

TOWSON LIVE

January 2026

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Hello January

New Year, New Chapter

**Bring a Guest to the January Board
& Member Meeting**

Mark your calendars for January's Board & Member Meeting! Join us on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 8:00 AM at 7 West Bistro. This event is generously sponsored by Freedom Federal Credit Union. Enjoy a delightful breakfast and bring along a guest—on us! Invite someone who would be interested in and benefit from becoming part of the Towson Chamber community.

RSVP www.towsonchamber.com



Chamber Holiday Party



Baltimore County Tree Lighting



Window Decorations



Window Decoration Awards



**Charles Village Pub
Christmas Classic**



**Coffee Talk
Peoples Choice**



**Barleys Backyard
Most Festive**

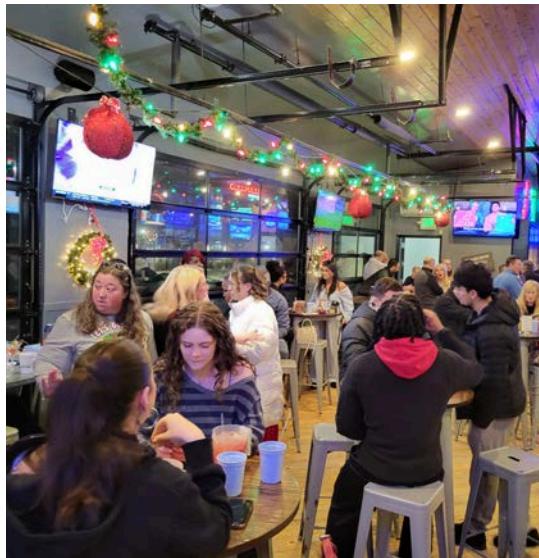


**Le Salon By Jenny
Most Creative**

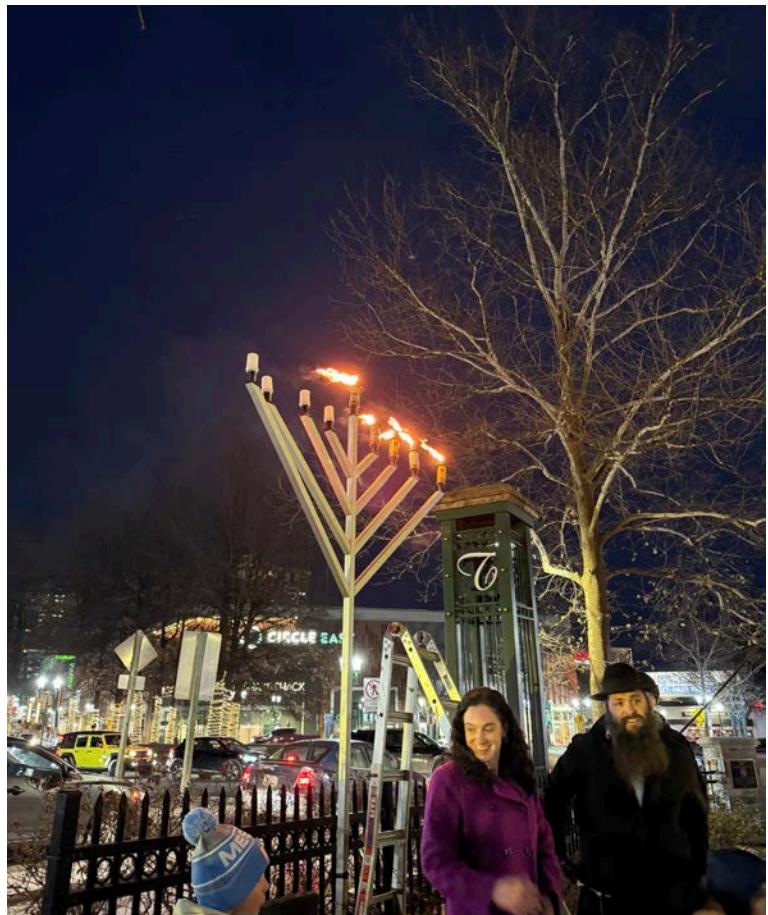
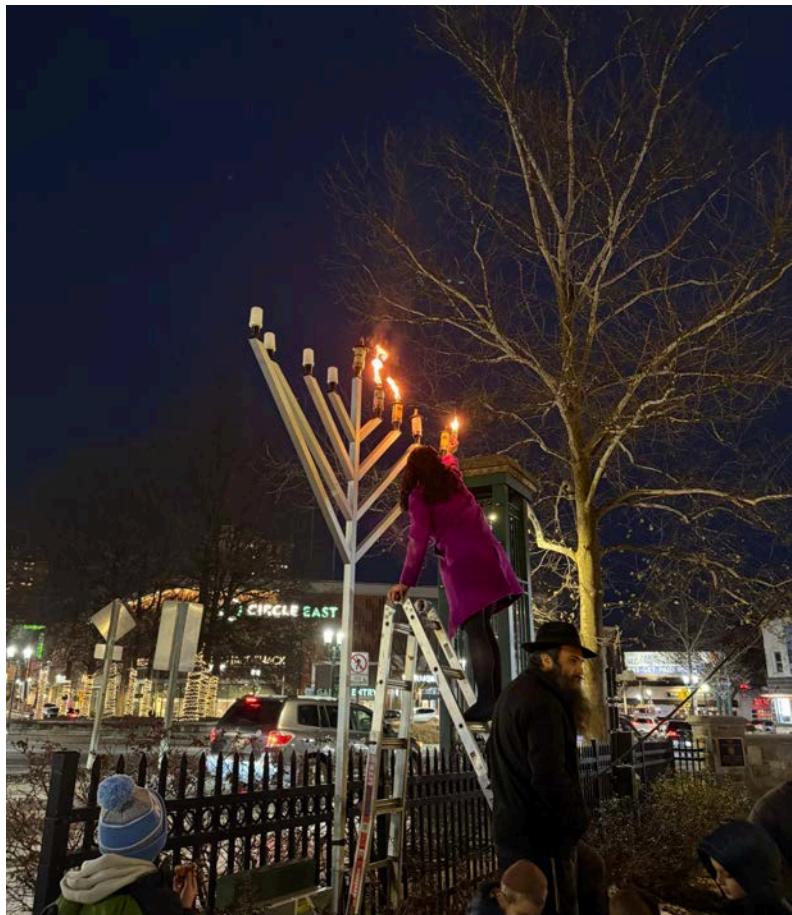


