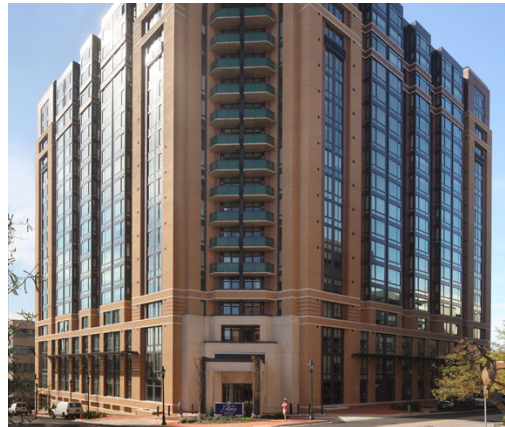


## *“Taste of Towson” at the Palisades*

Please join the Towson Chamber for this year's premier dining experience! The beautiful Palisades of Towson will provide the location for this year's biggest fund raiser for fabulous Towson WinterFest. What makes this event so unique is that there is something for everyone. This evening will provide you with samplings from our finest Towson eateries along with local wines and cocktails in a setting like no other in the area.



*The Towson Chamber of Commerce  
presents*

*“Taste of Towson”*

*We invite you to join us for  
Open Bar, Music & Signature Dishes*

*Prepared by Local Restaurants*

*Wednesday, September 7th, 5:00-7:00pm*

*at*

*Palisades of Towson*

*212 Washington Avenue*

*Towson, Maryland 21204*

*\$30 per person*

*RSVP by September 1st (tickets are limited)*

*to*

*410-825-1144 or [info@towsonchamber.com](mailto:info@towsonchamber.com)*

## Washington Avenue Tuesdays!

Starting Tuesday July 12, 2011 through September, 27, 2011 between the hours of 10-3pm , the Towson Chamber of Commerce will be filling the sidewalks on Washington Avenue in front of the Historic Courthouse Gardens (between Chesapeake & Pennsylvania Avenues). There will be Live Music, Food, Entertainment, Flowers, Fresh Veggies & Crafts. Please join us for the fun!



**WASHINGTON AVENUE TUESDAYS**

When  
**Tuesdays, July 12th -  
September 27th  
10am-2pm**

Where  
**Washington Avenue  
Sidewalk**  
(Between Chesapeake & Pennsylvania Aves.)

What  
**Food  
Music/Entertainment  
Flowers  
Fresh Veggies  
Crafts**

Bring your friends, family, your boss & co-workers to enjoy all that Washington Avenue has to offer!

For More Information Call Nancy Hafford: 410-825-1144

## "Feet on the Street" & Chamber Activities



Live Music, Food,  
Children's Activities,  
Prizes, Beer & Wine  
*May 13th-September 30th*  
6-9:30pm

Allegheny Ave. between  
York & Washington

**Pets & Outside Alcoholic  
Beverages are Prohibited!**

Sponsored by: Towson Chamber

### **BANDS**

July 15 - **Kaos**

July 22 - **Jr. Cline & the Recliners**

July 29 - **Junkyard Saints**

August 5 - **The Rat Pack**

August 12 - **Beach Bums**

August 19 - **Mambo Combo**

August 26 - **New Romance**

September 2 - **The Majestics**

September 9 - **Mary Lou & the Untouchables**

September 16 - **Tony Berry & New Money**

September 23 - **The Objections & Mighty,**

**Mighty Barristers**

September 30 - **Checkered Past**



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### **Join the Chamber & Support our Activities!**

Annual June Luncheon Meeting  
Bi-annual Community Clean-ups  
Produce the Annual Towson Chamber Directory  
Maintain 2 Websites with Member Information  
Design & Distribute Towson Street Maps  
Chamber Representation at the Chamber Business Connection  
Lobbying & Advocacy  
Publicity & Exposure  
Street Banners  
Free monthly Breakfast Board Meetings at the Towson  
University Marriott  
Quarterly Mega-Networking Events in conjunction with nine  
other Baltimore County Chambers  
Chamber representation at Towson University, GTCCA &  
Tomorrow's Towson  
Card Exchanges

Towson Beautification Program  
Towson Farmers Market, Thursdays  
Annual Golf Tournament  
Feet on the Street Block Parties  
Scholarships to local High Schools  
Towson Gardens Day  
Recycling Trash Cans  
WinterFest Activities throughout  
December  
Free Cocktail Parties  
Free Breakfasts and Seminars  
Towson Spring Festival  
Contributions to Community Service  
Projects  
Free Monthly Networking Events  
Ribbon Cuttings

**\*\*Washington Avenue Tuesdays (NEW)**

## *Towson in the News!*

I have attached 3 great articles from the Towson Patch. I am thrilled that so many of our members and Towson businesses won "The Best of Baltimore" 2011 Baltimore Magazine.

