

TOWSON LIVE

February 2026

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Winter Mega Networking



February 5, 2026
5:30 - 7:30 PM



903 Dulaney Valley Road
Towson, Maryland 21204



Network with hundreds of business professionals at the Winter Mega at Sheraton North, Towson!

Member Ticket: \$65

Member Exhibitor Table: \$150

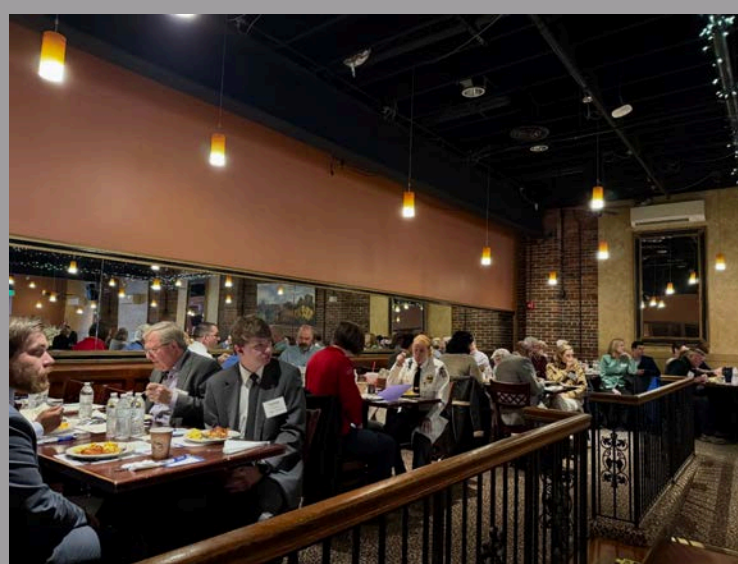
Non-member Ticket: \$70

Non-member Exhibitor Table: \$200

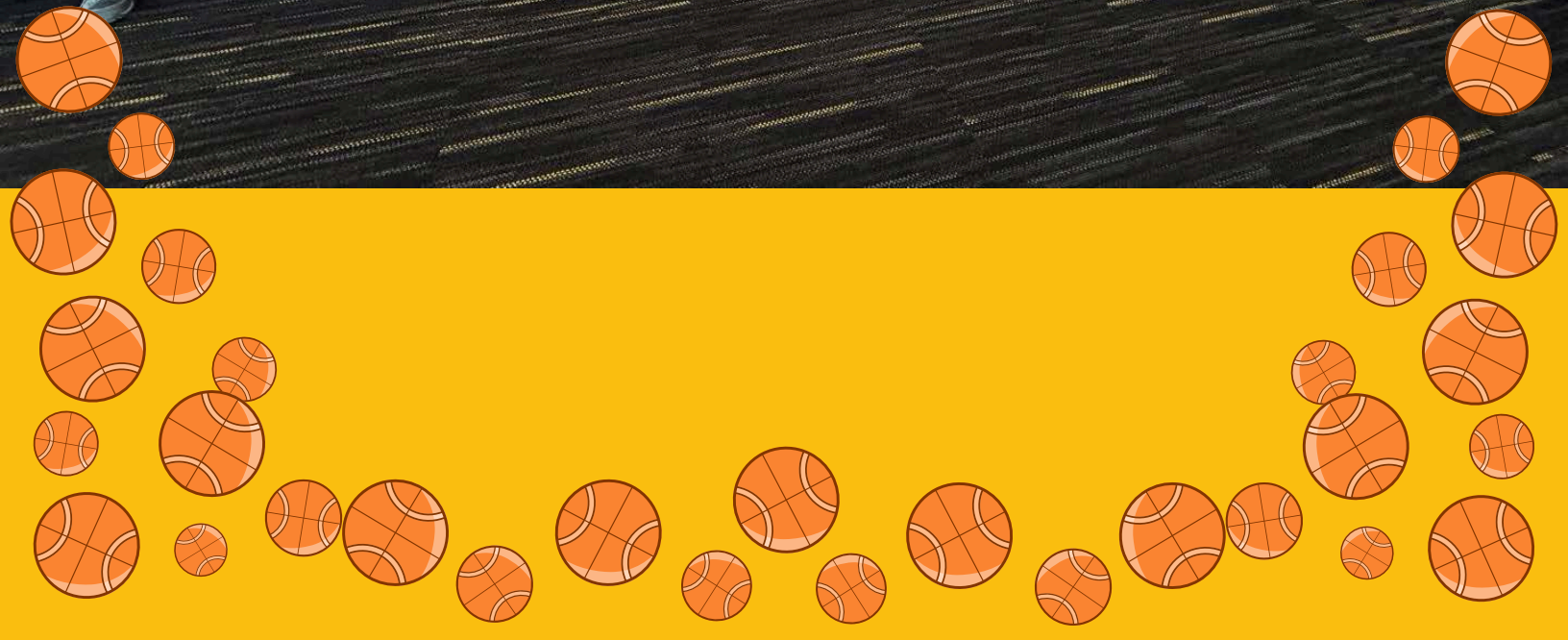
Register online: towsonchamber.com

Sponsored by: Baltimore County Business Association, Chesapeake Gateway Chamber, Dundalk Chamber, Greater Arbutus Business Association, Greater Baltimore Chamber, Greater Catonsville Chamber, Hereford Zone Business Association, Hunt Valley Business Forum, Northwest Chamber, Perry Hall White Marsh Business Association, Towson Chamber

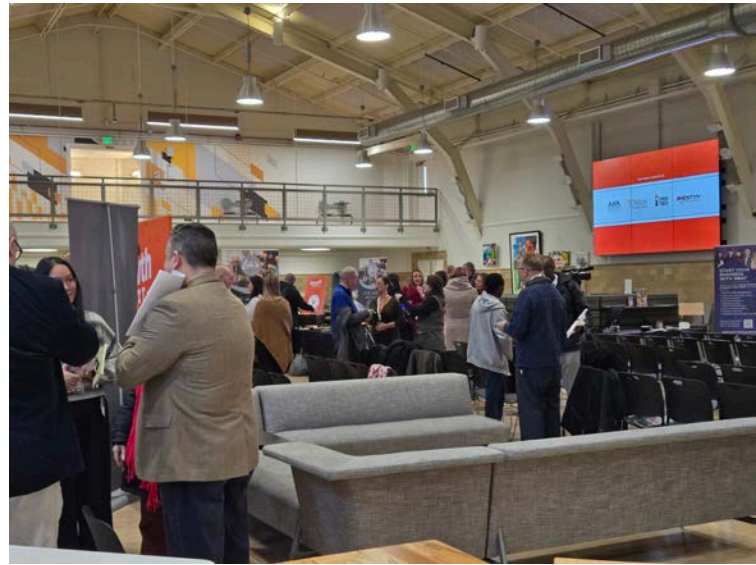
January Member Breakfast Sponsored by Freedom Financial Credit Union



Lunch & Networking at Towson Mens Basketball Game



Towson Growth Summit



BALTIMORE COUNTY BUDGET TOWN HALL

2026 DATES

County Executive Kathy Klausmeier
AND THE Baltimore County Council



COMMUNITY CABINET
6:00pm-7:00pm

TOWN HALL
7:00pm-8:00pm

DISTRICT 5 | JANUARY 28
Perry Hall High School

DISTRICT 7 | MARCH 4
Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center

