

# TOWSON LIVE

March 2026

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## SAVE THE DATE

THE TOWSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PRESENTS THE

# 62ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 22, 2026 from 9am - 4pm  
At The Country Club of Maryland

**FIRSTTRUST  
BANK**

Registration forms are available on our website  
Call or email about sponsorships  
410-825-1144 or [calixta@towsonchamber.com](mailto:calixta@towsonchamber.com)

# SAVE THE DATE!

Towsontown Spring  
Festival:

**May 2 and 3**

**Saturday: 10am-8pm**

**Sunday: 1pm-6pm**

**400 Washington Avenue**



Towsontown Gardens Day:

**April 30th**

**10am-3pm**

**400 Washington Ave**

*Towsontown*  
**GARDENS**  
==== DAY ====

# February Member Breakfast Sponsored by Haven Coworking



# Thank You,



We sincerely appreciate everyone from the Towson Chamber of Commerce who joined us at Haven Coworking.

Your presence made the event truly special!

As a token of our gratitude, enjoy **10% OFF** your next:

- *Day Pass*
- *Meeting Room Booking*
- *Event Space Rental*

Looking forward to welcoming you again at Haven Coworking!

Email: [Hello@havenspace.com](mailto:Hello@havenspace.com)

# Winter Mega Networking Event



# NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to the Towson Chamber!



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# Please Join Us!

## Member Cocktail Party

March 18  
5:00pm - 7:30pm

### Location:

The Palisades of Towson  
215 Washington Ave  
Floor 5  
Towson, MD 21204

Sponsored by:

The logo for M&T Bank, featuring the letters 'M&T' in a large, bold, green serif font, followed by the word 'Bank' in a smaller, green sans-serif font.

Please RSVP Online  
This event is for members only  
[www.towsonchamber.com](http://www.towsonchamber.com)

## Advertising & Promotion Opportunities

**One-Page Insert**  
Advertise a special  
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**Email Sponsorship**  
"Sponsor" an email  
that goes out to over  
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Includes your logo and  
a click-through to your  
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**Towson Times**  
Advertise in the Towson  
Times (costs vary)

**Questions?**  
Contact: Nancy Hafford  
[nancy@towsonchamber.com](mailto: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!

# BaltCo

# PLANNING

## POP-UP OFFICE

**11AM - 6PM | TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

**Carver Community Center**

300 Lennox Avenue, Towson, MD 21286

Learn more about the role of the different County agencies and current efforts to shape the future of Baltimore County communities!

**MEGAN OLIVER**

Department of Planning

**KATHERINE YI**

Office of Community Engagement

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Department of Economic and Workforce Development

**MARINA GOLDGISSER**

Department of Recreation and Parks



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Newsletter





# Get to Know: Business Resource Spotlight

Hosted by Baltimore County's Economic Development Team

## Upcoming Webinar Details

Wednesday, March 18 • 11 AM • 60 Minutes • FREE

The Get to Know Series is a virtual webinar series designed to connect small business owners, non-profit leaders, and commercial property owners with representatives from government, quasi-government, or nonprofit organizations that supports local businesses, to help them understand what resources exist, who to contact and how to use them.

Get to Know how Baltimore County's Departments can support your business growth and development in Baltimore County. *Featured speakers:*



**Amy T. Mantay**  
Deputy Director  
Department of Planning

*Topic:* Overview of the Department of Planning



**Jonathan Sachs**  
Director  
Department of Economic and Workforce Development

*Topic:* Business attraction, retention, workforce, and economic opportunity.



**Sylvia Bolivar**  
Deputy Director  
Department of Housing & Community Development

*Topic:* Non-Profit Grant Programs

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## Registration

**Registration is required.** Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and unlock new possibilities for your organization.

Visit [bit.ly/4td1kkO](https://bit.ly/4td1kkO) or scan the QR code to register.



# DEMOCRACY FOR THE FUTURE

A Cardin Center Event Series

## Democracy for the Future: The Future of U.S. Public Health

Monday, March 23 | 5 - 7 p.m.

The Kahlert Foundation Auditorium,  
Health Professions Building at Towson University  
211 University Avenue, Towson, MD

Join the Cardin Center for a Democracy for the Future session with **Dr. Josh Sharfstein**, vice dean for public health practice and community engagement at Johns Hopkins University and **Dr. Leana Wen**, contributing columnist for *The Washington Post* and nonresident senior fellow at the **Brookings Institution**. Discussion will explore recent challenges in public health, strategies to build more resilient systems and insights on advancing public health in a rapidly changing world.

