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Member of the Month





Spooky fun at the Fall Family Movie Night – The Nightmare Before Christmas. Thanks to the Cottage Café for the use of the backyard!

GABA had an exciting and active start to the fall season in the community. October was filled with memorable events, including our **Fall Outdoor Movie Night**, **Annual Golf Tournament**, and **Arbootus Trunk or Treat Extravaganza**. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, and supported these events — your involvement helps make them a success year after year.

As we move into November, we're looking forward to continuing that momentum with several upcoming events and opportunities. **Fall Mega Networking Event** – This Week! Join GABA and fellow members from business associations and chambers across Baltimore County for the Fall Mega Networking Event in Catonsville. Limited tickets are still available; don't wait to secure your spot!

Mark Your Calendar for the last weekend of November. The holiday season kicks off in Arbutus with several festive events: Santa's Arrival, Annual Holiday Decorating throughout the business district, Holiday Makers Market & Toy Drive. We invite all members and community partners to join in the celebrations and help spread holiday cheer! This month offers many great opportunities to showcase your business- including event sponsorships, networking opportunities, and our ever-popular Holiday Street Light Banners. Banners are in high demand during the holiday season, and quantities are limited. Be sure to reserve yours early to ensure your business shines bright throughout the district.

Wishing all of our members and community partners a joyful and successful November!

Sheena Herron
Executive Director
sheena@arbutus.org
410-260-9949 – GABA Office

New Members

- All Out Autowerx
- Arrington Group LLC David Arrington
- Ascension Saint Agnes Hospital
- Beltway Air Conditioning, Heating & Plumbing
- Hyatt & Company Real Estate Nick Johnson
- MiDog Grooming Salon
- MN Plastering LLC
- Pantry One
- Reign Aesthetics
- Shuffles Bar & Grill
- Wolfpack Lawn & Landscaping
- This Could Be You!!!

Exciting News!!!

By popular demand we have lowered the cost of advertising on the Arbutus Gateway Sign!

If you are a Premium Plus Member and your membership includes dates on the Gateway Sign, please contact Sheena to secure those dates as soon as possible. <u>All dates are first come, first serve.</u>

GABA members who would to like to promote an event or a special on the Gateway Sign, please send Sheena an email with your request and we will see if that date is open. **The weekly rate for the sign is just \$100**. It is situated at the heavily traveled intersection of Southwestern Boulevard near the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department.

Please send your request to:

sheena@arbutus.org or info@arbutus.org

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2026 WILL BE CIRCULATED BY DECEMBER 1. WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Corporate & Premium Plus Memberships

Corporate

UMBC

1000 Hilltop Circle Baltimore, MD 21250 (410) 455-1000

Premium Plus

All Things Air & Ice, LLC Eddie Watkins II

1307-A Francis Avenue Halethorpe, Maryland 21227 (443) 930-2203

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Beltway Air Conditioning, Heating & Plumbing

Ryan & Rebekah Grimes

1587 Sulphur Spring Road, #109 Halethorpe, Maryland 21227 (410) 855-4822

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Scott Fisher

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Rosedale Bank

5424 Carville Avenue Halethorpe, MD 21227 (410) 242-7451

SERVPRO of Catonsville Melissa Brenner

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Events -2025

November

Wed. Nov. 5 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Fall Mega Networking – The Chapel
Join us for this county-wide event at a new venue.
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Fri. Nov. 14 – 12:00 – 1:30 PM

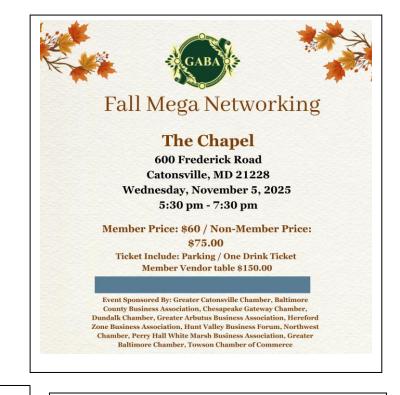
District 44 Small Business & Community Roundtable

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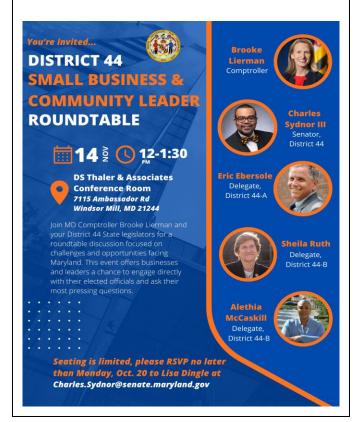
District 44 invite you to participate in a roundtable discussion.

Sun Nov. 30 – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Holiday Market and Toy Drive GABA Welcomes you to our annual Holiday Market and Toy Drive. Please see details below.

