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Breaking ground for Cambridge Marketplace, city commissioners Dave Cannon and La-Shon Foster, County Councilman Don Satterfield, County Manager Jeremy Goldman, Cambridge Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley, County Council President Ricky Travers, Sen. Addie Eckardt, City Commissioner Robert Hanson, Sue and Charlie Fairchild, Shore Regional Health CEO Ken Kozel, City Commissioner Steve Rideout, Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes, City Commissioner Donald Sydnor, Del. Johnny Mautz, and Hunter and Duke Fairchild.

Cambridge Marketplace now officially underway

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CAMBRIDGE — Cambridge Marketplace is officially under construction as of the groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, June 6.

Formerly Cambridge Plaza, the vast property is now under development by Fairchild Properties LLC. The mixed-use plans include a Shore Health medical facility, medical offices, a dialysis center, a grocery store, two banks, Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, and many of the same retailers who occupy the space today.

Beginning construction will include the installation of a brand new entrance into the property.

"Thirteen million cars are going to be back and forth, and they're going to see this entrance," said developer Charlie Fairchild. "This is not just any entrance. It is absolutely beautiful. What it's going to do, from Route 50 to I-95, in Maryland, all the way up an hour from here, all the way over to Ocean City, there will be no other facility, no other entrance, nothing like this. Everybody will drive by, look at it, and say 'Wow.'"

The first stages of development will also tackle a renovation of the existing, occupied retail space toward the back of the property. Fairchild said that nearly all of the tenants will remain the same.

"They are really good entrepreneurs. They know what they're doing," Fairchild said. "They work hard. They're a part of Cambridge Marketplace, and we are working with them. Here's to our tenants in the back."

The largest buildings on the property, which used to house a K-Mart and a grocery store, have remained vacant for many years. Fairchild Properties' plans will see a new grocery store and an expansive medical campus to replace those empty buildings.

"I can't tell you how many times I've driven by, looked at this parking lot, then called and talked to Senator (Addie) Eckardt," Del. Johnny Mautz said. "I think we finally have the solution. The plan is phenomenal. We're going to bring so many services to our community, and I can't thank everyone enough for the work they've done."

Del. Sheree Sample-Hughes



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Sue and Charlie Fairchild of Fairchild Properties LLC and Shore Regional Health CEO Ken Kozel at the Cambridge Marketplace groundbreaking.

and Sen. Addie Eckardt shared his excitement for the plans and progress.

"To see this vision come to pass is a blessing in and of itself," Sample-Hughes said. "The community is here and ready to roll. That's how it is in this community."

"We said years ago when we were groundbreaking for the Visitor Center, without vision, the people will perish," Eckardt said. "We have vision. This is the culmination of years of planning, and it is coming together. It is so very exciting."

City and county officials were also on deck to share how excited they are for work to begin on the project. The process of development started years ago, and Fairchild Properties has worked with both city and county to make it a reality.

"How blessed are we to have the Fairchild family now part of Dorchester County," said

Dorchester County Council President Ricky Travers. "We are so fortunate that they have now seen a vision for this piece of property. We're moving forward, things are positive. We're getting things done. This is going to be a shining star on Route 50."

Another resident on the property will be DaVita dialysis center. "This is huge for Cambridge," Fairchild said. "The facility is 9,600 square feet, state-of-the-art, brand new. Nobody is going to have to go to Easton anymore. Nobody's going to have to wait. This is for Cambridge, for Dorchester, for the community. It is big."

University of Maryland Shore Regional Health has held several public information sessions to present their plans for the medical campus to be built at Cambridge Marketplace, which would replace the UM Shore Medical Center at Dorchester. In addition to the emergency cen-



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Architectural renderings of the plans for Cambridge Marketplace were created by Bignell Watkins Hasser Architects.

ter, the campus would include a 50,000-square-foot medical pavilion.

The plan is in the early stages, and nothing has been finalized, but Shore Regional Health CEO Ken Kozel believes the move would bring more valuable and enhanced medical care to Dorchester County.

Currently, the emergency room at Dorchester General Hospital serves about 20,000 patients annually with an average of about 20 inpatients a day. The new emergency department would continue providing 24-hour-a-day care, but would have 18 bigger patient rooms, doors for privacy and better technology.

Kozel said the new emergency department would provide better comfort for patients with a new designation.

"The state has designated a new category of health care, the Freestanding Medical Facility," he said. "Our emergency department would earn that designation. Difference is patients would be able to stay in observation beds right on the campus for up to 48 hours."

