, Bailey brings to her coaching a multi-disciplinary approach, broad perspective and large set of tools and resources to help consultants and entrepreneurs tackle the variety of issues they encounter. She is a Certified Professional Coach through the International Coach Academy and a member of the International Coach Federation.

Bailey also holds certifications as an instructor of T'ai Chi Chuan and personal trainer through the American Fitness Professionals and Associates. "I find my combination of skills and experience help me better serve my clients in all aspects of their lives. Whatever the issue or goal, we have options for exploring approaches to help them achieve the results they want – with focus, intention and confidence."

Bailey works one-on-one with clients, as well as offering group coaching on topics of common interest. She also teaches teleseminars and hosts interview events with experts in a variety of disciplines that would be of interest to consultants and entrepreneurs.

Contact Kathy Bailey at 301-233-5765 or [kathy@robustlifecoaching.com](mailto:kathy@robustlifecoaching.com).  
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Registration is required to reserve a seat; limited computers are available. Please call the library at 240-777-0001 to register.

Participants must have a basic knowledge of MS Word, Excel, and the Internet, a library card and password, and a USB flash drive.

# Wheaton & Kensington Chamber of Commerce

## Silver Anniversary Community Awards Gala Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 6 pm

Hollywood East Café on the Boulevard  
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## February 25 Breakfast Mixer - Congressman Van Hollen on the Agenda of 111th Congress

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Small businesses with \$15 million or less in gross receipts also will be able to apply any losses from this year to any taxes paid in the past five years, which could give them a tax refund. That extended net operating loss provision extends the current law, which allows for a two-year carry-back, to a five-year carry-back, and also will help some businesses. The federal stimulus also eliminates some of the Small Business Administration fees, which will help businesses that apply for SBA loans.



The Congressman has recently been named Assistant to the Speaker of the House, and is the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the 5th-ranking position among House Democrats. He served in the MD General Assembly from 1991 to 2003, 4 yrs. in the House and 8 yrs. in the State Senate.



For further information about Cong. Van Hollen at the US House of Representatives, call 202-225-5341, visit [www.vanhollen.house.gov](http://www.vanhollen.house.gov).



Our member sponsor was The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, 15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20905. Their new facility is at the corner of New Hampshire Ave. and Norwood Rd. in Cloverly (approximately seven miles north of the Capital Beltway)  
301-384-4394.



[www.mystandrew.org](http://www.mystandrew.org)

Congressman Chris Van Hollen has represented Maryland's 8th congressional district since 2003. The district includes most of Montgomery County, and parts of Prince George's County.



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## Breakfast Mixer

### TIPS ON TAXES

#### IRS Resources for Small Businesses

*2008 and 2009 Tax Law Changes that May Affect Your Small Business*

with



**Marie Wright**

Senior Stakeholder Liaison; Communication, Liaison and Disclosure

Internal Revenue Service / www.IRS.gov

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## WHEATON SECTOR PLAN WORK GROUP MEETING

### Planners Discuss Growth Policy at Community Talks

Learn more about the Planning Department's recommendations for the 2009-2011 Growth Policy at a meeting sponsored by the Wheaton Redevelopment Advisory Committee. M-NCPPC Planning Director Rollin Stanley will be speaking on this document that has major implications for the Wheaton Sector Plan update, with the wider community to welcome attend.

After Mr. Stanley's presentation will be a discussion on the formation of an Environmental joint WRAC/WUDAC subcommittee. Beth Chaisson, a local resident and city planner will lead that discussion.

The presentation is part of a series of community meetings where county planners drafting the 2009-2011 Growth Policy are exploring ideas about how we manage growth, looking beyond basing it on congestion relief and school capacity.

Monday, March 30, 7 pm at the Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reedie Drive, Wheaton, Large Conference Room.

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