5 p.m. | Reception with light refreshments

6 p.m. | Featured conversation, **moderated by WYPR's Tom Hall**

*Registration is required to attend. For more information and to register, scan the QR code or visit [towson.edu/cardincenter](http://towson.edu/cardincenter).*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# MARYLAND DAY CELEBRATION

HAPPY HOUR &  
NETWORKING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25  
from 4-7:00 PM

at RYLEIGH'S OYSTER  
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Scan the code to RSVP or visit  
[eagletitle.com/marylandday](http://eagletitle.com/marylandday)

# EAGLE | TITLE

The logo for the Towson Growth Summit 2026. It features the word "TOWSON" in orange, "Growth" in white with a flame icon inside the letter 'o', and "SUMMIT" in white. The year "2026" is in a red banner below. The background is a black and white photograph of a city street at dusk.

# TOWSON Growth SUMMIT 2026

The Towson Torch logo, featuring a stylized torch with a flame above the text "TOWSON TORCH".

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TOWSON TORCH

**AI + WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**MARCH 31**  
**@StarTUp at the Armory**

A must attend event before you make big investments in AI, or big decisions based out of fear and uncertainty.

Come be part of the Towson Growth Summit on Workforce Development and AI, where we're putting people, not machines, at the center of the conversation. We'll start by taking a breath and cutting through the hype so you can make smart choices about AI without the panic or the big risks. Hear from local experts across Greater Baltimore County/City as they share real stories, bust myths, and help you shape an AI game plan that truly fits your business or career.

The Towson Torch, together with Mid Atlantic Properties, The Towson Chamber of Commerce, and The Baltimore County Department of Economic Development invite you to join us for a night of networking and a panel discussion as we host the senior-most local leaders who will be sharing their expertise related to Workforce Development and Artificial intelligence.

This conversation will revolve around A.I. and its utilization across all phases of the workforce. We'll tackle topics of A.I. ethics, human roles in computing and the future of A.I. Grab your tickets on [towsontorch.com](https://towsontorch.com)



## VENDOR FAIR

**Thursday, April 2, TU University Union Floor 3**

Explore products and services from local, small, veteran, minority, and women-owned businesses and diversify your purchasing.

The Towson University Vendor Fair is an opportunity for campus and other local affiliate program managers and procurement representatives to network with and explore products and services from small, minority, veteran, women-owned, and local businesses from across greater Baltimore.

### SCHEDULE

#### 12:30–2 PM: Lunch Panel: Building Connections & Leveraging Resources

Are you a small, minority or veteran-owned business? This panel explores how small businesses can grow their network and leverage resources at large institutions, like TU and UMB. Learn strategies for building relationships, navigating institutional structures and accessing resources. Panelists share real examples, lessons learned and simple do's and don'ts for working with large institutions.

*Note: this panel is for small business owners and procurement representatives.*

*Thank you to our sponsor*



#### 1:30–3:30 PM: Vendor Fair

Featuring vendors of all kinds, with a focus on MBE/SBR/VSBE certified businesses. Network and engage with small, minority, veteran, women-owned, local businesses from across greater Baltimore and diversify your procurement activities.

### REGISTER TO ATTEND



*Hosted by TU Procurement Department and the Office of Partnerships & Outreach*

**Questions?** Email us at [partnerships@towson.edu](mailto:partnerships@towson.edu)

### APPLY TO BE A VENDOR



Are you certified as a small, minority-owned, or veteran-owned business?

**APPLY BY MARCH 6**

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# MAKE AN IMPACT IN HISTORIC EAST TOWSON

Last fall, Baltimore County and the Northeast Towson Improvement Association were selected as one of three teams from across the country to participate in Smart Growth America's Community Connectors program. This program helps communities repair the damage of divisive infrastructure, with a focus on dangerous roadways. In April 2026, the Community Connectors grant will fund the installation of a temporary demonstration project to make Historic East Towson's roadways safer, more comfortable, and more inviting.