**The Point
Best Indoor
Holiday Experience**

Fire & Ice and Cookie Crawl



Menorah Lighting





TOWSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON

GATES OPEN @ 11:30 AM | LOCATION: 3RD FLOOR HOSPITALITY SUITE

TOWSON VS. HOFSTRA | JAN 8 | 12:30 PM

CLAIM
COMPLIMENTARY
TICKETS HERE!





Winter Restaurant Week: January 16-25

We're thrilled to announce the return of Baltimore County Winter Restaurant Week! This is your chance to join us as we showcase the incredible culinary destinations within Baltimore County during our signature 10-day promotion.

Registration is now open until January 9th, 2026. We're excited to support the restaurant community by waiving all registration fees for this year's event.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to attract new visitors, boost your visibility, and celebrate the flavors of Baltimore County.

How do I sign up?

Please email tourism@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov by **Friday, January 9th**, with your intent to participate and include the following:

- Restaurant name and address
- Website URL
- Restaurant Logo
- A PDF of your prix fixe menu with pricing

Office Space for Lease at Dulaney Plaza

 828 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson MD 21204



Prime Towson location across from Towson Town Center
with free surface lot parking

Office Suite has a reception area and two private offices

Enjoy the convenience of on-site retail, including Starbucks,
Pasta Mista, Papi's Tacos, Chopt, and The Fresh Market

FOR MORE INFORMATION

 lauryn@taubprop.com

 www.dulaneyplaza.com/office-suites



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to the Towson Chamber!



Child's Express
David Childs
945 East 30th Street
Baltimore, MD 21218



Versailles Apartments
Johnny Xayamath
111 Versailles Circle
Towson, MD 21204

Please Join Us!

Member Breakfast

January 21
8:00am - 9:00am

Location:

7 West Bistro Grille
7 W Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Sponsored by:



Please RSVP Online
www.towsonchamber.com

Advertising & Promotion Opportunities

One-Page Insert
Advertise a special sale or promotion with an 8.5x11" insert for \$50 in our monthly newsletter. Advertising for community events is free.