DISTRICT 2 | FEBRUARY 4
Bedford Elementary School

DISTRICT 3 | MARCH 11
Dulaney High School

DISTRICT 6 | FEBRUARY 11
Parkville High School

DISTRICT 4 | MARCH 18
Randallstown Community Center

DISTRICT 1 | FEBRUARY 19
CCBC Catonsville Center for the Arts

For more information, visit
BaltimoreCountyMD.gov/TownHall

**WATCH THE
LIVESTREAM**



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

✉ laurn@taubprop.com

🌐 www.dulaneyplaza.com/office-suites



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to the Towson Chamber!



Cool Kids Campaign Foundation

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Rea Ripley Law

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102 W Pennsylvania Avenue

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The Iron Thread Collective

Angela Donovan

9720 Greenside Drive

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angela@ironthreadcollective.com

Please Join Us!

Member Breakfast

February 18
8:00am - 9:00am

Location:

Haven Coworking
200 Washington Ave Floor 5,
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!

TOWSON BASEBALL

FIRST PITCH DINNER RAFFLE

WIN A LAS VEGAS GETAWAY!



★ Trip to Las Vegas for Two



★ 2-Night Hotel Stay at MGM Grand



★ 2 Tickets to MJ One by Cirque



★ \$200 Spending Money

ONLY \$25 / RAFFLE
OR \$100 FOR 5!



