The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce welcomes the businesses secured by Vornado Realty Trust and Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT) for the new Springfield Town Center.

“We could not be more proud with the opening of our new Springfield Town Center. This project has been a long time coming and had the active support from many individuals and organizations in our community from the beginning,” Bob LeMay, Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce President, said.

“This begins a new chapter in the economic development of our community. Its design and the businesses being showcased make it a must-visit venue.”

The Chamber issued its first endorsement letter for the redevelopment project on June 1, 2007, following a May 18 meeting with Vornado representatives, the Chamber’s Board and the Economic Development Committee.

The inline retailers closed July 2012. JCPenney, Macy’s and Target remained open during the redevelopment. Groundbreaking for the project officially took place with a Nov. 26, 2012, ceremony.

The majority of new Springfield Town Center merchants are in place for the Oct. 17, 2014 grand opening.

It’s anticipated that Vornado will transfer ownership of the Springfield Town Center to PREIT by March 31, 2015. PREIT has expressed interest in continuing redevelopment of the property including planned phases 2, 3 and 4. The Chamber will continue to follow and promote the progress of the mixed-use components of the project.

Along with anchor stores, Macy’s, J.C. Penney and Target, the new Springfield Town Center boasts restaurants such as Maggiano’s Little Italy, Chuy’s, Yard House and Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill. The list of merchants continues to grow, with Dick’s Sporting Goods, L.A. Fitness, H&M, Pandora and Michael Kors among them.

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Annual Dinner to be held December 11th
Award Nominations now Open

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Dinner for members and guests on Thursday, Dec. 11 at Embassy Suites Springfield. The black-tie-requested evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a cocktail and networking reception. The Chamber is pleased to have 95 Express Lanes as the evening’s Presenting Sponsor.

A limited number of table sponsorships are available. With your $275 table sponsorship, your company name, with hyperlink, will be included on the Annual Dinner web page, printed dinner program and announced from the podium. Your business card will be attached to a special gift each guest at your sponsored table receives. Your sponsorship makes possible festive centerpieces, table favors and dinner wines.

Newly elected Chamber board members will be installed as will the Chamber’s 2015 board president.

The evening’s program will recognize area companies and individuals with the presentation of the Chamber’s annual business and citizenship awards.

Nominations are being accepted until Nov. 14 for the following awards:

Arthur E. Morrissette “Top Hat” Service – given to a company exhibiting superior service to its customers and for its contributions to the Greater Springfield community.

Corporate Citizen – given to a company demonstrating strong involvement to better the quality of life in the Greater Springfield area.

Robert J. McDonough Businessperson of the Year – given to a business man or woman who excels in the promotion of his or her product or service.

Herb Hunter Citizen of the Year – given to an individual who has significantly contributed to improving the quality of life over a sustained number of years for the betterment of the Greater Springfield community.

Public Service – given to a staff member of the Fairfax County police, fire department or sheriff’s office, or a Fairfax County Public School teacher or government employee who has performed beyond the call of duty for the benefit of the Greater Springfield community.

To reserve a table sponsorship or to receive an awards nomination form visit the Chamber website, springfieldchamber.org, or call 703-866-3500.

Annual Dinner tickets are $85.00 per person and sold separately from table sponsorship. Make your reservations online now.
Message from the President

Opening of Springfield Town Center Changes Business Landscape

Being from New Hampshire, I have always had a special fondness for fall. The fall is a time of change. The trees are changing into beautiful hues of orange, yellows and reds, and in some cases, putting the greatest of artist to shame by their beauty. The air seems fresher now that the hot and steamy days of summer are behind us. Our back yard companions, the squirrels, are busier than ever gathering nuts and the occasional tulip bulb. Nature knows that the fall is a time to get ready for the change in seasons. We, as business owners, can take a few lessons from nature in this matter.

The Greater Springfield area is now heading into a time of change - a time of new promise and fulfilled dreams. The new Springfield Town Center is preparing to open its doors, and our community, both near and far, are a buzz about the excitement that this new destination means to our economy. Springfield is once again a place where you can come and have a great meal, shop at some amazing stores and enjoy a great movie with someone you love. So what lesson should we be learning from nature in all of this? It is one of planning, one of preparation, one of action. Are you prepared to harness the promise, the potential that is contained in this revitalization?

