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City to Celebrate Maryland Economic Development Week with Showcase of Events and Projects

The City of Hyattsville will celebrate Maryland Economic Development Week (October 20 – 26) through a series of events and projects throughout the week. An overview of the schedule of events and projects follow.

“The City of Hyattsville remains committed to promoting economic growth and development” said Hyattsville Mayor Candace B. Hollingsworth. “Our strategy focuses on fostering entrepreneurship and supporting programs and projects that enhance quality of life for residents and visitors to the City.” Over the past year, the City has focused on the expansion of the bike infrastructure program, affordable housing, tax revitalization credits, and the Commercial Façade Improvement Program.

Monday, October 21, 12:00 PM: “Commercial Façade Improvement Program” Video
Filmed by City staff, the “Commercial Façade Improvement Program” video features past recipients of the program, and highlights before-and-after façade improvements made to their businesses. The video will premiere on the City’s Facebook (@cityofhyattsville), Instagram (@cityofhyattsville), and Twitter (@HyattsvilleMD) social media pages.

Tuesday, October 22, 9:30 AM: Business Development Information Meeting
Along with state, county, and local officials, the City of Hyattsville is hosting a meeting at 4310 Gallatin Street to share small business funding opportunities for local businesses. This event is open to the media.

Wednesday, October 23, 12:00 PM: Digital Story Map
The City’s Economic and Development Department will be unveiling an online digital story map, detailing all development projects which have received funding from the Commercial

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Facade Improvement Program. The map will be available on the City's web page, www.hyattsville.org/facade.

Thursday, October 24: City to Recognize Three Businesses with Awards

Hyattsville Mayor Candace B. Hollingsworth, City Administrator Tracey Nicholson-Douglas, and Director of Community and Economic Development and Planning James Chandler will award Gasch's Funeral Home, Love Yoga Studios, and Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation with a Certificates of Recognition for their contributions to the community. The tour will be open to media and will order as follow.

- **3:30 PM – Gasch's Funeral Home (4739 Baltimore Avenue)**
First established in 1902, Gasch's Funeral Home has built rich community values over the years and is currently the longest standing business in the City.
- **4:30 PM – Love Yoga Studios (5111 Baltimore Avenue)**
Love Yoga Studios is at the heart of Hyattsville's Art District. Through weekly classes, workshops, and camps, the Studio has quickly become one of Hyattsville's residents favorite place to visit.
- **5:30 PM – Archie Edwards Blue Heritage Foundation (4502 Hamilton Street)**
Before becoming a museum, the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation was known as the Willie Blues Foundation. With roots stemming back to 1959, the Blues Foundation was originally a gathering place for aspiring musicians. Now, the museum is a staple in the blues and jazz community.

Additional information about Maryland Economic Development Week and the events and projects the City has scheduled can be found at www.hyattsville.org/econ-week.