Visit our website for more information.







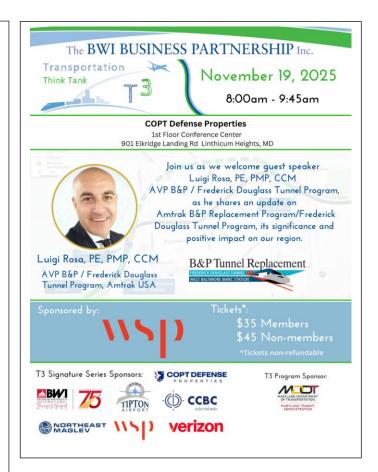


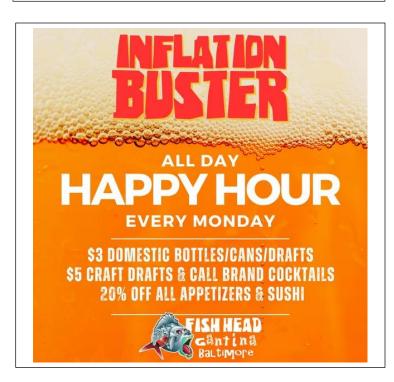
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If your level allows for <u>more than one representative</u>, please list names, email, phone and cell information on the back of this application.

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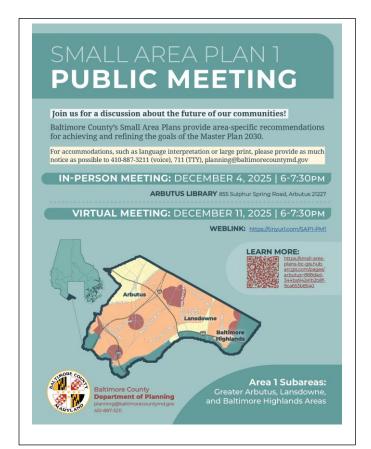














Maryland and Baltimore County News

Resources for New Businesses

Do you have an idea that you are ready to translate into an action plan? Baltimore County offers a variety of resources for emerging businesses and entrepreneurs:

- ➤ Help with <u>creating a business plan</u>
- > Shared and incubator spaces
- Business licenses
- Additional contacts and links

To be connected with a business specialist, email: businesshelp@baltimorecountymd.gov

In addition to the programs above, veteran-owned businesses can take advantage of Maryland contracting opportunities through the <u>Veteran Owed Small Business Enterprise Program</u>. Eligibility standards and links to direct you through the registration process are available.

Unclaimed Property – What does Maryland Have for You?



Baltimore County Council District 1 Updates

Councilman Young and his staff are available to help with your County-related constituent issues. Thursdays from noon until 5:00 p.m. are dedicated to appointments to address your concerns. Please reach out to the office to set up a telephone or in-person visit.

Need to reach the Council Office?

Councilman Pat Young

E-mail

council1@baltimorecountymd.gov

District Office

754 Frederick Road

Catonsville, MD 21228

410-887-0896

410-887-1012 (fax)

Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Towson Office

400 Washington Ave.

Towson, MD 21204

410-887-3386

410-887-5791 (fax)

What's Happening at Dewey Lowman American Legion Post #109

The members of Dewey Lowman Post #109 are always doing something to support veterans and those in need. Following on the school supplies for students project, the Legion post has recently held a shoe drive that ended on Oct. 31. Eyeglasses and cell phones are always collected, and a toy drive began on Oct. 1 that will continue through Dec. 16 as part of the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve's Toys for Tots effort. Collection boxes will be in the Canteen, as well as locations in the Arbutus and Catonsville communities. The Auxiliary is assembling care packages for veterans in our local VA hospitals and is grateful for donations of toiletries, word puzzle books, pens and pencils, undergarments and sweat clothes, as well as throw covers and neck scarves. Find out more in the Cyclops: https://www.americanlegionpost109.org/files/WEB Cyclops-11-12-2025.pdf

For more information on Post activities visit the website: https://americanlegionpost109.org/.

GABA in the Community

Family Fall Movie Night



Oct. 17 – Getting set up for **Fall Movie Night** – popcorn and tickets. **Adam Herron** staffs the GABA table. Many thanks to our volunteers and to **Sorrento of Arbutus** for the pizza!



We heard you Arbutus! "Fix the clock", you said. So, our president Eddie Watkins and Arbutus Community Association board member Mike McAuliffe got to work. We aren't quite there yet...but better "times" are coming!

SHOP LOCAL EAT LOCAL SPEND LOCAL ENJOY LOCAL

START THE TREND!

SUPPORT THE LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE, WORK AND PLAY.