We welcome S & J Crab House to Towson, a barbecue and crab restaurant that will be opening the end of August.

Scott and Brian Recher are opening an upscale restaurant in late September, early October called the Towson Tavern. Brian said "what we are going for is a traditional look, something like Ruth Chris or the Capital Grill".

We have a lot to be thankful for!

### History on Tap: Recher Owners Revive Towson Tavern

The new bar next to The Rec Room bears the name of Towson's first pub.

By [Tyler Waldman](#)

In 1768, it was the age-old mantra that led Ezekiel Towson to build his tavern at York and Joppa roads: Location, location, location.

And now, 243 years later, the bar—one of Towson's first establishments and once the area's prime watering hole for weary travelers—is making a comeback thanks to the owners of the Rec Room and Recher Theatre.

The new tavern, located in what was once the Rec Room's billiards hall on the corner of York Road and Shealy Avenue, will open in late September or early October, owner Brian Recher said.

Recher, 51, has unique ties to Towson. His family bought the Towson Theatre in 1959 and ran it until it closed in 1992. He and his brothers, Steve and Scott, reopened it as the Recher Theatre in 1996. He said it was his own history with the area that led him to the centuries-old name.

The Towson Tavern, [according to Maryland Historical Trust documents](#), "may have been the business which began the long history of Towson as a commercial center." The Towson family sold the property in 1802 and, at some point, it became a hotel. The original building was demolished in 1929.

Now Recher wants to make the revived Towson Tavern a mix of the old and new.

"What we're going for is a traditional look, something like a Ruth's Chris or a Capital Grille," he said. "It'll be a real fit for Towson."

Recher said he's aiming for the business lunch crowd. He will offer some lunch and dinner selections, with the menu set to grow as Recher renovates the Rec Room's kitchen.

"If you keep it simple and just make people happy, things will be fine," he said.

The new bar will be accessible through the Rec Room, but like The Crease, the other York Road bar where Brian Recher once worked, it will have a slight dress code (collared shirts for gentlemen). He said he's shooting for a different atmosphere from the Rec Room.

"It's not for the kids," he said.

## Towson in the News

### Barbecue, Crabs Coming to Former Asian Bistro

The new restaurant should open in late August.

By [Tyler Waldman](#)

Say farewell to crab rolls and hello to crab mallets.

The former Osaka Asian Bistro on East Pennsylvania Avenue is reopening later this summer as S&J Crab Ranch.

Pikesville resident James Kahn, the new restaurant's lead owner, said he is "ambitiously" planning to open in late August. The new restaurant will serve barbecue and, of course, crabs.

"Everywhere from Texas to the Carolinas will be our specialty," he said.

Towson does not currently have a restaurant that serves steamed crabs—the closest place that does is Ocean Pride in Lutherville. S&J is also a seafood wholesaler, Kahn said, so he will have access to crabs year-round.

Osaka Asian Fusion opened last year in the former home of Olive and Sesame, another Asian restaurant with a sushi bar. Kahn thought a change was in order.

"You don't think we need another sushi place on this street?" he joked.

Nancy Hafford, executive director of the Towson Chamber of Commerce, said she "never even heard" that Osaka had closed until after the fact. She expects that S&J Crab Ranch will "hit a home run."

"That's a great combination of something we don't have in Towson," she said.

The restaurant is looking for staff. Interested applicants can apply within starting Aug. 4.

## Small Business Survival Summit

On September 7-9, 2011, the [Small Business Survival Summit](#) will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center. This is a "three-day event designed to encourage, motivate and train small business owners to re-evaluate and refine their business practices, identify available resources, and align themselves with organizations in their community for mutually beneficial relationships." Entrepreneurs, industry experts, and business leaders will be on hand to discuss an array of topics, including leadership and social media marketing. [Click here](#) to register and use code "TowsonGlobal" to receive \$25 off!

## *Towson Makes Top Showing in "Best of Baltimore"*

**Baltimore Magazine saluted, among others, Towson's sandwiches, smoothies and stylists.** By [Tyler Waldman](#)

It's the time of the year when local publications trot out the annual Best Of lists. [Baltimore Magazine](#) included its list in the August issue, which just hit newsstands. Here's a sample of how Towson fared.

**Best Chicken Box:** [Chicken Paul's](#) "It's low-key and unremarkable in appearance, but the crispy chicken and fries satisfy a deep-fried need."

**"Best Sandwich: Cubano at [Havana Road Cuban Cafe](#)** "Chunks of slow-roasted pork, ham, Swiss, mustard, and pickles are pressed on crunchy bread ... Delicioso!"

