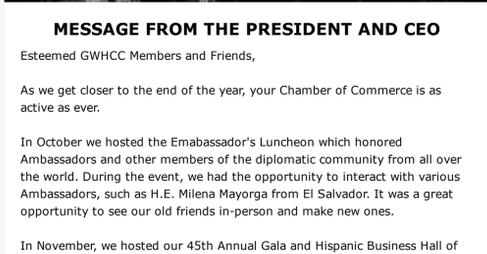


GWHCC BIZ CONNECTOR NEWSLETTER

A monthly digest of interesting content for our business community.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Esteemed GWHCC Members and Friends,

As we get closer to the end of the year, your Chamber of Commerce is as active as ever.

In October we hosted the Embassador's Luncheon which honored Ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic community from all over the world. During the event, we had the opportunity to interact with various Ambassadors, such as H.E. Milena Mayorga from El Salvador. It was a great opportunity to see our old friends in-person and make new ones.

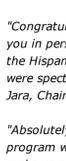
In November, we hosted our 45th Annual Gala and Hispanic Business Hall of Fame with over 500 attendees and special musical guest Milly Quezada "Queen of Merengue" (thank you to all those sponsors, partners and attendees who joined us and helped make it a memorable night). [Take a look at our Facebook page for the official Gala photo album.](#)

Now more than ever, we THANK YOU for being a part of the **Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**. Renewal dues notices have gone out, and we have been getting returns already. We ask all to remit ASAP and keep our membership strong.

I wish for all a Merry Holiday season and Happy New Year as we get into the final weeks of 2021 and look forward to a great, healthy 2022.

Thank you always.

In service,
Nicole Quiroga
President and CEO



LATEST CHAMBER NEWS

GWHCC honors Hispanic Business Hall of Fame recipients at the 45th Annual GWHCC Gala

GWHCC hosted the 2021 45th Annual GWHCC Gala and Hispanic Business Hall of Fame on November 13, 2021 at the Walter E Convention Center. The event featured over **80 of our region's businesses** exhibiting their services, products and more. The expo was the first major in-person event for the Chamber since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.

More than **500 leaders** from the local and federal government, nonprofits, corporations and small businesses attended the event to celebrate the **Hispanic Business Hall of Fame awards**, which recognized business leaders whose legendary achievements continue to promote and advance the economic climate of our communities. [Meet the 2021 Honorees here.](#)

The Gala also celebrated GWHCC's accomplishments as a leading business organization committed to helping move hispanic-owned businesses forward and improving the community and overall region.

We invite you to **SAVE THE DATE** for the 2022 Gala to be celebrated in November. Stay up to date on all details at gwhcc.org/gala.

To view the official Gala pictures [click here.](#)

What people are saying:

"Congratulations on a magnificent evening! It was so great to see many of you in person and celebrate our accomplishments and the new members of the Hispanic Hall of Fame. The venue, the program and the entertainment were spectacular and truly represented the quality of our organization." - Juan Jara, Chairman of the GWHCC Board of Directors

"Absolutely fabulous event, one of the BEST gala's I've ever attended. The program was great, winners were awesome, Milly is AWESOME. You guys make us proud!" - Ivy Savoy-Smith, SVP, Market Manager, Audacy and member of the GWHCC Board of Directors

"Bravo - great time -great fun - great thanks for making us proud." - Jay Haddock, GWHCC member



GWHCC President and CEO joins Abu Dhabi Delegation

Last week, GWHCC President and CEO Nicole Quiroga joined a group of DC professionals and entrepreneurs to **explore trade opportunities between Abu Dhabi and Washington, DC.**

The delegation met with the Abu Dhabi Investment Office, attended the Fintech Abu Dhabi Conference, and experienced their beautiful culture. [Learn more about Access Abu Dhabi.](#)

We thank them for the invitation and look forward to further collaboration!

[Read more here.](#)



Latino Community Development Grant FY22 - Signing Ceremony and Post Award Meeting

On Tuesday, November 16, 2021, the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs hosted a Grant Agreement Signing Ceremony and Post Award Meeting at the Reeves Center.

The Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce formed part of the **Workforce Development and Civic Engagement cluster**, focused on working with our friends at MOLA to benefit the Latino small business community in the District.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Monthly Meetings | 10AM-11:00AM

Would you like to build deeper relationships, gain new skills and learn more about how this organization is built by its members?

Get involved with GWHCC and join our Membership Committee!