**While this grant presents an incredible opportunity to change the roadway, much is still needed to accomplish our goal of bringing this space to life.**

**We need your help in realizing this vision!** Historic East Towson is one of the region's oldest African American communities, founded in 1853 by newly freed slaves from the Ridgley estate. Generations of descendants have since built homes and raised their families in Historic East Towson. Over the years, however, the community—which once stretched from York Road and Bosley Avenue into North and West Towson—has been damaged and diminished by a series of unwanted infrastructure and development projects. **Your contribution would go a long way to help restore a sense of community and connection in Historic East Towson.**

We want this project to serve as a catalyst for long-term strategies that create a safer, more inclusive street environment, and there are a variety of ways that you could support this mission. The enclosed Project Needs sheet outlines a variety of ways you could lend support or a hand. I hope you'll see an opportunity that works for you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. I'd be more than happy to provide additional information about this project and how you can get involved.

On behalf of the entire Historic East Towson Community Connectors Project Team, thank you for your ongoing contributions to the broader community. We look forward to engaging you in this effort!

Sincerely,



**Megan Oliver**

Baltimore County Department of Planning  
Senior Planner for Council District 6

## PROJECT PARTNERS



**Baltimore County**  
Department of Planning and  
Department of Public Works and Transportation



**Northeast Towson Improvement Association County**  
501(c)(3)



This project is supported through the **2025 Smart Growth America Community Connectors Program**, with funding provided by the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**.

# PROJECT NEEDS

Your contributions will help us bring our vision of a safer, more comfortable, and more connected Historic East Towson to life! Your support means a lot to our project and to the community, and so we want to give you a chance to determine what forms of support are most meaningful to you! Below are some ways to help out.

## SPONSOR

Additional financial support will go toward enhancing the community space and supporting community programming. Sponsors can be recognized through promotional project materials.

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

#### CONTRIBUTING - \$50

A \$50 donation will help beautify the community space and may be used to purchase flowers/plants, sidewalk chalk, and other seasonal decorations.

#### SUPPORTING - \$100

Every \$100 covers the cost of a piece of street furniture (benches, tables, community games, etc.) that creates a comfortable and lively space where the community can gather.

#### SUSTAINING: \$250+

Sustaining donations support ongoing community programming (block parties, neighborhood dinners, game nights, etc.) that activate and bring life to the community space.

## EVENT PARTNER/HOST

Our project creates a space that can showcase local businesses and creatives in a few ways:

- **Launch Event Activity:** Plan an activity to occur during our community launch event (tentatively scheduled mid-day on April 25, 2026).
- **Self-Organized Programming:** Plan a one-time or ongoing program to take place in the newly created community flex space between May 2026 and April 2027.

## IN-KIND DONOR

Below are some items needed to implement our vision:

- Gently loved books (for our new Little Free Library)
- Plants/flowers for planter boxes
- Coffee and snacks to fuel build-day volunteers
- Signage printing services
- Art supplies
- Outdoor umbrellas (and stands)
- 10'x10' Festival Tent

## VOLUNTEER

A community "build day", which will bring residents and volunteers together to help with painting and assembly, is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 18th, from 9am to 11am.

Please contact Megan Oliver with the Baltimore County Department of Planning to sign-up as a volunteer [mrosen@baltimorecountymd.gov].

# RECONNECTING EAST TOWSON

Baltimore County and the Northeast Towson Improvement Association (NeTIA) together have been selected as one of three participating teams in Smart Growth America's 2025 Community Connectors program. This program helps small and mid-sized cities repair the damage of divisive infrastructure, with a focus on dangerous arterial roadways.