"That benefits the patient," he said. "That benefits the hospital by not using a bed unnecessarily. It lets the patient stay local until a decision is made whether they can be discharged or have to receive additional medical care."

The second building, the medical office pavilion, would be home to outpatient services and specialists, including imaging, x-ray, laboratory, rehabilitation, diag-

nostic and an ambulatory surgery center.

The new medical pavilion building also would include a balance center, cardio-pulmonary rehabilitation center, orthopedics, diabetes, gynecology and more.

"Today's health care and the future is not about volume but about the value of medical care," Kozel said. "This new facility would allow us to provide better, high-quality care."

Kozel said the big feature would be telemedicine, which would allow doctors and patients in Cambridge to have examinations with doctors and specialists in Baltimore.

He cited four additional benefits to the move to Cambridge Marketplace: cost savings of \$37 million over 5 years, which is what it would cost to maintain the current hospital; revitalization of a vacant shopping center; a highly visible and easily accessible location for the medical facilities; and freeing up of the waterfront property that could be tied into the city's development of the adjacent Sailwinds property.

"There's more to come in the City of Cambridge," said Cambridge Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley. "The five city commissioners and the five county councilpersons have decided that we are going to work together to get things done. As we work together, I like to say 'Stay tuned!' Things are going to happen in the City of Cambridge."

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Choptank Transport promotes Wood to CFO

PRESTON — Choptank Transport, a nationwide third-party logistics provider headquartered in Preston, has announced the promotion of Marcia Wood to chief financial officer.

"Marcia has provided strong leadership within Choptank, directing our growing accounting team and guiding the development of our IT department and its functions," said Geoff Turner, president and CEO of Choptank. "She has spearheaded many functional changes to our processes that have yielded efficiency across all segments of the business — just an outstanding job."

Prior to Wood's promotion, she served as Choptank's vice-president of finance. During her tenure, the company has grown to five regional locations handling over 150,000 shipments per year with approximately 300 employees.

She received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting from Goldey-Beacom College in Delaware.

Wood is also a licensed certified public accountant and a designated chartered global management accountant.

Additionally, Wood has received several notable awards, such as the Best in Finance CFO Award by the *Baltimore Business Journal* in 2014 and was the 2006 recipient of the Rising Star Award by Goldey-Beacom College.

She is a graduate of the Shore Leadership program and served on its board for six years including two as president.

She also has served on the boards for the United Way of Caroline County and Boy Scout Troop 741 of St Michaels. Helping children develop outstanding character traits and personal finances is important to Marcia which led her to serve as a Coach for Character Counts and Junior Achievement.

Wood is a member of the American Institute of CPA's, the Maryland Association of CPA's, and the Delmarva chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.



MARCIA WOOD

Del. Arentz gets 100 percent pro business rating by group

COLUMBIA — Maryland Business for Responsive Government, a statewide, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, has released the 2017 results of its annual publication Roll Call, now available online. Roll Call is in its 32nd year of printing.

Delegate Arentz scored 100 percent, indicating a pro-business position. MBRG considers cumulative scores above 70 percent as pro-business.

Each year, MBRG's State Advisory Council selects recorded votes from the most recent General Assembly session that are essential to create/retain jobs and promote a healthy business climate throughout Maryland. MBRG identifies these bills in Roll Call and analyzes the votes to produce a score for each legislator.

For the 2017 analysis,

Roll Call analyzed 15 Senate votes and 16 House votes.

This year, 11 senators and 37 delegates received perfect scores of 100 percent, whereas 84 delegates and 18 senators scored below 30 percent. The high-scoring legislators generally rejected the policies of legislative mandates and bans, whereas the lower-scoring legislators generally embraced such approaches. For example, the paid sick leave bill (House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 230) mandated paid leave for employees of 15-person organizations who work as little as 12 hours per week or as few as 107 days per year, and dozens of proposed amendments that sought to lessen the job-killing effects of this mandate were roundly rejected. The legislators who voted against the bill and in favor of the amend-

ments generally scored well, whereas those who favored the mandate and rejected the amendments generally scored poorly.

"We appreciate those legislators who are able to look deeper at a bill, beyond an innocuous bill title, such as The Maryland Healthy Working Families Act, for example, to recognize that such mandates not only harm Maryland's business climate, but will likely cause even more hardship for the very people the bills purport to help. Mandated paid leave is irrelevant if you no longer have a job," said Duane Carey, President of MBRG.

A 2017 study by the National Federation of Independent Businesses showed that Maryland's paid sick leave bill would result in the loss of 13,000 jobs and billions of dollars of economic activity.