

The Greater Arbutus BULLETIN

January 2026

A Newsletter from



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BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Member of the Month



Happy New Year!

We are excited for the year ahead—filled with networking events, happy hours, breakfasts, holiday celebrations, and so much more. Our goal is to help you grow and prosper in 2026, and attending events is a great way to meet new members and reconnect with those you already know.

We hope to see you at even more events this year! I am especially looking forward to connecting with our members and would love to set up a time to grab coffee or stop by your business to see how GABA can better support you in the year ahead. I will be personally reaching out to all members, and I hope we can connect soon.

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year!

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

P.S. We welcome input from our members for the **Bulletin**. If you have a professional milestone, a special event, or news to share, send it along. We put the newsletter together during the last week of the month, and typically circulate it on the first business day of the new month.

If your membership includes an ad in the **Bulletin**, please send your graphics to us, or let us know if you want us to use an ad you have on Facebook (not a reel).

New Members

- **Digital Ledger Pro, LLC**
- Sign up a new member, get a free gift!
- This could be you

Exciting News!!!

We are holding the cost of advertising on the **Arbutus Gateway Sign** for **2026** at **\$100!**

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. All dates are first come, first serve.

GABA members who would 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 HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED BY EMAIL. REACH OUT TO [SHEENA](#) IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOURS.

AMEX SHOP SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM



The **Amex Shop Small Grants Program**, in partnership with American Express®, will fund more than 500 grants of \$20,000 each, empowering small businesses to grow, innovate, and support their local communities. The program was initially launched with a \$5 million contribution, and as a result of its giving pledge for eligible transactions made on Small Business Saturday®, American Express will now contribute an additional \$5.1 million to the program – totaling over \$10 million in grants. Applications are due by Friday, January 16, 2026 at 11:59 a.m.

Find out more [here](#).



Every company reaches a point where growth becomes harder. The **Scaling Up Business Growth Workshop** is designed to help leadership teams break through these barriers and build a foundation for sustainable, profitable growth.

In this one-day, hands-on workshop, you'll learn the proven Scaling Up framework that has helped thousands of companies worldwide master the four critical decisions every business must get right: People, Strategy, Execution, and Cash. Through engaging lessons, practical tools, and collaborative working sessions, you'll apply these concepts directly to your business, leaving with a clear plan you can put into action immediately.

More info and registration is [here](#).

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

Ascension Saint Agnes Hospital

Lisa Starkey
900 South Caton Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21229
(667) 234-2670

Beltway Air Conditioning, Heating & Plumbing

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

Fish Head Cantina

Scott Fisher
4802 Benson Avenue
Halethorpe, Maryland 21227
(410) 247-2474

Rosedale Bank

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

SERVPRO of Catonsville

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Halethorpe, MD 21227
(410) 242-7370

Shore United Bank

Shanna Edwards
1101 Maiden Choice Lane
Baltimore, MD 21229
(410) 242-1234
(443) 709-8052

Sorrento of Arbutus

Harold Xecominos
5401 East Drive
Halethorpe, MD 21227
(410) 242-6474

Whalen Properties

Steve Whalen & Tom Whalen
2 West Rolling Crossroads
Catonsville, MD 21228
(410) 747-2900

Events – 2026

January

Wed. Jan. 7

Bulk Trash Pick Up – Arbutus/Halethorpe

Get the details [here](#).

January 16 - 25

Baltimore County Winter Restaurant Week

Will your favorite spot be on the list? Check [here](#).

Thurs. Jan. 29, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

GABA's Winter Meet & Greet

Baltimore County Arts Guild

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February

Sat. Feb. 14

Valentine's Day

Visit our [website](#) for more information.



Greater Arbutus Business Association January

Meet & Greet

Join us for our New Year Membership Meet & Greet, hosted by the Baltimore County Arts Guild! This is a free event for our members. This is the perfect opportunity to welcome new members, reconnect with familiar faces, and make valuable new connections.

In addition to networking, attendees will have the chance to meet local artists from the Guild. Handcrafted items and original works will be available for purchase, and a simple, hands-on activity will be offered for those who wish to participate.

Light snacks and refreshments will be served. Don't forget to bring your business cards—you never know who you might meet!

We hope you'll join us for an evening of connection, creativity, and community.

