

TOWSON **Towson Live!**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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“A New Outlook for Towson”

Yuletide at Hampton Mansion



The Towson Chamber - A True Leader in this Community!

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Greater Towson Committee Holds Town Hall Meeting
*Living, Learning, and Earning: Embracing the Value of Towson
University and Goucher College*

The Greater Towson Committee continues its series of town hall meetings with “Living, Learning, and Earning: Embracing the Value of Towson University and Goucher College,” which will be held Monday, January 26, 2009, at 6 p.m. in Towson University’s Minnegan Room of the Uritas Stadium Field House, located on Auburn Drive.

This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Contact Greater Towson Committee Executive Director Cynthia W. Bledsoe at gtc@greatertowson.com or 410-825-2549 to RSVP or request more information. Featured speakers Goucher College President Sanford J. Ungar and Towson University President Robert L. Caret will discuss their institutions’ arts and cultural events, campus development plans, athletics programs, and their economic impact on greater Towson’s long-term prosperity, among other topics. Following the town hall meeting format, both presidents will answer questions from community members.

The GTC believes Towson is made a richer community by the presence of both Goucher College and Towson University and strives to enrich the bond between campus and community.

The Greater Towson Committee offers its annual series of Towson Town Hall Meetings as a public service to the community. Topics have ranged from reinventing “main street,” life in college towns, urban parking solutions, and in-depth reviews of Towson’s collaborative planning processes.

GTC is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization, founded in 1979, that promotes investment in Towson through development and revitalization of property and infrastructure for the benefit of the greater Towson community.

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Hampton News Release

Contact(s): Kirby Shedlowski & Angela Roberts-Burton

Phone number: 410-823-1309 Ext. 237

Winter Merriment! – A New Years Celebration and Winter pastimes at Hampton!

Celebrate the New Year by coming to Hampton National Historic Site on January 11, 2009. Join the staff from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and enjoy winter pastimes including free carriage rides, duck hunting demonstrations

and indoor parlor games. Find out where making New Year's Resolutions came from, who was the person to first sing "Auld Lang Syne," and how the Ridgely family celebrated New Year's Eve in the Nineteenth Century.

Activities include:

Free carriage rides through the estate from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Coach rides use the original carriage circle! Each coach tour will have Historic narration with blankets provided. Tickets available at noon.

First come, first serve.

Special demonstration of Chesapeake Bay Retriever dogs at 2:00 p.m.

- Learn about the importance of the sport of water fowling in Maryland!

See examples of various species of ducks and how Retriever dogs were taught to fetch them.

Historic parlor games in the farmhouse (afternoon)

Rarely performed historic parlor games are fun for all ages – fun for the young and young at heart!

For More information, please call the park at: 410-823-1309

Admission is free, and the site is handicap accessible.

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Baltimore County Office of Workforce Development announces Economic Climate Business Survey Series

This year we are experiencing uncharted waters in terms of the economy, the labor market and the foundation of many of our business models. While some companies have to downsize considerably, other companies still continue to have labor shortages. Some companies may experience as much as 30 to 50% of their workforce turning over in the next five to ten years due to retirements and they will need replacement workers. And still others, to remain productive due to increased demand, are actively advancing the technology used in their facilities and retraining their workforce.

In any of these scenarios, during trying economic times businesses need efficient and cost-effective resources - most often at a moment's notice.

The Business Services Unit of the Baltimore County Office of Workforce Development (BCOWD) announces "***The Baltimore County Economic Climate Business Survey Series***," an important new countywide initiative designed to provide a simple communication forum to:

- Assess current economic impact on the Baltimore County business community
- Efficiently connect businesses' human resources / administrative / operations / management staff with BCOWD's "Rapid Response" supportive services where needs are identified
- Develop an on-going "Transitioning Talent" communication pipeline to effectively connect downsized employees with companies that identify the need of their specific skill sets
- Create a greater awareness of the professional resources BCOWD provides as a service to both the business and job seeker community
- Continue a "***Baltimore County Economic Climate***" dialogue through intermittent surveys

The survey, conducted on a secure website, *Survey Monkey*, is an effective way to gather information that could be used to save employers time and money. The survey asks questions about outplacement services required, transitioning talent pipeline connections desired, training grant funds available, on-the-job training grant opportunities, and tax credits or incentives available for hiring special populations. The survey is completely anonymous, but employers can provide information for a business services representative to contact them.