As business owners, we need to be prepared to take advantage of this great opportunity. Your business may not work directly with Springfield Town Center or be located in it, but that does not mean you cannot take advantage of the bump it will bring to our economy. There is a wake that is developed when a large business opens up. It's kind of like when you drop a small rock in a pond, you get small ripples, but when you drop a large rock in, you get large ripples that extend well beyond where the rock fell. This is the same with our economy. Take some time to sit down and see what your business can do to take advantage of the opening, so when the ripples come, you will be prepared to make the most of them.

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Can I quote you on that?
By Tom Pfeifer, Consistent Voice Communications

I don’t know who has been teaching writers to place a period outside of quotation marks, but please stop. It’s showing up everywhere. In books. In newspapers. In magazines. And it’s wrong. Always wrong. A period punctuates inside quotation marks. Always. Period.

So does a comma. Always.

Colons and semicolons are placed outside quotation marks. Always.

Memorize them. There are few absolutes in English, but this is one of them. “I” may not come before “E” except after “C,” but periods and commas always come before quotation marks and colons and semicolons always come after.

WRAP helps Businesses Combat Impaired Driving

The nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) offers a vast array of services to fight impaired driving in the Washington-metropolitan area. WRAP may best be known via the organization’s popular free cab ride service for would-be drunk drivers, SoberRide®.

Safe And Vital Employees (SAVE) is a business/military outreach program bringing traffic safety right into the workplace. Through SAVE, WRAP talks directly to employees and military personnel about the physical, economic and legal consequences of impaired driving. Additionally, WRAP provides guidelines for safe celebrating and the reduction of alcohol-induced risky behaviors.

The goal of the program is to keep employees and military personnel safe, healthy and productive while helping to reduce health insurance, workers’ compensation costs and other related expenses. To arrange a no-cost, 45-minute, individually customized program, contact WRAP at 703-893-0461.

Take a Stand

Your company can save money and make a difference by taking a stand against impaired driving.

Host WRAP’s SAVE program during a brown bag lunch to inform and educate employees on drunk driving laws and consequences.

Place check-stuffers in paycheck envelopes containing various elements of the drunk driving information outlined in this guide or contact WRAP for SoberRide® materials.

Provide support and funding to local police departments for their efforts to reduce drunk driving (i.e. sponsor a sobriety checkpoint).

Create an awards program which recognizes employees for their efforts in promoting safe and responsible driving.

Send a memo to employees explaining the impaired driving legislation being introduced this year, and encourage them to contact their local elected officials to show their support.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce urges you to use WRAP as a resource to stay safe during the holidays and throughout the year. For more information visit wrap.org.

National Trademark Expo

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will host the 2014 National Trademark Expo on Friday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the USPTO’s headquarters in Alexandria, Va. The Expo is an interesting extracurricular opportunity.

The Expo is a free, family-friendly event designed to educate the public about trademarks including:

- Educational workshops and activities for children and adults
- Numerous exhibits featuring trademarks
- Displays comparing counterfeit goods with authentic goods
- Costumed characters and inflatables featuring trademarks
- Trademark Activity Guides
- Small giveaways featuring trademarks

Adult seminars include Trademarks 101, Counterfeiting and Piracy – Why Buy “Legit”? and Trademark Basics: What Every Small Business Should Know. At the children’s workshops, there will be games, quizzes and fun informative presentations about what trademarks are, why trademarks matter and what it means to “register” a trademark. The seminars and workshops will run once an hour on Friday and Saturday.

USPTO headquarters is located in the Madison Buildings (East & West) at 600 Dulany Street in Alexandria. For more information about the Expo visit the USPTO’s website at uspto.gov/tmexpo.
Now Accepting Chamber Board Nominations

Are you looking for a new way to serve your Chamber? Have you thought about the impact you could make as a member of the Chamber board? Do you want to know more about what is involved? Now is the time to consider the opportunity.

Employees of Chamber member companies are eligible for board service. Board terms are three years with a new class of board members each January.

Nominations are being accepted from the Chamber’s general membership until 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. If you would like to nominate an employee of a current member of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce for a board position please contact Nancy-jo Manney at 703-866-3500.

Official election ballots and a biography of candidates will be sent via first-class mail to all voting members of the Chamber. One vote per company or organization will be accepted. Look for your ballot in the mail the week of Oct. 27. The Chamber’s board of directors strongly encourages all members to exercise their right and responsibility to vote for their leadership.

