

Towson Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

"Individually Distinctive, Collectively Strong!"

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General Membership Luncheon & Installation of Officers

Guest Speaker: Baltimore County Executive, Kevin Kamenetz

Friday, June 17, 2011

12 noon—2pm

**Auburn House-Towson University
Osler Drive
Towson, MD 21204**

Towson Chamber 2010-2011 in Review, Business Wrap-Up & Installation of Officers

Please RSVP Confirmations by June 10, 2011

\$25 - Towson Chamber Members & \$35 - for Non Members

Company: _____

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Total amount of luncheons @ \$25 per Towson Chamber members and \$30 for non members. Total: \$_____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Please return a check payable to the Towson Chamber of Commerce, Inc., with this application to the above address.
You may also email us at info@towsonchamber.com or call the Chamber at 410-825-1144 for reservations.**

Please remember we have a 48 hour cancellation policy.

Towson Clean Up Day - Many Thanks!



Towson Farmers Market



Join us June 9th, 2011, 12 noon, for the **official opening of the 32nd Towson Farmers Market by County Executive Kevin Kamenetz**. The market will run through November 17, 2011. Every Thursday from 10:45-3pm Allegheny Avenue between Washington Avenue & York Road will host the busiest and best market in Baltimore County! This year the Towson Chamber has made the market the complete one stop shopping trip each week. Check out our offerings...

Fresh vegetables & fruits
Fresh cut and potted flowers & shrubs
Home baked breads, focaccia, pastries & muffins
Fresh roasted coffee
Local Baltimore County wines
Herbs, soaps
Clothing & accessories
Kettle corn
Assorted roasted nuts
Organic cheeses
Organic beef, chicken, turkey, quail & eggs
just to name a few

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

District 5 Newsletter



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Baltimore County Councilman David Marks
Serving Bradshaw, Carney, Loch Raven, Parkville, Perry Hall, and Towson

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Message from the Councilman

One of the most important recent milestones for the Towson community was the development of Tomorrow's Towson. Starting in 2006, Towson leaders identified ways to make our county seat more accessible to pedestrians and improve the build-out of the Towson core.

Many of their recommendations have been enacted, such as improved signage directing visitors to landmarks and government buildings. One piece of unfinished business has been the enactment of the Urban Design Principles. Next month, I will be introducing legislation that codifies these principles into law.

The purpose of these standards is to help improve the look of new structures as they are approved in the commercial core. The proposed language, if adopted, would create an overlay zone with distinct design and setback elements for buildings. If a developer chooses not to follow the Urban Design Principles, he or she must proceed through the traditional review process. If the same developer, however, elects to follow the Urban Design Principles, the developer can participate in an accelerated approval process. The goal is to give developers an incentive to submit plans that follow the guidelines.

I would like to thank the members of Tomorrow's Towson for their hard work with these important guidelines. They will hopefully enhance the look of our county seat as revitalization moves forward.