This committee is perfect for members who want to make new friends and engage with all our new and prospective members.

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WHO'S HIRING?

Take a look at the GWHCC Chamber Connections Portal!

#ChamberConnections is your GWHCC go-to resource in posting and gaining access to incredible job prospects and life-changing career opportunities.

We are proud to re-introduce Chamber Connections as our Workforce Development program offering and bringing more access to skilled workers for those hiring, or professional opportunities for those seeking employment.

- Multiple Job Openings!
- Apply Today!
- Submit a Career Listing!

Visit: gwhcc.mcjobboard.net/jobs

Chamber Members! Do you have a job opening you would like posted? Job listings are a free member benefit. Submit your opening at <https://gwhcc.mcjobboard.net/jobs>

Pathways To Growth & Expansion - Permisos: No Tiene que Hacerlo Solo

VENGA A ESCUCHAR A LOS EXPERTOS EN PERMISOS, LICENCIAS Y DESARROLLO ECONOMICO PARA COMPRENDER MEJOR COMO ALCANZAR CON EXITO SU OBJETIVO DE LUGAR Y OCUPACION. OBTIENGA UN ENTENDIMIENTO CLARO DE COMO NAVEGAR LAS LICENCIAS COMERCIALES Y LOS PERMISOS PARA PROPIEDADES PRIVADAS, PROPIEDADES COMERCIALES Y NEGOCIOS BASADOS EN EL Hogar Y COMO PLANIFICAR Y CALCULAR MEJOR LOS COSTOS COMUNES DE EXPANSION COMERCIAL.

Evite los errores comunes reduciendo el proceso de concecion de licencias y permisos con informacion detallada paso a paso. Descubra como los nuevos portales en linea y los procesos acelerados pueden ahorrarle tiempo y, en ultima instancia, dinero.

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Obtenga un entendimiento claro de cómo navegar las licencias comerciales y los permisos para propiedades privadas, propiedades comerciales y negocios basados en el hogar y cómo planificar y calcular mejor los costos comunes de expansión comercial. Descubra cómo los nuevos portales en línea y los procesos acelerados pueden ahorrarle tiempo y, en última instancia, dinero.

Esta sesión concluirá con una red social con nuestro equipo de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana del Área Metropolitana de Washington.

[Register Here >>](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Closing Out the Books and Preparing for 2022

Join this GWHCC webinar and learn all about:

- Year end tax planning
- 2021 tax benefits
- Audit readiness
- Financial reporting
- Bookkeeping tips

December 14, 2021
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

[Register Now!](#)

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Own a business but need extra money to get through these tough times?

Don't miss this webinar that will break down the critical facts you need to understand such as: Government Financing, Borrow to Expand Your Business, and Alternative Lending

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LATEST MEMBER AND PARTNER NEWS

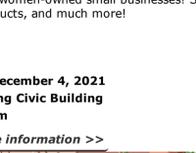
FY22 Great Streets Corridor Retail Grant Coming Soon!

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development ("DMPED") is soliciting grant applications from qualified small business owners who wish to improve their place of business.

The purpose of the Great Streets Retail Small Business Grant (the "Grant") is to support existing small businesses, attract new businesses, increase the District's tax base, create new job opportunities for District residents, and transform designated emerging commercial corridors into thriving and inviting neighborhood centers.

[Read more >>](#)

Employ Prince George's Rapid Re-Employment Grants



EPG will provide small businesses with grants covering 75% of a new employee's salary, and large businesses are **eligible for grants covering 50% of a new hire's salary for the first 12 weeks of their employment**. Grants will be awarded to the businesses on the new employee's first day of employment.

The business must be approved for the grant prior to the new employee being hired, the new employee must be a currently unemployed Prince George's County resident, and the new employee must start within 30 days of the business's grant application.

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DC VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT | MAYOR'S OFFICE ON DC LATINO AFFAIRS | GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

EWI's 8th Annual Holiday Market

Happy Holidays!

Join GWHCC in supporting women-owned businesses this holiday season!

isit Empowered Women International's 8th Annual Holiday Market!

Featuring 50+ local, women-owned small businesses! Shop gifts, jewelry, textiles, natural products, and much more!

SAVE THE DATE!

When: **Saturday, December 4, 2021**
Where: **Silver Spring Civic Building**
Hours: **11 am - 4 pm**

[Click here for more information >>](#)

Saturday, December 4
Featuring 45+ local, women-owned businesses
Silver Spring Civic Building
1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910
11 am - 4 pm

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