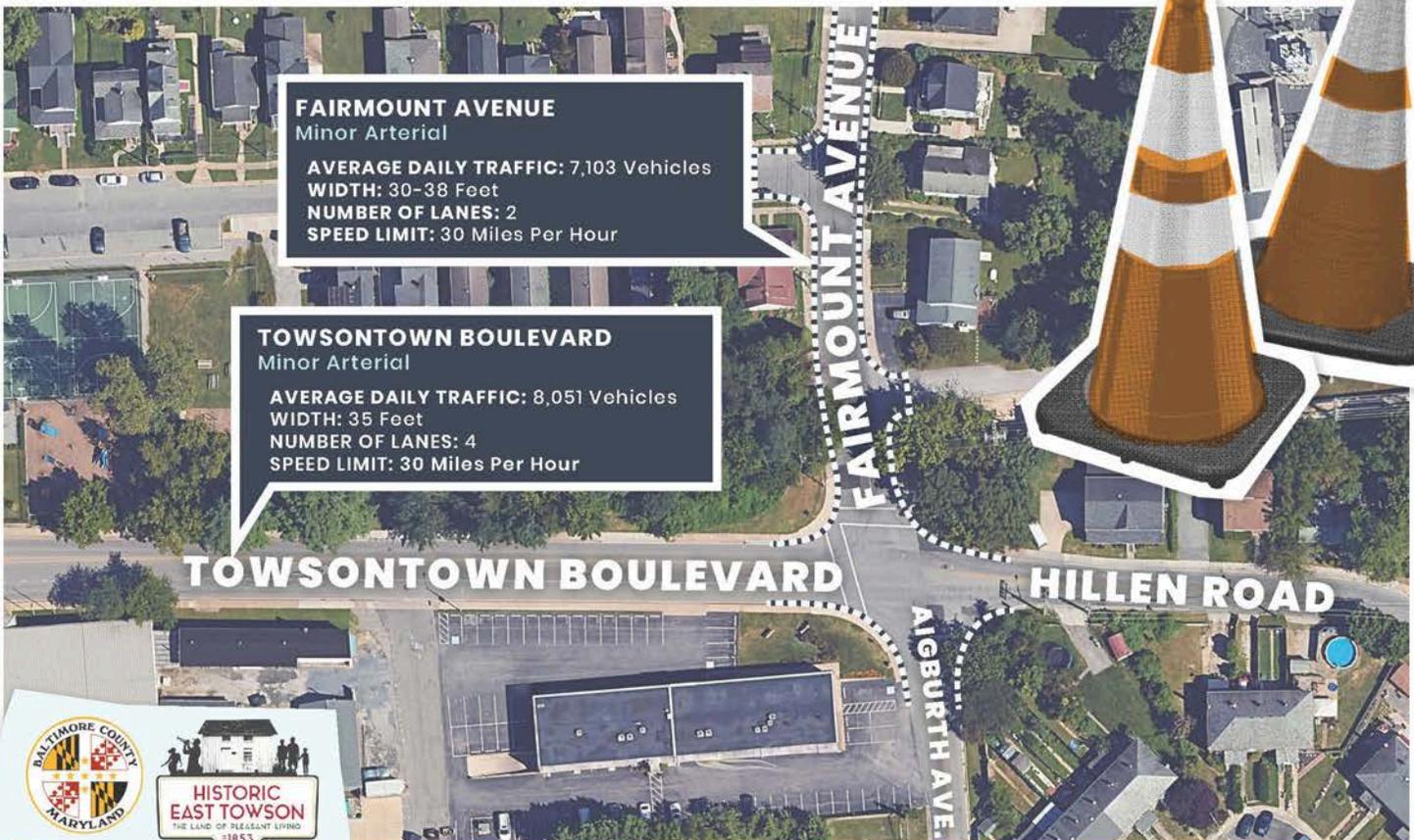
## COMMUNITY CONNECTORS: HISTORIC EAST TOWSON

In Spring 2026, the Community Connectors grant will fund the installation of a **temporary demonstration project** that explores ways to make Historic East Towson's roadways safer, more comfortable, and more inviting.

Take the online survey!



<https://forms.gle/d9awEiPEsojVeu2Z8>



### LOCAL PARTNERS:

The Northeast Towson Improvement Association (NeTIA) and Nancy Goldring, NeTIA President  
The Baltimore County Department of Planning

The Baltimore County Department of Public Works and Transportation  
Goucher College

This project is supported through the 2025 Smart Growth America Community Connectors Program, with funding provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES?



## IS THIS THE FINAL DESIGN?

The image above shows a concept that is being refined by engineers at Stantec. It may be modified before final approval by Baltimore County's Department of Public Works and Transportation.

## HOW WAS THIS DESIGN DEVELOPED?

This concept was developed over the last six months based on a robust data collection effort, input from community participation, and guidance provided by Smart Growth America, a national leader in advancing transportation and development policies in support of community health and livability.

## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FLEX SPACE?

By reclaiming an underused travel lane, the proposed design creates new flexible-use space for the community. This will include an asphalt art project (the first-of-its-kind on a County road!) and space within 9' from the existing curb that can be used for gatherings, events, and beautification.