Arbutus Clock Update















Friday, November 14, 2025 Monday, November 17, 2025 10 am - 2 pm

> Arbutus Senior Center 855-A Sulphur Spring Road Arbutus, MD 21227

Join us as we journey to an arctic oasis, explore glittering gemstones, polished metals, mystical minerals, artful etchings and so much more. Find a myriad of treasures ideal for ones own self or for holiday gift giving.

Open to the public. Cash & Check only.

Proceeds benefit Arbutus Senior Center Council's support of programs & activities.



Arbutus Senior Center 855-A Sulphur Spring Rd., Arbutus, MD 21227 410-887-1410 arbutusse@haltimorecountymd.gov



ARBOOTUS TRUNK OR TREAT





We wish we had room in the Bulletin for every photo and memory but it was an amazing turn out. Many thanks to our members, volunteers, and community for the support!

We'll see you next year! See more here.















Public Information





Wilkens Police & Community Relations Organization

No Meeting – Veterans Day

Arbutus Town Hall

1349 Stevens Avenue 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Get up-to-date information on public safety issues in the 1st Precinct at the monthly WPCRO meeting.

For WPCRO information, contact Otis Collins, President: 410-247-6792 or

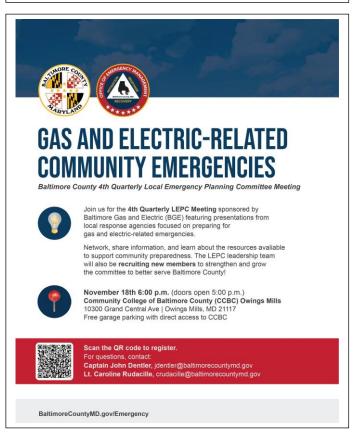
Otis7743@gmail.com.

Community Outreach Office at P1: 410-887-5165

Non-Emergency Police phone number:

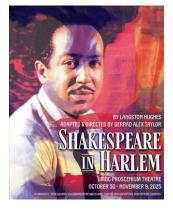
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EMERGENCY - 911





It's shaping up to be a busy fall semester at UMBC! Check out a sample of our events, exhibits, and other activities below. All are open to the public and free parking is available.

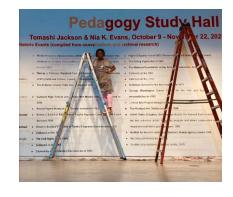


Shakespeare in Harlem October 30 – November 9, 2025 Proscenium Theatre

UMBC Theatre presents *Shakespeare in Harlem* by Langston Hughes, a university-professional collaboration between UMBC Theatre and the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company. A rare gem from Hughes, this collection of monologue poems revives the rhythms of jazz, the blues, and the pulse of the Harlem Renaissance—its love, struggles, and street-corner spirit. In director Gerrad Alex Taylor's adaptation, Hughes' words come alive in a dynamic full-length play, blending poetry, music, and dance for an immersive journey into the world he so vividly celebrated. See performance times and purchase tickets here.

Pedagogy Study Hall Continuing through November 22, 2025 UMBC Fine Arts Building

UMBC's Center for Art, Design, and Visual Culture presents *Pedagogy Study Hall*, a collaborative exhibition, research project, and public humanities residency by interdisciplinary artist Tomashi Jackson and policy analyst and economic advocate Nia K. Evans. It examines systems of investment and disinvestment in the arts and humanities as reflections of broader civic and economic structures. Across its run, *Pedagogy Study Hall* will host a wide-ranging series of public events including reading groups, drawing sessions, workshops, and roundtables; more information here.





Picturing Mobility: Black Tourism and Leisure during the Jim Crow Era Continuing through December 19, 2025 UMBC Albin O. Kuhn Library Gallery

This exhibition explores what it meant to seek leisure and travel as a Black American during the Jim Crow era; it features snapshots and travel ephemera of Black leisure experiences primarily from the mid-Atlantic during the 1920s to 1960s. From beach outings to family road trips, these images offer glimpses into everyday moments of happiness, relaxation and community, challenging dominant narratives that define the era solely through restriction and struggle.

Check out the full UMBC Arts and Culture calendar here.



UM-BC! UM-BC!

We look forward to seeing you on campus this fall cheering on your Retrievers! Check out the <u>monthly calendar</u> for schedules and ticket/broadcast information, and learn more about Retriever Athletics <u>here</u>. Go Dawgs!

Member of the Month

Machado Construction Co., Inc.

Alice Larrimore

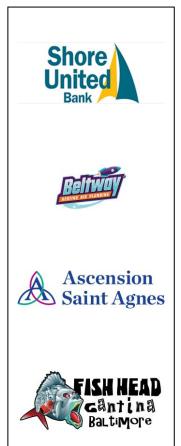
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