WINNER ANNOUNCED:

January 31, 2026

Live at the First Pitch Dinner!

To participate, please Venmo to



Debra Janove @SJSTORM

All proceeds support Towson Baseball



Cold days, hot deals!



OPEN HOUSE

February 5–7 | Virtual February 8



Apartments at
Charles Plaza



Deertree



Gallery
Tower



Horizon
House



Key Landing



Liberty
Place



Marlboro Classic &
Redwood Square



Palisades of
Towson



Park Place



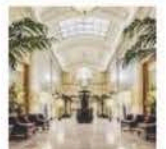
Residences at
Pomona Park



Roland Ridge



The Atrium



The Standard



Watermill

Move in by
Feb. 28 and
receive

\$500

off your first
full month's
rent!



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

IN ADVANCE

\$40

AT THE DOOR

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE

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



Cool Kids
CAMPAIGN[®]

NASH VEGAS

Try your luck and join us
for a night full of games and giving!
Proceeds benefit the coolest kids fighting cancer.

FRIDAY, FEB 27 2026
R. HOUSE GARAGE

301 W 29th St, Baltimore, MD

7:00-11:00PM



**SCAN HERE FOR TIX
AND DETAILS!**

ADVERTISE AND GROW YOUR COMMUNITY



SPRING FAIR
Saturday, May 9, 2026
8516 Loch Raven Blvd.
Towson, MD 21286

HOW TO SUPPORT US

★ DONATE

Items or services to our Silent Auction

★ SPONSOR

\$240

- Your logo displayed on our website, newsletter, social media, and posters at the Spring Fair
- Cards and flyers that you provide displayed at the Spring Fair

WHY DONATE OR SPONSOR?

- Make yourself visible to new customers!
- Donations may be tax deductible.
- Our school builds the educational foundation for children ages 2-5 in the community.
- Proceeds go directly to education enrichment (materials, field trips, and programs).



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410-825-7905



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Venmo: @Holy-Cross-1

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS YOU

Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) You've Earned It, Now Claim It!



By simply filing your tax return this year, you could qualify for up to **\$4,000** through the **Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**. Many Marylanders, even part-time, seasonal or workers who file with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) qualify without realizing it.

Claiming your money is as easy as 1-2-3:

1 Check Your Eligibility

Scan the QR code or visit **MarylandComptroller.gov/EarnedIt** to find out if you're eligible or ask a tax professional to check for you.



Claim Your Credit!

2 File your state tax return to claim the credit. Visit **MarylandComptroller.gov/EarnedIt** to find free or low-cost tax help near you through one of our trusted tax prep partners.

3 Receive Your Credit

Claiming the credit could help reduce what you owe in taxes or increase your refund. Use your refund for what matters most – paying bills, buying groceries, or building savings.

LEARN MORE AND SEE IF YOU QUALIFY AT
MARYLANDCOMPTROLLER.GOV/EARNEDIT

Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit?

The Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable tax credit for full-time, part-time, or seasonal workers with low to moderate incomes. Eligible filers may receive up to \$4,000. The amount you receive will depend on your income and family size.

2. What if I owe taxes, can I still benefit?

Yes. The EITC can either increase your refund or reduce the amount you owe—sometimes even to zero.

3. Who is eligible for the EITC?

Eligibility is based on your income and family size, and you must have earned income in the past year. Many people qualify without realizing it, including: Young adults, first-time workers, part-time employees, and caregivers. Visit MarylandComptroller.gov/EarnedIt to check your eligibility or ask your tax preparer to check for you.

4. Do I need to file my tax return to get the credit?

Yes. Whether you use an SSN or ITIN, filing your tax return is required to receive the credit.

5. Where can I find free tax help?

Free, trusted tax preparation services like Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites are available across Maryland to help with both state and federal returns. Visit MarylandComptroller.gov/EarnedIt to find a location near you. Income limits may apply.

6. Can I still claim the EITC if I use tax software?

Absolutely. Ensure your software verifies Maryland EITC eligibility, as some platforms don't check this automatically.

7. What should I ask my tax preparer?

Ask your tax preparer to verify your eligibility for both the federal and Maryland EITCs and claim it on your tax return. Many people miss out on the Maryland credit simply because they didn't know to ask.

8. Why is the EITC important?

The EITC can help working individuals and families cover essential expenses like childcare, bills, savings, and unexpected costs. It's a powerful tool for financial stability.