Email Sponsorship
“Sponsor” an email that goes out to over 1500 business contacts. Includes your logo and a click-through to your website. (Costs vary)

Towson Times
Advertise in the Towson Times (costs vary)

Questions?
Contact: Nancy Hafford
nancy@towsonchamber.com

Member-to-Member Benefits

Enjoy these specials offered exclusively for members of the Towson Chamber. Businesses may reference the Chamber Directory, or contact the Chamber office to confirm eligibility.

Express Employment Professionals: First 1/2 day on Express Pros (\$100 Value) – Towson Chamber member organization who use Express for your next staffing need will receive 4 hours of service deducted from your initial invoice for your first Express associate.
stephen.enoch@expresspros.com

Dogtopia of Towson: alexander.davis@dogtopia.com, Two free weeks daycare enrollment for Towson Chamber Members.

Jazzercise Lutherville: Joyce Cardwell jazzyjoyce2@yahoo.com
Towson Chamber Members receive one free week

Charles Village Pub & Patio: Melony Wagner melony@cvptowson.com
20% off to members for food, beverages, and catering. This offer cannot be combined with any other discount or promotion.

Nancy Hofmann, Compass Realty & Live Towson: Nancy.Hofmann@compass.com -
FREE professional home staging when you sell your home with Nancy Hofmann, Compass –
Towson Office.

Integrated Pest Services: Sandy Jenkins, service@ipspest.com, 10% off of all pest services for Towson Chamber members

RISE Biscuits and Donuts: David Brindza, towson@risebiscuitsdonuts.com, Free Sweet Treat Platter (\$31.95 value) to all Catering Breakfast and Lunch orders over \$100. Monday through Friday. Pickup between 7:30 am and 2 pm. Must mention the Member to Member promo.

The Point in Towson: Erica Russo, erica@thepointrg.com, 20% off to all members for food, beverages and catering. Cannot be combined with any other discount or promotion

The 10% Rule

Keep your business local and make 10% of your expenditures stay within Towson. Just think of the impact... If a company grosses \$300,000.00 per year and they see an additional 10% or \$30,000.00, that could mean hiring someone, expanding product lines, or making their interior and exterior look better. Keep business in Towson and create a positive environment for our community!



MD 45 (York Road) Roadway Improvements and Water Main Replacement Project

Construction Work and Temporary Lane Closures Beginning Fall 2025 for Water Main Replacement and Roadway Improvements in Towson

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA), in collaboration with the Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), is beginning the construction phase of the MD 45 (York Road) Roadway Improvements and Water Main Replacement Project in Towson. The 0.5-mile project extends along York Road from Newell Avenue - 300 feet south of the Towson Bypass/Burke Avenue intersection - to the Towson Roundabout at E. Joppa Road and MD 146 (Dulaney Valley Road).

Project Overview

The purpose of the joint project is to replace the county water main under York Road and upgrade the roadway, sidewalks, driveway entrances and drainage inlets and pipes along 0.5-mile of York Road to improve highway safety and traffic operations, pedestrian accommodations and bicycle connections. The scope of the \$9 million project includes:

- replacing the existing Baltimore County water main within the project limits;
- upgrading existing traffic signals, intersection lighting, signage and pavement markings;
- upgrading sidewalk ramps to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements;
- reconstructing commercial business entrances within the project limits to be ADA-compliant and
- replacing damaged inlets, installing new infrastructure as needed, cleaning pipes and drains and replacing or cleaning existing storm drain pipes.

How will work impact York Road traffic flow?

Most of the construction work on this project, such as water main replacement and roadway repair and resurfacing, will be done overnight. Work that may be done during daytime hours includes replacement of concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway entrances. On-street parking along the right lane of northbound and southbound York Road may be temporarily prohibited during construction work.

Lane closure hours

Overnight single- and double-lane closures along York Road may occur any time Sundays through Thursdays between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next morning.

SHA advises drivers traveling through Towson on York Road to destinations south of Towson University and north of the Towson Roundabout to use alternative routes at night.

How will the work affect York Road pedestrian access?

Pedestrian access will be maintained to all properties within the project limits at all times during construction. The construction team will coordinate activities with property owners to minimize disruptions. An ADA-compliant pedestrian path will be provided during sidewalk reconstruction and curb ramp replacement at the signalized and unsignalized intersections. Crews will work mostly at night to limit the impact on pedestrian travel.