Incoming board members will be installed at the Chamber’s Annual Dinner on Dec. 11.

Winter Outerwear Campaign Aids Local Families

As the crisp fall weather returns, businesses across the Greater Springfield area are asked to collect winter outerwear for local families in need.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce’s annual Winter Outerwear Campaign will aid underserved residents in the community.

“Living here in the greater Springfield area is a blessing we often take for granted,” said Nevin Gibson, chair of the Community Affairs Committee, which organizes the annual drive. “It’s difficult for us to imagine families that are less fortunate to the point they can’t even afford the basics.”

“The Community Affairs Committee has been proud to host this campaign for many years. Our winter outerwear drive assists our neighbors who find themselves in economic straits during the harshest months of the year.”

Businesses will serve as collection locations Nov. 17 to Dec. 17. Dedicated volunteers will retrieve collected items and prepare them for distribution to people in need in our community.

The collection locations will accept winter outerwear, including new winter hats, new scarves and gloves for all ages, new children’s coats, and clean, gently-used blankets. Each year there’s a special need for coats, especially in children’s sizes infant through 16 and adult plus sizes.

Contact the Chamber office by October 31 if your business would like to serve as a collection point, 703-866-3500. Participating businesses will receive signage to help promote the campaign.

Member Opportunity
Community Calendar

Members of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce have the opportunity to post their company events that are free and open to the public, on the Chamber’s online community calendar.

If you’re hosting an open house or grand opening this is where you’ll want to tell your fellow members and the community about it. Do you have a professional development seminar in the works? If you would like to reach a general audience you should list your event on the Chamber’s community calendar.

Non-profit members of the Chamber are invited to post their community awareness and fundraising events. These could include walk-a-thons, arts & crafts shows, outdoor fairs and more.

To take advantage of this free event posting opportunity, Chamber members should log on at business.springfieldchamber.org/login. Once logged in to the Member Information Center, click on “events,” then “add event.” In addition to descriptive content, community event listings may include photos, logos and an external link to the events main website.

Contact the Chamber office for assistance navigating the Member Information Center or for login credentials, 703-866-3500.
This fall, **Andrews Federal Credit Union** will open its newest branch location in Springfield, VA. inside the Springfield Town Center. In addition to the branch location inside, five Andrews Federal ATMs will be located throughout the Town Center for added convenience.

**For more information:**
[andrewsfcu.org](http://andrewsfcu.org)

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**Cheshil Consultant Inc. (CCI)** is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a contract by Capital Rail Constructors to develop an “Expression of Interest” website for Dulles Metro Phase II, which allows area residents to gain access to the many jobs available on the Silver Line Metro project. The purpose of this website is to connect local residents to subcontractors by matching candidates’ profiles with available job opportunities. The job portal will also allow candidates to search for opportunities that fit their skills and subcontractors to search for local candidates with the necessary experience.

**For more information:**
703-569-8763

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**Community Business Partnership (CBP)** announced the appointment of Deborah Dever to the Virginia Business Incubation Association board of directors. Debbie is the Director of the Business Incubation Center, and Assistant Director for the South Fairfax Small Business Development Center at CBP, a 501c(3) non-profit organization. CBP provides opportunities for businesses in northern Virginia and is sponsored by the George Mason Enterprise Center.

**For more information:**
[cbponline.org](http://cbponline.org)

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**FirstLight HomeCare of Springfield**, provider of quality, affordable, non-medical in-home care for adults, is now open in Springfield. Serving residents of Springfield and Fairfax County, FirstLight HomeCare offers complete companion and personal care services for seniors, new mothers, people recovering from surgery and others in need of assistance. Owned and operated by local resident, Iris Hunter, services include bathing and hygiene, walking and mobility assistance, continence and toileting assistance and live-in services.

**For more information:**
[springfield.firstlighthomecare.com](http://springfield.firstlighthomecare.com)

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In August, the Human Resources department at **Greenspring** retirement community hosted a “Back-to-School” event. Residents and staff members came together to assemble and distribute bags of school supplies to Greenspring employees with children or grandchildren in kindergarten through 8th grades. The community distributed 250 bags full of school supplies.

**For more information:**
[ericksonliving.com](http://ericksonliving.com)

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Hardware and building material supplier, **TW Perry**, is expanding its Springfield store and office space, including adding a new showroom. The newly expanded hardware store is open for business at 7740 Southern Dr. and is more than double the size of the original store. The sales offices are now located on a second floor, and the space includes a new conference room as well.