For additional information, contact Carol Brooks at cbrooks@baltimorecountymd.gov or access the survey website at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=JErAVxj0GYVxR9XFmhQfw_3d_3d

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Over 44 Years of Serving the Towson Business Community

2008
Membership Application
&
General Information

Towson Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
23 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
Phone: 410 - 825 - 1144
Fax: 410 - 832 - 5863
Email: info@towsonchambr.com

Visit us on the web!

www.towsonchamber.com

And for festival information at
www.towsontownspringfestival.com

Towson Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
2008 Membership Application

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Number of Employees: _____

Type of Business as listed in the Yellow Pages:

Contact Person: (Ms. or Mr.) _____

Why are you joining the Towson Chamber?

Return this application with your dues investment made payable to:

Towson Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
23 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Membership Investment Calculator:*

1 - 5 employees	\$200
6 - 20 employees	\$225
21 - 30 employees	\$300
31 - 45 employees	\$375
46 - 75 employees	\$400
76 - 100 employees	\$500
more than 100 employees	\$750

Please add one time application fee: + \$ 30

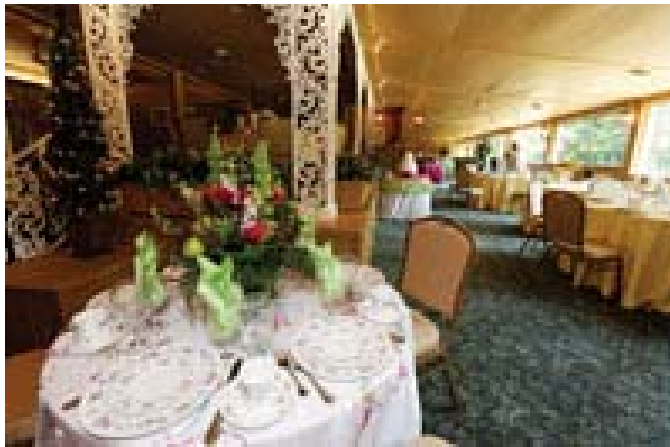
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Please Be Advised!!!!

*Internal Revenue Bureau Cumulative Bulletin No 2, page 105 reads: Membership fees or dues by individuals & corporation to a Chamber of Commerce are deductible from gross income as a business expense provided the memberships is employed as a means of advancing the business interests of the individual corporation."

*The Towson Chamber - A True Leader in this Community!**Peerce's Landing Party*

Many have fond memories of dining or dancing at Peerce's Plantation in Phoenix, which closed in 2006. It's now been reopened as a banquet and catering facility called Peerce's Landing. Joseph Bivona of Signature Catering has renovated the space, but it still retains its characteristic charm. It can accommodate 250 for seated dinners and up to 400 for cocktails and dancing. 12460 Dulaney Valley Road, 410-252-1033



*The Towson Chamber of Commerce
&
Peerce's Landing
Invite you to join us for
Cocktails & hors'doeuvres
Thursday, February 5th, 5:30-7:30pm
at
Peerce's Landing
12460 Dulaney Valley Road
Phoenix, Maryland 21131*

*RSVP by January 29th
to
410-825-1144 or info@towsonchamber.com*

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2008 Towson Chamber Board of Directors

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Pattie McLane, Executive Assistant

Employment Needs

If you are looking for a particular candidate to fill a need in your workplace –check the Chamber 1st! We know people who are looking for positions and will put you in touch.

- Communication specialist
- Home Improvement
- Marketing & Sales

Wow! Check out these new members:

Towson Chamber Members are encouraged to utilize the services and products of other members. If you need any extra directories stop by the Chamber office or let us know and we can send you some in the mail.

NEW MEMBERS!

Mr. Jim Studnicki

Creekside Digital
 Microfilming Service, Equipment & Supplies
 1023 Timber Trail Road
 Towson, MD 21286
 410-296-2605
 info@creeksidedigital.com
 www.creeksidedigital.com

Encourage fellow business owners and clients to consider joining the Towson Chamber of Commerce. We have a lot to offer and it is a great way to help Towson grow.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wednesday, January 21st - **Board Meeting & Breakfast;** Berkshire Marriott Hotel (8-9am)
- Thursday, February 5th-**Peerce's Landing Party** (5:30-7:30)

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