**Best Smoothies:** [Zia's Cafe](#) "The Lucky 13 smoothie ... is just the boost we need after several sun salutations at the nearby yoga studio."

**Best Colorist: Jill Turnbull of [No Worries](#)** "Calm and cool, the earthy Aussie ... is the colorist other stylists call when they have a dye job calamity on their hands."

**Best Stylist: Mario Rentuma of [Lluminaire](#)** "... [T]he co-owner/stylist delivers looks that wow."

**Best Paint Store: [Stebbins Anderson](#)** "terrific service from a knowledgeable staff."

**Best Jewelry Repair: [Towson Jewelry & Repair Center](#)** "... skilled, lightning-fast work."**Best Personal Organizer: [Simplify Organizing](#)**

**Best Heels: [The Little Shoebox](#)**

Additionally, [Brooks-Huff Tire and Auto](#) and [Hollenshade's Auto Service](#) placed among the city's top 10 auto repair shops, at the No. 2 and 5 spots, respectively. [Radebaugh Florist and Greenhouses](#) placed second among the area's top five nurseries.

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The State Highway Administration plans to close the Towson Roundabout to all traffic Sunday, August 21 and Sunday, August 28 to allow crews to mill and resurface all pavement within the roundabout. The pavement work is part of SHA's \$632,000 project to improve safety and traffic operations at the roundabout.

Towson Roundabout Closure Schedule:

12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 21 until 5 a.m. Monday August 22 - milling

12:01 a.m. Sunday, August 28 until 5 a.m. Monday August 29 - paving

Variable message signs and detour signs will be posted on the streets approaching the Towson Roundabout: MD 45 (York Road); MD 146 (Dulaney Valley Road), Joppa Road and Allegheny Avenue.

SHA encourages motorists traveling on York Road between I-695 and Baltimore City to plan for extra travel time and to use the Towson Bypass (Bosley Avenue/West Burke Avenue) or MD 139 (Charles Street) for through trips. Maryland Transit Administration bus riders should also plan for extra travel time and bus route diversions during the roundabout closure. In case of inclement weather, the Towson Roundabout pavement work will be done on the next possible Sunday after the Labor Day holiday weekend (Sunday, September 11 or Sunday, September 18) with detours in effect.

Citizens with questions about the project or the upcoming Sunday closures may contact Ms. Deborah Huth, SHA's Project Engineer, at the SHA project field office in Towson at 410-337-5288, or the SHA District Four Construction Section at 410-229-2420, toll-free at 1-866-998-0367 or by email at [shadistrict4@sha.state.md.us](mailto:shadistrict4@sha.state.md.us).

## Historic Hampton



Hampton National Historic Site  
535 Hampton Lane  
Towson, MD 21286

410-828-0157 phone  
410-962-2500 fax

### *Riots, Revolution, Ridgleys, and the Rest of the Story.*

**Manly Arts Day returns with a new twist to Hampton National Historic Site!**

**September 18th from 10:00 am 4:00 p.m.**

**Manly Arts Day**, one of our most popular Second Sunday Programs returns with a Civil War theme. While called “Manly Arts,” all men, women and children are invited to come and experience a rare look at self defense “Victorian style” in Baltimore City and County on the eve of the Civil War!

This is a hands-on program giving visitors the opportunity to learn swordsmanship, basic fist-fighting techniques, “swing” into action with stick fighting and engage in safe demonstrations with professional instructors. Special guests will include Professor Mark Donnelly and Mr. Steve Huff, internationally famous authors, historians and instructors of Western Martial Arts. They will be assisted by Victor Markland and members of The Mid-Atlantic Society for Historic Swordsmanship. A special display titled “Hampton, a House Divided” showcasing rare letters, photographs and objects from the Civil War will be available in the mansion.

Visitors will gain an appreciation of history. One hundred and fifty years ago people in Baltimore City and Baltimore County learned these same techniques. The first bloodshed of the Civil War occurred in a riot on Pratt Street in Baltimore. The violence of the Pratt Street Riot and its aftermath were not unexpected. In *Mobtown* (as Baltimore was known) gangs of thugs and criminals roamed dangerous streets. These “political” partisans easily moved from the chaos of the street fight to the carnage of battlefield. In the North and the South militia and para-military units were formed and equipped in anticipation of war. It was with one of these units, from Massachusetts, that the Baltimore mob clashed with in close-quarter combat. Charles Ridgley of Hampton led another group as the Captain of the Maryland Horse Guard a Pro-Southern militia unit. **For details call: 410-823-1309 x251. As always, admission is free.**

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## Team CASA



Support Team CASA at the Baltimore Running Festival!