Once complete, the new 3800 square foot showroom will highlight a wide range of windows, doors, molding profiles, decking and architectural millwork from the TW Perry custom mill shop.

**For more information:**
[twperry.com](http://twperry.com)
Topgolf: Team Building, Food and Fun

A lot of deals are closed and connections made on the golf course. In addition to golf courses, Greater Springfield has a unique golf destination as well. Topgolf Alexandria doesn’t have sloping greens or golf carts, but if you’re looking to host a corporate team outing, spend time with family or friends, meet with a client or just hone your own skills for that next big business “meeting,” it’s a must-visit venue.

In 2005, the Alexandria location of Topgolf opened in Kingstowne and was the first facility of its kind in the United States. Best known for their patented microchip golf ball technology and point-scoring golf games, Topgolf offers players an experience unlike any other in golf. In a day when companies of all sizes are looking to promote team environments, Topgolf offers a golf activity where anyone can play, even if they’ve never before hit a golf ball. The facility even provides free club rentals.

Once in one of Topgolf’s temperature controlled bays, your group can play against each other — trying to hit the targets and score the most points. In addition to the game, Topgolf offers a full menu of food and beverages, including wine and beer. The bay hosts are happy to take your orders and deliver items to you while you play.

The facility boasts two 18-hole miniature golf courses, as well as a putting and chipping area. Spend time in the bar, where there is ample seating, or enjoy a table on the patio. For those serious golfers, or those who aspire to be, Topgolf Alexandria employs two PGA certified golf pros, who are available for scheduled and unscheduled lessons that offer video swing analysis.

Topgolf games are both fun and educational from a skills perspective. “Those using our facility to practice and improve their golf game receive valuable information while they play,” said Willie Wilson, Director of Operations. “By playing our unique game, players can see how far they consistently hit the ball with each club. This in turn allows them to make ideal club selections during course play in the future.”

Topgolf is proud to be a part of the community, supporting local high schools and causes, such as breast cancer and ovarian cancer awareness. They produce special events as well, such as “TopGolf Nights” and the upcoming “Putts and Pumpkins” for kids and “Zombie’s Ball.” Both Halloween themed activities are open to the public, with tickets on sale now.

Corporate Membership

Membership is not required to visit Topgolf, but various membership levels and packages are available. They even offer a corporate membership that includes benefits such as unlimited Topgolf, complimentary mini golf, 10% off food and beverage and, most notably, player cards that can be used interchangeably by company employees.

As you review your calendar and begin planning for the months ahead, consider a corporate outing at Topgolf.

For more information: topgolf.com

In 2013, the team at Topgolf dyed the waters on the mini golf course pink, getting in the spirit of a breast cancer awareness fundraising event.
Economic Development Committee
Welcomes New Chair

The Chamber welcomes Craig Blakely, from the Alliance Law Group, LLC., as the new chair of the Economic Development Committee.

Craig joined the Economic Development Committee in 2013. This past spring, he was one of the guest presenters at the Chamber’s Manage Your Online Reputation seminar.

Craig has 30 years of experience representing technology-related companies, including broadcasters, wireless providers, Internet content providers and other Internet-related companies, and electronic equipment providers. He has more than 15 years of experience working internationally on telecom, Internet and intellectual property issues, and related business matters.

Craig is the co-author of Global Information Technology Law which provides an overview of telecom, Internet, e-commerce, e-government, intellectual property and related issues in 23 countries.

In his free time Craig is an avid runner and volunteer segment captain with the annual Springfield 5K.

The Economic Development Committee welcomes new volunteers. If you’re an employee of a Chamber member company and would like more information about serving with this group please contact Craig at cblakeley@alliancelawgroup.com.

Membership Committee
Reaches out to Members

Maybe there’s a way the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce can help you get some rest. Don’t be surprised if a volunteer from the Chamber’s Membership Committee reaches out and asks, “What keeps you up at night?” Membership Committee volunteers work together to grow the Chamber’s membership through the promotion of membership benefits and by encouraging member engagement.

Committee meetings are held the first Monday of the month, 4:00pm at Embassy Suites Springfield. For more information about the committee and how you can get involved contact Anna Kaviani at 703-455-3000.