## WHEN WILL I SEE THESE CHANGES?

These improvements are a set of **temporary** changes that will begin in Spring 2026 (targeting late April) and remain in-place for 12 months.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT?

While the project is in-place, the team will measure its impact through surveys and data collection that tracks changes in motorist behaviors, like speeding. Depending on these observations, the space may return to pre-project conditions, or the team may work with the County to implement more permanent improvements.

## WHAT IMPACTS MIGHT NEIGHBORS EXPECT?

This project aims to improve safety and comfort in the area. The team anticipates the following:

- **Crossing the street will be easier and safer** for pedestrians as a result of increased signage, enhanced crosswalk markings, and changes to roadway design.
- Roadway design and environmental changes will **slow speeding traffic**.
- **Current traffic flow will be maintained** (the majority of motorists already use just a single lane on Fairmount Avenue).
- **Access to existing driveways and homes will be preserved**; mail delivery, waste removal, and emergency access to adjacent properties is preserved through dedicated shoulder space.
- **New space will be available for neighbors** to connect with one another and hold community events.

## HOW CAN I LEARN MORE OR ASK ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Additional questions or comments can be directed to Megan Oliver in the Department of Planning ([mrosen@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:mrosen@baltimorecountymd.gov))

# 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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# 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](https://MarylandComptroller.gov/EarnedIt) to find out if you're eligible or ask a tax professional to check for you.



### 2 Claim Your Credit!

File your state tax return to claim the credit. Visit [MarylandComptroller.gov/EarnedIt](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](http://qr.marylandcomptroller.gov/taxdebthelp)



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**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.

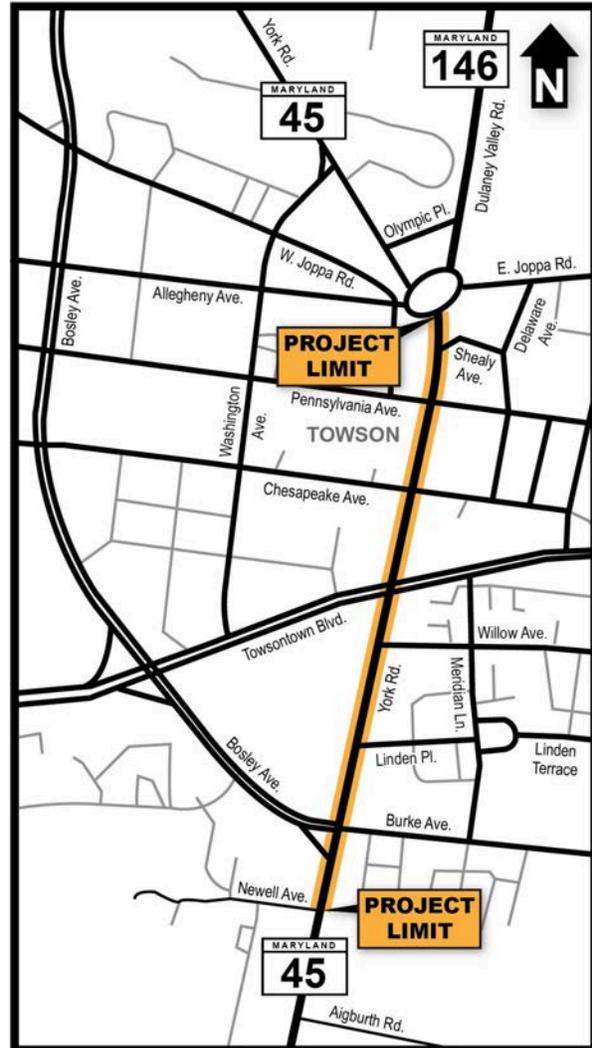
**Lane closure hours**

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.



# TOWSON LIVE

## 2025-2026 TOWSON CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS



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# 2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate values:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1-20 employees: \$350
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21-30 employees: \$450
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31-45 employees: \$500
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46-75 employees: \$550
- \_\_\_\_\_ 76-100 employees: \$600
- \_\_\_\_\_ Over 100 employees: \$1,050

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  
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- Winterfest & Baltimore County Tree Lighting
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Internal Revenue Bureau Cumulative Bulletin. No 2 page 105 reads: Membership fees or dues by individuals to a Chamber of Commerce are deductibles from gross income as a business expense provided the membership are employed as a means of advancing the business interests of the individual corporation.



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