WORD AROUND THE CITY

REDI for Shopping Small and Local

Whether or not it’s the most wonderful time of the year, it is certainly a great time to take advantage of all the shopping options we have here in Rockville during this holiday season.

If you have a Rockville Rewards card, you can get bargains on gifts and when you take breaks for munchies! Check out all the Participating Businesses!

The Ice Rink in Rockville Town Square is open and so are the shops surrounding it, with FREE PARKING now through Jan. 4. Keep up with RTS.

Even down on the Pike, our Rockville small businesses are having events every week. Don’t miss out.

Shop local isn’t just a slogan here in Rockville, it’s how we do business. There’s no need to drive a long way, or fight your way through malls.

Everything you need for this holiday season is here, in Rockville, right around the corner!

December Fun Fact

Each dollar you spend at an independent business returns an average of 3 times
more money to your community than spending at a chain.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **DEC 7**: Peerless Rockville Holiday Open House
  - For more info email Joyce Debroski

- **DEC 11**: BIN Holiday Party

- **DEC 13**: Rockville Holiday Toy Distribution

- **DEC 16**: MWBC - Minimize Your Taxes
  - Click here to register

LATEST ROCKVILLE NEWS

**DHG Named Outstanding Place to Work by TCM**

Rockville's own Dixon Hughes Goodman was awarded the Tech Council of Maryland's Outstanding Place to Work for this year.

The company won the award for its "pro-activity in its efforts to help their employees gain a work-life balance with the four pillars of their wellness program including community + mental + physical + family.

Congratulations to Dixon Hughes Goodman on this award and we are so glad you're a part of Rockville!

**Nomination Call for F. Michael Taff Award**

At the City of Rockville's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on January 19, 2015, the Rockville Human Rights Commission will present the F. Michael Taff award to an individual adult, business or organization that has in some way made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities in Rockville.

The contribution may include efforts to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, raise public awareness of disability issues, or in any way further the cause of people with disabilities.

The award honors F. Michael Taff, a former chairman of the Rockville Human Rights Commission who demonstrated a particular commitment to people with disabilities throughout his lifetime.

The competition is open to a business, nonprofit employer or individual who lives in or does work within the city limits of Rockville that helps people with disabilities in Rockville. Federal, state and local government agencies are not eligible for the award, but they are encouraged to submit nominations.

You may submit as many nominations as you wish.

REDI Blog Says What?

Keep up with what's going on at REDI and the MWBC by keeping up with our blog!

Here are some recent posts:

- Mo Co Launches Life Science Grant Program
- EMMES is Rockin' in Rockville
- Rockville Works for Me!

You can go to our website, click on News & Events and see what's going on.

Meet REDI/MWBC's New Team Member

Introducing the new Office Manager for the REDI/MWBC offices,
Having served in administrative and management roles in economic development and education-related environments for more than 20 years, Mary Grace comes to us after five years working in a woman-owned retail start-up watching and helping it grow.

She brings experience and administrative skills to the REDI/MWBC table and will take on much of the administrative tasks for the MWBC. She will also be the first point of contact when you call our offices.

In her non-work life, she serves as an election judge for Rockville and Montgomery County and lives in Rockville with her husband.

Click here to nominate.

Deadline for nominations has been extended to December 17th, 2014.

REDI to Appreciate Rockville Businesses!

Business Appreciation Week is March 9-13, 2015!

Every year during Rockville’s Annual Business Appreciation Week (BAW), REDI, with a fantastic group of BAW Ambassadors, visits over 50 companies in Rockville.

During these visits, REDI learns about the business climate in Rockville including what help businesses may need from REDI, the City of Rockville, and other organizations.

We also introduce them to resources and assistance to help them expand their businesses.

For 2015, Business Appreciation Week is the week of March 9 to March 13. If you are interested in having us visit your company, please email Alicia McLeod to get on the list.

Spots fill up quickly, so make sure you are on the list for BAW 2015!

For a look at last year’s results, check out this infographic.

AROUND THE STATE

The Deadline Is Almost Here for InvestMaryland!

INVEST MARYLAND CHALLENGE

In 2014, startups took home nearly $1M in cash and
prizes from the InvestMaryland Challenge.

For 2015 there are new categories and IMC is racking up partner prizes like cash grants, incubator space, legal advice and consulting services.

**Start your application today!** Applications are due December 12th.

Click [here](#) for more information.