How will the work affect York Road bus stops?

During construction, bus stops on York Road in downtown Towson for Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) buses, the Baltimore County Loop – Towson Circulator Bus, Towson University Bus and the Baltimore CollegeTown Shuttle Bus may be affected by temporary lane closures. Bus stop locations may be temporarily shifted or relocated due to construction work on the roadway and/or sidewalks. No bus stops will be eliminated.

When will construction work be completed?

SHA, Baltimore County DPWT and contractor Pessoa Construction Co. will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on residents, businesses and travelers. Weather and other construction factors permitting, the project will be complete by fall 2027. Visit the Project Portal page by scanning the QR code shown below.



Happy Holidays,

from your friends at



**B A L T I M O R E C O U N T Y
D E P A R T M E N T O F E C O N O M I C &
W O R K F O R C E D E V E L O P M E N T**

TOWSON Growth SUMMIT 2026

PRESENTED BY
TOWSON TORCH



JANUARY 22 @StarTUp at the Armory

The Towson Torch, together with Mid Atlantic Properties, The Towson Chamber of Commerce, and The Baltimore County Department of Economic Development host leaders of some of Towson's largest employers for a panel discussion on Workforce Development for 2026.

Come network with other Baltimore County area business leaders and professionals before and after panel discussions.

A percentage of all ticket sales will be donated to The Women's Law Center of Maryland.

TOWSON GROWTH SUMMIT: Workforce Development 2026

 **Thursday, 1/22/26 4 PM – 7 PM**

 **Towson University: StarTUp at the Armory**

 **Tickets: \$35 (Limited to 200 attendees)**

SPEAKER/PANELISTS:

Kent Devereaux, President - Goucher College

Jonathan Hess, Senior Executive Vice President - Whiting Turner

Dr Sandra Kurtinitis, President - CCBC

Melanie Perreault, Ph.D., Provost and Executive VP Academic Affairs

Towson University

TBA, - Stanley Black & Decker

AGENDA:

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM - Networking with Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres

**4:45 PM – 6:15 PM – Panel Session Moderated by Jonathan Sachs,
Director of Economic & Workforce Development, Baltimore County**

6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Cocktails, Refreshments, & Networking

RSVP TODAY

SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

Join us as we watch the championship football game and raise money to support the Nick Ziolkowski Scholarship Endowment and the Military & Veterans Center at Towson University

**AMERICAN LEGION
POST #22**

**125 YORK ROAD
TOWSON, MD**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026
5:30 PM**



Nick was killed in Fallujah in 2004, he was trying to make the world a better place. In his honor a scholarship was established to support others who have Nick's same passion, ideally through military service. To date, over 40 students have received aid to supplement their GI Bill benefits.

For questions & more details about the event, please contact 410-704-4179 or email promotionsandevents@towson.edu

Watch The Big Game on Super Big Screens, while enjoying a variety of food from Mission BBQ, beer & wine, and dessert.

There will be family friendly entertainment, raffles, and free parking.

\$35 | **\$40**
IN ADVANCE | **AT THE DOOR**
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE

To purchase tickets or make a donation visit
towson.edu/VeteransFundraiser



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2025-2026 TOWSON CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS



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Melony Wagner, Charles Village Pub & Patio

Trish Woodward, Camp Opportunity

Towson
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Nancy Hafford
Executive Director



Calixta Eraso
Marketing &
Program Director



Christina Kelley
Membership
Coordinator



Joseph O'Donnell
Community
Ambassador

2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Number of Employees: _____

Type of Business as listed in the Yellow Pages: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Please check the appropriate values:

- 1-20 employees: \$325
- 21-30 employees: \$425
- 31-45 employees: \$475
- 46-75 employees: \$525
- 76-100 employees: \$575
- Over 100 employees: \$1,000

Plus \$30 one-time application fee

= Total Investment \$ _____

Return this application with your dues
investment made payable to:

Towson Chamber of Commerce

44 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

To pay by credit card, please call the chamber office: 410-825-1144

Add sponsorship opportunities
for 2024-2025

Winterfest & Baltimore County
Tree Lighting

Towson Beautification Program

Towson 4th of July Parade &
Race

Taste of Towson

Chamber Golf Tournament

Gardens Day

For more information on
sponsorship packages, contact the
chamber office:
410-825-1144

Please Be Advised:

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



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