January 29, 2026

5 pm – 6:30 pm

Baltimore County Arts Guild

101 Maiden Choice Lane
Baltimore, 21229



Please RSVP to
sheena@arbutus.org

410.260.9949
www.Arbutus.org



**TRANSPORTATION
THINK TANK**

**BWJ BUSINESS
PARTNERSHIP**

January 21, 2026
8:00am - 10:00 am

BWJ Marshall Airport
Observation Gallery

Shannetta Griffin
Executive Director & CEO
Maryland Aviation
Administration

Join us as Shannetta Griffin, Executive Director & CEO, Maryland Aviation Administration, offers important information about the success and growth of the airport, with an important focus on the future. Attendees will hear firsthand about exciting airport developments, and have the opportunity to ask questions.

PLUS: A behind-the-scenes tour
The event will be held at BWJ Marshall Airport's Observation Gallery.

Sponsored by:

Tickets: *Tickets non-refundable

\$35 Members
\$45 Non-members

T3 Signature Series Sponsors:

T3 Program Sponsor:

MINIATURE INSPIRATIONS

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

ATTENTION Crafters

Spaces Go Up After Feb. 1st!

Entrance Fee:

- Before Feb 1, 2026 – \$135 for 10'x10' space, \$155 for 10'x16' space
- After Feb 1, 2026 – \$150 for 10'x10' space, \$170 for 10'x16' space

(Space Size: Crafters have the option of a 10'x10' or 10'x16' space)

2026 Crafter Application - Arbutus Arts

Festival <https://share.google/b6mWAutjr2nrGROJ3>



Membership Application 2026
Greater Arbutus Business Association

Please complete the information below.

Please Print Clearly		
Name of Business:		
Name Representative(s):		
Business Address:		
Business Phone		
Cell Phone		
Email Address		
Website		
If you offer Member-to-Member Discounts – Describe		
Basic Membership - \$150 Sponsorship - \$550 Premium - \$1,000 Corporate Sponsorship - \$2,000		
If you would like to attach a headshot or your logo, please forward to: info@arbutus.org	Office Use Only	
	Amount Paid _____ Date _____ Check # _____ OR Online _____	

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

MAIL TO: 1334 Sulphur Spring Rd., Halethorpe, MD 21227



Greater Arbutus Business Association

Membership Levels 2026

Basic Member - \$150

One Representative listed on Web Page
Business Logo on Website Banner*
Free Member Listing on Web Page
Member Rates to all Events
Member to Member Discounts
Your Facebook Post Shared randomly during the year

Sponsorship Plus - \$550

Up to Five Representatives listed on Web Page
Business Logo on Website Banner*
Free Member Listing on Web Page
Member Rates to all Events
Member to Member Discounts
One Facebook Advertisement Monthly on the GABA page*
Your Facebook Post Shared randomly during the year
1 PDF inserted in our GABA Newsletter each month*
Free Job listings on the GABA Facebook*
(2 per membership year)

Premium Plus - \$1,000

Up to Ten Representatives listed on Web Page
Business Logo on Website Banner*
Free Member Listing on Web Page
Member to Member Discounts
Four Facebook Advertisements Monthly on the GABA Page*
Your Facebook Post Shared randomly during the year
1 PDF inserted in our GABA Newsletter each month*
Business Logo on Home Page*
One Representative Pre-paid to GABA Events**
Other Representatives pay Member Rates to all Events
Prominent Recognition at Networking Events
Two Weeks Advertising on Gateway Sign at no additional cost
Free Job listings on the GABA Facebook*
(4 per membership year)

Corporate Sponsor - \$2,000

Up to Twelve Representatives listed on Web Page
Business Logo on Website Banner*
Free Member Listing on Web Page
Member to Member Discounts
Four Facebook Advertisements Monthly on the GABA page*
Your Facebook Post Shared randomly during the year
1 PDF inserted in our GABA Newsletter Monthly*
Business Logo on Home Page*
One Representative Pre-paid to GABA Events**
Other Representatives pay Member Rates to all Events
Prominent Recognition at Networking Events
Prominent Recognition at the Arbutus Arts Festival
Four Weeks Advertising on Gateway Sign at no additional cost
Free Unlimited Job listings on the GABA Facebook*

*Business will supply advertising materials and logos. We do not offer design service.

**This includes only GABA meetings, breakfasts, lunch and learn sessions – special events such as Mega Networking or Holiday parties are not included.

Payment Options:

Dues are payable each year on January 1 and may be paid online at arbutus.org, or by mailing a check to the GABA office at 1334 Sulphur Spring Road, 1st Floor, Halethorpe, MD 21227.