Marketing Committee
Invites you to join Speakers Bureau

Do you want to share your knowledge and expertise with others? New this year, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will host a speakers bureau to support our community. If you’re an employee of a Chamber member company and would like to be added to the Chamber’s speakers bureau, contact Peter van Aartrijk, peter@aartrijk.com, co-chair of the Marketing Committee. Speakers are not compensated and should supply one to three 30-60 minute topics they can speak on.

Advertise with Your Chamber

Members are invited to take advantage of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce’s various marketing outlets. It’s time to invest in the growing number of advertising opportunities available to members.

One of the primary benefits of Chamber membership is a captive audience for your business. The Chamber offers multiple ways to reach that audience.

In News & Views: Chamber members may place a full-color ad in News & Views. Advertising options range from business card size to a half-page. Space can be purchased in a single issue or contracted for a full year.

News & Views is mailed to the Chamber’s membership and available at Chamber events and around the community.

Online: Tile ads on the Chamber’s website, springfieldchamber.org, provide great exposure for area businesses and organizations. Tile ads are purchased by section so each advertiser targets their individual marketing efforts.

Advertising packages can be custom designed to fit every marketing budget. Discounts are available for long-term contracts and purchasing both print and online space.

Call the Chamber office, 703-866-3500, to discuss your advertising options.
There’s a big red X on my calendar, squarely planted on Oct. 17. That’s when the Springfield Town Center (we used to call it Springfield Mall) opens. Just about two years ago, I stood in the then-mall’s parking lot watching construction equipment take large bites out of the former Garfinkle’s and Sports Authority that made up the mall’s outer walls. That demolition marked the end of an era and the about-to-be-born Springfield Town Center.

Shortly after Labor Day, I participated in a hard hat tour of the Town Center. Wow! This $250 million plus project isn’t just a rerun of the old Springfield Mall. The entrance on Loisdale Road opens to a multilevel staircase and a spacious ground floor. There’s outdoor patio seating for three restaurants: Maggiano’s Little Italy, Yard House and Chuy’s. The 700,000 square feet of new stores, restaurants, movie theaters and upscale retail are contained in a two-level shopping space with broad, tiled walkways and skylights that flood the interior with natural light. There are areas to sit and relax and stations for recharging cellphones and tablets. There’s even a fireplace for open air dining and a play area for kids. I think we’ve got more than a place to shop—we’ve got a social space.

Security, an issue with the old mall, will not be one with the new Springfield Town Center. There will be 122 full-tilt cameras, a security center with eight monitors, some two dozen blue call boxes and an in-house police substation, patrol cars in the parking lot and the new WMATA police substation nearby.

Springfield Mall was always more than a random collection of stores. It was part of our sense of place, a cornerstone of civic pride and a regional draw. As we watched it fail over the years, our sense of civic pride took a hit and we wondered how a property owner could stand to watch such an asset fall apart. But from what I’ve now seen and what we’ll all see on Oct. 17, we can dust off that civic pride because it’s going to be bright and shiny again.

Springfield Town Center is here. This was a project with many moving parts, and as I look back on the hours, days and months of shepherding it through its early planning stages, Board of Supervisors rezoning and complex permit process, I’m pleased with the result. I’d go so far as to say that it’s transformational and it will put Springfield on the map. We are where everything was at one point in time and we will be where everything is again.
Walker’s Grille teamed up with Supervisor Jeff McKay (left) to bring home First Place and the Chamber’s annual Challenge Cup trophy.

The team from First Virginia Community Bank stops for a photo with the Laurel Hill Club House in the background. FVCbank took home Second Place.

The team from First Virginia Community Bank stops for a photo with the Laurel Hill Club House in the background. FVCbank took home Second Place.

No one took home the $10,000 hole-in-one prize but it was a beautiful day on the course for Marshall Graves of BB&T to tee off at Hole 16.

Team Halt Buzas & Powell watches as their putt nears the hole, and ultimately sinks.

Vicky Crews, Kingstowne Residential Homeowners Corporation, hits onto the green.
Improvements to I-395 Corridor North of Springfield

Each day, approximately 200,000 vehicles travel on I-395 near the Mark Center in Alexandria, and that number is expected to reach 220,000 by the year 2035, according to the Interstate 95 Express Lanes Project Interchange Justification Report, November 2011. To meet the increasing demand, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) continues to offer improvements in heavily trafficked northern Virginia.

