

COMMUNITY LIFE



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New UCM Executive Director Meets with Business Community

United Community Ministries hosted a Community Networking event Tuesday morning so that its new executive director Nichelle Mitchem, in photo above, left, at left, could meet with members of the local business community. With Mitchem are UCM board members James Seeley and Claudia Creo. In photo above right, Marcus Wadsworth, staff assistant to Lee Supervisor Jeff McKay, far right, gave a presentation on what's happening in the district and along the Richmond Highway corridor. The event was held at UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store on Richmond Highway. See story on Mitchem, page 3.

BUSINESS

Chamber Holds Business Development Breakfast

The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce held its January Business Breakfast Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Holiday Inn Express on Richmond Highway in the Penn Daw area. Chamber executive director Holly Dougherty noted that while temperatures may have been sub-freezing that morning, there would be "hot" presentations on the "Pardon All the Development Dust in Fairfax County." Speakers were Curtis W. Hoffman, director of real estate services at the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority who spoke about development around the county and what businesses are doing at Tysons, and Edythe Kelleher, executive director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, who spoke about new development planned for the Richmond Highway corridor. In addition, Lee Supervisor Jeff McKay shared recent data placing Lee District locations as leading the county in new development.

In photo right, back row, from left, chamber president Sean O'Connell, Lee Supervisor Jeff McKay, and Curtis Hoffman of the FCEDA. Front row, from left, SFDC executive director Edythe Kelleher, chamber chairman Ashley McNeff Behrens, and chamber vice president George Ksenics.



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