**Runners & Sponsors Needed to Help Abused Children!**

Maryland CASA, a private nonprofit child advocacy organization based here in Towson, is seeking your support of its charity team – Team CASA – in the Under Armour® Baltimore Running Festival on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Runners will participate in the following races:

- Marathon
- Half-Marathon
- Team Relay
- 5k

**Help Us Recruit Runners & Walkers:** We need 30 more team members by 6/30/11 to qualify as a charity team. Please spread the word to your professional and personal contacts!

**Become a Team CASA Sponsor!** Sponsors are needed to provide financial as well as in kind support (e.g. provide food & beverages, signage, etc.). This is a great way to promote your company's support of a great cause among the more than 20,000 event participants and spectators as well as countless television viewers.

Maryland CASA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that the voices of children who have been abused and neglected are heard in court. This mission is carried out through the efforts of more than 1,000 trained volunteers – **Court Appointed Special Advocates** – who represent the best interests of children. *Our goal for each child is simple – to ensure them their right to grow up in safe, permanent homes.*

Please visit [www.GoTeamCASA.org](http://www.GoTeamCASA.org) to register or to become a sponsor. For more information, please contact 410-828-6761.

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Mark your calendar!

Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart

First annual *Fruit of D'Vine* wine tasting

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Loyola Blakefield, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

*Come, sample and enjoy 17 tables of wine and a great selection of appetizers from fine Baltimore restaurants.*

Tickets cost \$45.

The event benefits the mission work of the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart. For more information please call Pat Dodd (410) 823-8585 ext. 247 or visit our website at [www.missionhelpers.org](http://www.missionhelpers.org).

# Spotlight on New Members

## NEW MEMBERS

### Unique Jewelry & Gifts

Ms. Patti Lasover

#### **Beadwear**

29 Allegheny Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

410-337-4960

beadwareinc@verizon.net

### Marketing

Ms. Marian Eichelman Matthis

#### **Big Moon Marketing**

105 Bonnie Hill Road

Towson, MD 21204

410-821-6861

marian@bigmoonmarketing.com

Www.bigmoonmarketing.com

### Athletic Club

Ms. Donyel Hood

#### **Merritt Athletic Clubs**

8757 Mylander Lane

Towson, MD 21286

410-821-0160

dhood@merrittclubs.com

Www.merrittclubs.com

### School

Ms. Marjorie Hoffman

#### **The Auburn School**

1710 Dulaney Valley Road

Lutherville, MD 21093

443-552-7553

mhoffman@theauburnschool.org

Www.theauburnschool.org

## NEW MEMBERS

### Internet Service Provider

Mr. Erik Doll

#### **Data Stream Communications, LLC**

219 Adam Smith Street

Eldersburg, MD 21784

800-974-2605

sales@datastreamip.com

Www.datastreamip.com

Look into joining the Towson Chamber of Commerce.

We are experiencing a huge increase in membership and active participation in all of our activities. The Chamber provides a support system for business and works hard to bring the community into the area to shop ,dine and do business.

Keep an eye on our calendar of events and become a part of a vital organization that is here for only one reason..to see Towson grow to be a wonderful place to raise a family, work and enjoy all that your town has to offer!

## The Towson Chamber - A True Leader in this Community!

### 2011 Towson Chamber Board of Directors

*"Your Winning Team of Professionals"*

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**TOWSONCHAMBER.COM**

Want to have a office function, birthday party, or just a good old get together for no reason party? Think..."Feet on the Street"!

On Friday nights through September, the Towson Chamber can provide you with the perfect venue for any occasion complete with a live band, cold beer, wine and your choice of food.

Leave all of the work to us and just invite your friends for a fun filled summer evening.

For any great occasion you may have, we can provide the perfect solution. For further information, please contact Nancy Hafford at 410-825-1144.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fridays, May 13th-September 30th, Towson's "Feet on the Street" block parties (6-9:30), Allegheny Avenue between York & Washington
- Wednesday, Sept. 21st, **Member Breakfast Meeting** (8-9am), TU Marriott Hotel 10 W. Burke Ave.
- Thursdays, June 9th—November 17th, **Towson Farmers Market** (10:45-3pm) Allegheny Avenue between York & Washington Avenues.
- Tuesdays, July 12th-Sept. 27th, **Washington Avenue Tuesdays** (10-3pm) Washington Ave. Between Chesapeake & Pennsylvania Aves.
- Wednesday, September 7th, "Taste of Towson", (5-7pm): **Palisades of Towson, 212 Washington Ave. Cocktails, music & signature dishes from local eateries. \$30 per person to benefit Towson WinterFest**

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