9. If I qualify for the federal EITC, do I automatically qualify for Maryland's EITC?

Everyone who qualifies for the federal EITC qualifies for the state EITC. Additionally, Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) filers and childless adults aged 18-24 may qualify for the Maryland credit, even though they are not eligible for the federal credit.



Tax Debt Assistance

The Comptroller of Maryland offers several programs to support individuals and families who may need help meeting their state tax obligations. Whether you are working on a low or fixed income, are seeking to resolve old tax debt, or you've recently been incarcerated, we're here to help.

If you are unable to pay the full amount due, you should still file a return and request a payment arrangement. We will process your return and then send you an income tax notice for the remaining balance due for nonpayment of taxes.

Offer in Compromise

For taxpayers seeking to settle their tax debt for less than the full amount owed.

The Offer in Compromise Program allows you to settle your tax debt for less than the full amount you owe. The Offer in Compromise Program is not an appeal of the taxpayer's liability but may be a legitimate option if you can't pay your full tax liability or doing so creates a financial hardship.

If you qualify for the Offer in Compromise Program and your application is accepted, your Maryland tax debt will be settled, and the Comptroller's office will cease collections actions for the settled debts. If you don't qualify for relief from your tax debt with the Offer in Compromise Program, the Comptroller's Low Income Hardship Program may be an option to provide temporary relief from collections actions.

Fresh Start Program

For individuals who were previously incarcerated and are now rebuilding.

The Fresh Start Tax Assistance Program provides justice-involved individuals, who were not able to file tax returns during a period of incarceration, with an opportunity to come into tax compliance. After filing their returns, they may establish a payment plan to resolve any assessed liabilities. Individuals accepted into the program may receive a waiver for any interest and penalties that accrue on unpaid income taxes in tax years 2025 - 2029.

Low Income Programs

For those who cannot afford to pay their taxes due to limited income.

This program offers relief in two categories: Hardship Relief and Low-Income Taxpayer Relief. Our Hardship relief program is designed for individuals whose income comes only from Social Security and/or pension payments, while the Low-Income Taxpayer Relief program accounts for income from any source.

More Information:

qr.marylandcomptroller.gov/taxdebthelp



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Rev. 10/30/25

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.

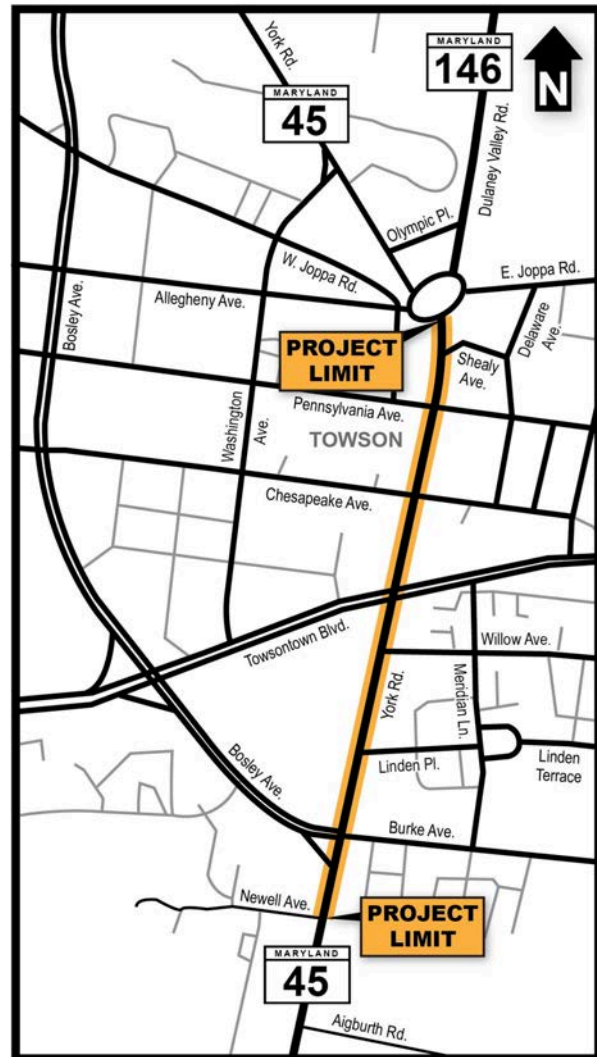
Lane closure hours

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.



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2026 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

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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 memberships is employed as a means of advancing the business interests of the individual corporation.



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