

The Towson Chamber - A True Leader in this Community!

TOWSON RENAISSANCE

Former Investment Building Due for Full Transformation

In May 2010 the Towson community was delighted to learn that the long-vacant office building known as the Investment Building is slated for a complete rehabilitation and redevelopment. The formal announcement, held on May 7, was attended by Baltimore County Executive, Jim Smith and representatives of Caves Valley Partners, the private firm that purchased the building and will oversee its complete transformation into a state-of-the-art business center to be called Towson City Center.

The 12 story office development overlooking Towson Circle could bring up to 500 workers to downtown Towson. The \$27 million project will include corporate headquarters for MileOne, one of the nations largest privately-held automobile sales and service delivery networks, the offices of Caves Valley Partners, ground level retail, restaurants with outdoor plaza seating, and additional on-site parking.

Towson Development - The Palisades of Towson

The new 15 story ultra luxury apartment community, The Palisades of Towson, is pleased to join the Towson community. The building features 357 residences, all with utilities included-a combination of studios, one and two bedroom apartment homes and is designed to be a LEED certified silver building. This certification means that The Palisades of Towson boasts a number of unique green features, such as bamboo flooring, a green roof, solar shades, energy star appliances and a super efficient heating and cooling system to reduce our carbon footprint. Future residents will also enjoy the impressive list of amenities including a rooftop pool and sundeck, fitness center, automated robotic parking garage, 24 hour front desk and concierge service and more. Conveniently situated just a few blocks from the Towson University and the County Courthouse buildings, The Palisades of Towson is also just a short walk to the Towson Town Center. The Palisades, owned and managed by Southern Management Corp. will be open for tours starting in June, 2010, with move-ins starting in August. Visit www.palisadestowson.com for more information and to sign up to receive email updates, or call 410-337-5008.

Washington Avenue Renovations

The Towson UDAT report, "Creating Tomorrow's Towson", recommends the creation of a "formal public square for important gatherings and announcements" on Washington Avenue in front of the old courthouse. The Walkable Towson Plan suggests "special paving treatment" in the same block, to identify it as a "festival street." The Washington Avenue Streetscape Project, with phases 1 & 2 currently under construction, will realize both accommodations and add streetscape enhancements to the remainder of Washington Avenue as well.

Project construction is nearly complete in the segment between Towson Blvd. & Chesapeake Ave. The primary contractor for this phase is Olney Masonry, while the electrical construction is being done by Eastern Sales & Engineering. BGE Outdoor is installing & maintaining the pedestrian scale lighting.

P. Flanigan & Sons is the general contractor for the work in the "Court House Block" of Washington Ave. This phase of the project will include an extensive brick plaza & narrowing of the roadway, as well as pedestrian scale lighting, new trees in storm water management planters, benches, bike racks and decorative bollards. Construction of the entire project will be complete in Fall of 2010.



TOWSON RECYCLES!

Delegate Stephen Lafferty, was contacted by Emily Barone & Diana Reighert, students of Ms. Stephanie Meyers at Towson High School. As students in the 2009 Project Citizen class, they proposed that recycling bins be placed in downtown Towson.

Steve contacted the Towson Chamber and with every good idea, comes resolution. The Chamber is happy to report that we are purchasing ten brand new recycling containers to be placed on Allegheny Avenue. A great start in response to a enormous need!