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Survey Shows Business Is Booming in Frederick County

County Executive Releases Business Appreciation Week Results

FREDERICK, MD – Sixty-three percent of Frederick County businesses surveyed during Business Appreciation Week this year said they have plans to expand, County Executive Jan Gardner announced today. Eight-one percent of business owners said their business had grown this year, and 84 percent expect 2020 to be even better, according to a survey of 116 businesses conducted during the week of Oct. 7. This was the 19th year that the Office of Economic Development has conducted the annual Business Appreciation Week, the county's largest business retention outreach.

"Our businesses are booming because of Frederick County's outstanding quality of life and our excellent workforce," Executive Gardner said. "We have a strong and growing economy with a record 104,000 jobs. Frederick County is a great place to do business!"

100% of the businesses visited said they liked doing business in Frederick County. The top factors for doing business in Frederick County include the quality of the county's educational system, location, transportation and the ease of the permitting process.

More than 65 ambassadors visited new and established businesses across Frederick County. The businesses represent more than 16,500 employees and a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, agriculture, health care, food service, bio-tech, education, recreation, transportation, finance, hospitality, construction, mining and non-profits.

This year's Business Appreciation Week theme was recognizing hometown heroes, because large and small county businesses are the heroes who create jobs and provide residents with a high quality of life.

Ambassadors included staff from the county's Office of Economic Development, along with staff from Planning & Permitting, the Office of the County Executive, and the Budget Office, and the Division of Public Works. They were joined by representatives of several municipalities, the Downtown Frederick Partnership, and other community partners.

"I want to thank all the businesses and ambassadors who participated in Business Appreciation Week, which has become Frederick County's premiere business event and is the largest such event in the state," said Helen Prophet, Director of the Office of Economic Development. "The visits showed that owners need help with workforce services, marketing and networking to continue to thrive and grow. We are here to contribute toward their success."

For more information, contact the Office of Economic Development at 301-600-1058 or visit www.DiscoverFrederickMD.com.

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