I-395 North Auxiliary Lane – A new lane is being added on I-395 between the northbound on-ramp at Duke Street (Route 236) and the northbound off-ramp at Seminary Road. This 0.8-mile auxiliary lane will ease congestion where motorists enter and exit I-395. It is expected to be open in early 2015, in conjunction with the 95 Express Lanes, which end near Edsall Road. The total price tag of the additional lane is $20 million.

The lanes of I-395 between Duke Street and Seminary Road recently were shifted to the right to make room for the auxiliary lane’s construction area. Barriers were placed and trees removed, and currently crews are building up the land in places to make room for the additional lane. Sound walls are being put up between the new lane and North Van Dorn Street.

At Sanger Avenue, a connecting road between Beauregard Street and North Van Dorn Street, a bridge span is being constructed to support the new lane. Construction of the bridge will be completed in November 2014. At times, there will be lane closures on Sanger Avenue and flagmen when necessary, but not during morning or evening rush hours. Work will occasionally be done overnight.

I-395 HOV Ramp – Adjacent to the auxiliary lane, crews began construction on a new ramp that will connect the I-395 HOV lanes with Seminary Road over I-395. This $60 million reversible ramp will improve access to and from the Mark Center. The ramp is scheduled to be open to traffic in September 2015. Additionally, a separate pedestrian bridge will be built approximately 50 feet north of the main Seminary Road bridge deck to provide safe pedestrian access across I-395. There will be lane closures to accommodate the ramp’s construction, but not during morning or evening rush hours.
Are you Maximizing your Membership?

As we wind down 2014 here are a few reminders to help you take advantage of your Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce membership. You know that Chamber membership is important, but maybe not sure how to take advantage of it. Consider engaging in just a few of these opportunities and your company will get exposure.

Like us on Facebook, fb.com/gsoc. We’re always sharing fun, real-time, news there.

If you’re reading this article, you’ve taken part in a basic benefit of almost every membership organization – the newsletter. But are you also receiving emails which deliver timely updates? If not, let me know.

Sponsor a Chamber function such as our Above & Beyond lunch, Golf Outing or Annual Dinner. Event sponsorships can be secured for as little as $275 and provide your company great exposure not only at the event but on the chamber’s website, social media outlets and in News & Views.

In News & Views we feature short reviews of member projects and successes. We also have a Member News section on our website. Please email us your press releases on a regular basis.

Appoint multiple employees to join Chamber committees. This is a great opportunity for employees who shy away from formal networking but have lots to share and thrive on service. There’s a committee for every personality. When your co-workers participate on committees, your company name gets exposure again and again. Committees are also a fantastic way to generate and develop business relationships with other members.

Write an occasional business friendly article for News & Views. Share your professional know-how by providing information about best practices with fellow members.

Use the Chamber’s searchable online business directory. If your company is a member, it’s listed there. Not only can local residents find you when they have a need, you can also find a fellow member to do business with. And when you do use a fellow member, please, by all means tell them so.

Help your Chamber help your business grow. Engage with us.

Bring the FBI to Springfield

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce has submitted a letter of support for relocating the FBI Headquarters to Springfield. The Chamber believes this move would have a positive impact on the FBI, its employees and on the quality of life in the Greater Springfield area and throughout Fairfax County.

In its Sept. 10 letter, the Chamber encouraged the GSA to consider the vast array of benefits of using the GSA Franconia Warehouse Complex for the FBI’s new home.

Access to Multimodal Transportation

• Metro and VRE
• Walking trail connecting Joe Alexander Transportation Center to GSA parcel
• Fairfax Connector, Metrobus, OmniRide and TAGS shuttle
• I-95 Express Lanes with connection to I-395 HOV lanes
• I-495 Express Lanes

Economic Development

• Developable land adjacent GSA parcel available for future growth
• Direct accessibility from multiple roads providing ease of access
• Less than one half mile to the completely renovated Springfield Town Center

Area Amenities

• 10 hotels within one half and two and one half miles of the GSA parcel
• Wide variety of dining options
• Broad selection of retail and support services

In addition to these benefits the Chamber believes the site, and those around it, would benefit from the FBI’s relocation without any impact to Springfield’s historic and cultural resources.

In conjunction with notifying GSA of its support the Chamber has launched an online petition to Bring the FBI to Springfield, Virginia. The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce encourages you to sign the petition, which may be accessed from the Chamber’s homepage, springfieldchamber.org, and signed until mid-October.