HAPPY HOUR

ALL DAY MONDAYS

\$3 DOMESTIC BOTTLES/DRAFTS

\$5 CRAFT DRAFTS

\$5 CALL BRAND COCKTAILS

20% OFF ALL APPS & SUSHI



HAPPY
New Year
2026

This new year is not just about turning the calendar—it's about turning challenges into victories and making every day count.

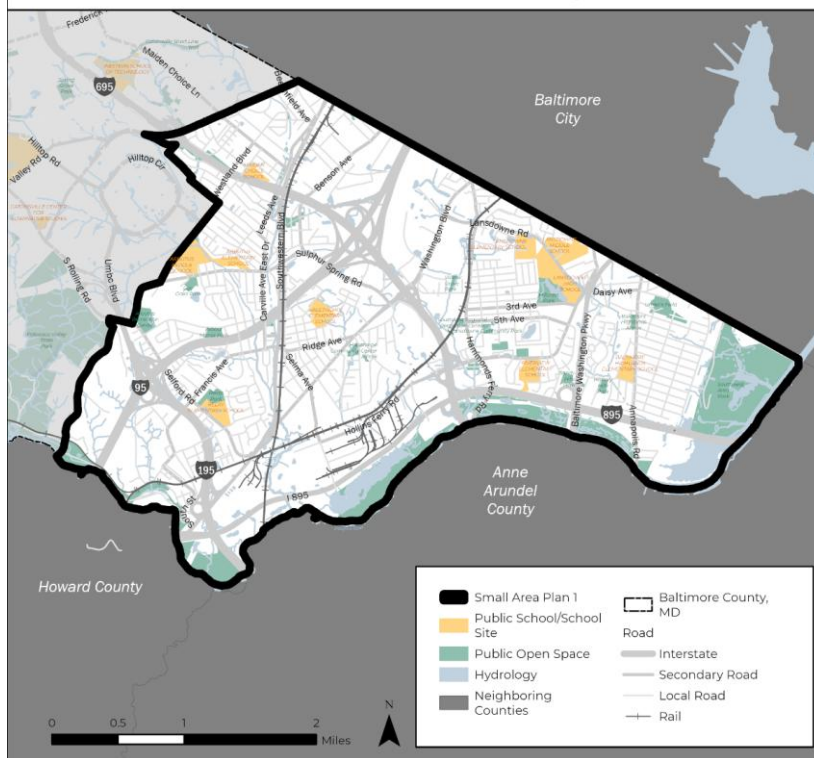


Maryland and Baltimore County News

Baltimore County Small Area Plan Process Moves Forward

SMALL AREA PLAN 1:

Arbutus/Lansdowne/Baltimore Highlands



From Input to Action: What's Next for Small Area Plan 1

Small Area Plan 1, covering Arbutus, Lansdowne, and Baltimore Highlands, is well underway with the community engagement phase nearing completion. Over the past several months, the project team has gathered valuable input from residents, stakeholders, and subject-matter experts to help shape the plan's direction.

To collect this feedback, the team hosted a series of special-interest focus group conversations focused on key topics, including: Religious, civic, and nonprofit organizations; Environment and recreation; Business and land use; Health and safety; and Transportation. In addition, both an in-person and virtual public meeting were held, and an online survey was open from October through December.

Next, the project team will begin synthesizing all feedback and translating it into draft recommendations. Additional public meetings are planned for late winter or early spring 2026 to share what was heard during the participation phase and discuss next steps with the community.

To learn more about the project and sign up for updates, click [here](#)!

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

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754 Frederick Road

Catonsville, MD 21228

410-887-0896

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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

It's January, and that means that Post Adjutant "Wild" Bill Ganz is getting ready to take part in another **Polar Bear Plunge**. This year's event will be held on January 30th and supports **Maryland Special Olympics**. If you're a Post member, look for the piggy banks to drop off your donation, or use this convenient [link](#). This is Bill's 15th consecutive year participating!

Scholarship season is gearing up. Several scholarships are available to Legion members and their families. To find out more about post events, visit the Cyclops newsletter from the Post home page.