David Marks
Baltimore County Councilman, Fifth District



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Beware of BGE Impostors		June 2011
<p>Our office was asked to remind residents to beware of utility impostors. Scam artists have been known to misrepresent themselves as utility company employees in order to steal cash or gain entry into customers' homes. Elderly and limited income customers are common targets. Many times, they threaten to turn off the customer's gas or electric service if the customer does not give them a cash "payment." Other times, they may seek entry into the customer's home to steal cash or other valuables. BGE recommends customers take the following steps to help ensure their safety against impostors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not open your door to someone you do not recognize; • Ask for a photo identification through the door or window, especially if you did not schedule a visit from BGE; • Report suspicious activity to the police and BGE; and • Never give cash to someone claiming to be collecting a BGE payment. 		
County Agrees to Reduce Extent of Forge Road Widening		
<p>Under the Honeygo Plan, Forge Road can be widened to a 70-foot right-of-way. In other words, the existing road could be expanded by more than 20 feet on either side. Councilman Marks has worked with the Department of Public Works to shrink the footprint of the Forge Road widening project so the new right-of-way is no more than 50 feet. The new road will be one-third smaller than allowed under the Honeygo Plan. Under the revised plan, Forge Road will have two lanes, two shoulders, and sidewalks on either side. The changes reduce the amount of land Baltimore County will need to secure from homeowners, save taxpayer money, and help preserve the rural character of Forge Road.</p>		
Harford Hills Elementary School Set for Air Conditioning		
<p>Harford Hills Elementary School in Carney is on track to have air conditioning when the school year begins this fall. Several parents had contacted Councilman Marks about the project, which is fully funded in the current budget. Harford Hills Elementary is one of 10 older public schools to receive air conditioning upgrades this year.</p>		
Improvements Continue in Towson		
<p>Two important projects were finished in May: the Washington Avenue streetscape project and new signage that directs visitors to parking garages and important landmarks.</p>	<p>Three infrastructure projects will advance this summer: sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements in Burkleigh Square; new sidewalks on Maryland Avenue; and sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements on Hillen Road in eastern Towson.</p>	
<p>A critical parcel in the core of Towson will soon have a new tenant. KLN Retail has brokered the lease of the former Hudson Trail Outfitters space to Urban Outfitters. The new store will open in time for the 2011 holiday shopping season. This property is in the heart of our county seat, across from Towson Commons.</p>	<p>Last summer, trees were removed on Kenilworth Drive near the Baltimore County Detention Center. This has allowed light from the detention center to shine onto the Morningside community in West Towson. The county has agreed to replant the trees at the Mount Olive Baptist Church property across from the detention center, hopefully providing a buffer for the neighborhood.</p>	

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Towson Building Auctioned



Auction draws small crowd; buyer declines to give name

By [Tyler Waldman](#) | [Email the author](#) | May 26, 2011

An unidentified buyer bought a Towson high-rise and nearby parking lot for \$1.8 million on Thursday, following a brief bidding war.

The high-rise, the former Suntrust Bank Building at 22 W. Pennsylvania Ave., and the parking lot at 27 W. Allegheny Ave., were sold in a partnership dissolution auction. The auction was held inside the vacant bank on the building's first floor.

A half-dozen bidders registered for the auction, according to Paul Cooper, a vice president for Alex Cooper Auctioneers. The building contains 35,500 square feet of leasable space, 29 percent of which is currently leased. The property, including the Allegheny lot, has roughly 97 parking spaces.

According to state records, the properties were bought in 2004 for \$4.8 million by a limited liability company. The properties are now valued at \$2.5 million.

Louis Denrich, managing partner of Hillendale Properties, owns a property on Taylor Avenue and said he was there "trying to see if I can get two buildings in Towson."

He surmised before the bidding that it would start going high. That never happened. Cooper took offers from several bidders, including Denrich, to get the property up to \$1.7 million, which the owners rejected. Bidding then continued with increments as small as \$5,000 and \$10,000 at one point. The winning bidder declined to comment or identify himself.

Several other area developers came to watch the sale. Nancy Hafford, executive director of the Towson Chamber of Commerce, imagined what could go there.

"I would like to see a brand new condominium building in downtown Towson, because the two new residential buildings have brought so much life to our streets on weekends," she said, adding with a laugh, "Not that my wishes mean anything."

Spotlight on New Members

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fridays, May 13th-September 30th, Towson's "**Feet on the Street**" block parties (6-9:30), Allegheny Avenue between York & Washington
- Wednesday, June 15th, **Breakfast Meeting** (8-9am) T.U. Marriott Conference Hotel, courtesy of Towson Chamber
- Thursday, June 9th, **Towson Farmers Market** (10:45-3pm) Allegheny Avenue between York & Washington
- Friday, June 17th, **Annual Luncheon** (12-2pm) Auburn House, Towson University (Osler Drive)

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