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

GABA in the Community

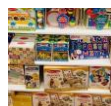
Kamryn Lambert Foundation



December 22 – Executive Director Sheena Herron dropped off gifts for children confined to hospitals over the Holidays. The [Kamryn Lambert Foundation](#) Annual Holiday Toy Drive brings holiday cheer to the patients and families of area hospitals, including the University of Maryland Children's Hospital and Johns Hopkins Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinics, as well as the Ronald McDonald House of Baltimore, CASA (Child in Need of Assistance) organizations and families in need throughout Maryland.



Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's GABA Holiday Toy Drive!



Have you seen it? In all its colorfulness?

We're not sure that's a word but we are excited to have the clock back in good working order! Thank you Mike McAuliffe, Eddie Watkins, and Mike's friend who wishes to remain anonymous.

The Clock



Bright white, Holiday red, and Ravens purple in advance of the NFL AFC North Championship.



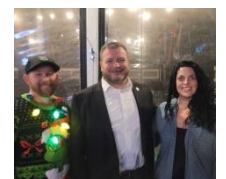
ANNUAL JINGLE MINGLE PARTY



One thing we know how to do is throw a party. Our **Jingle Mingle** celebration for 2025 was one for the record books. Much appreciation to the **Fish Head Cantina & Rockin' Sushi Bar** whose staff did an excellent job keeping the food and drinks flowing, our DJ **Dean**, with a lively mix of tunes and fun, and to our Executive Director **Sheena** who pulled it all together. Adults having a marshmallow battle...good times!



Groundshog won an award and brought their lucky penny. Congratulations on your raffle wins!



Public Information



The Power of Play

Friday, January 9, at 12:30 p.m.

A New Year with No Debt

Tuesday, January 13, at 12:30 p.m.

Response to Problem Behavior

Wednesday, January 21, at 12:30 p.m.

Red Flags of Advertising and Scams

Thursday, January 22, at 12:30 p.m.

Here For It! Supporting Strong Attendance

Wednesday, January 28, at 12:30 p.m.

An Intro to the Maryland College Investment Plan

Tuesday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Wilkins Police & Community Relations Organization

Tuesday – January 13

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:

410-887-2222

EMERGENCY - 911

Feel like life is
snowballing?

988

is here to help.

CALL
988

**"WINTER IS
COMING"**
-Ned Stark

BALTIMORE COUNTY
CREWS AND PLOWS
ARE READY FOR
POTENTIAL WINTER WEATHER

Residents and the traveling public
can get the latest information about
Baltimore County's snow removal
operations and road conditions by
following @BaltCoEmergency
on Twitter or online at:
Baltimorecountymd.gov/stormfighter



BALTCO 311

@BaltCoEmergency



Help Us Encourage Students to Extend Beyond Campus!

UMBC's winter session runs from January 5 – 23, 2026, followed by the start of the spring semester on January 26, 2026. The start of a new semester is a great time to introduce students and their families to the communities surrounding campus, including the many restaurants, shops, and attractions they have to offer. As always, we are working with our partners at the Greater Arbutus Business Association and the Greater

Catonsville Chamber of Commerce to encourage new and returning students, faculty, and staff to [Extend Beyond Campus](#) by exploring Arbutus and Catonsville and patronizing local businesses.

During 2026, the Office of Government Relations and Community Affairs will be enhancing Extend Beyond Campus to include a consolidated list of deals and discounts that local businesses offer to UMBC students, faculty, staff, and families. We will be reaching out soon to discuss this effort in more detail. In the meantime, if you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to Mary Ann Richmond, Director of Community Affairs, at maryannr@umbc.edu.



Stuart Saunders Smith: The Night Suite January 21 – 25, 2026

Earl and Darielle Linehan Concert Hall

Join us for five concerts — collectively called *The Night Suite* — that celebrate the life and creativity of composer Stuart Saunders Smith (1948–2024), who was a professor of music at UMBC for many years. His more than 300 compositions, both solo and ensemble, explore a diverse world of sound and experimentation.

A frequent author of percussion music, Smith returned time and again to the vibraphone, an instrument featured throughout *The Night Suite*. Performances over the five days will feature virtuosi Brain Graiser, Lee Hinkle, Aiyun Huang, Ayano Kataoka, Richard Putz, Stephen Solook, Jude Traxler, and others. Admission is free. [See performance times and details here](#).

Check out the full UMBC Arts and Culture calendar [here](#).



UM-BC! UM-BC!

We look forward to seeing you on campus this winter cheering on your Retrievers!

Member of the Month

Relay Tech

Rob McGinnis

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New Year, New Roof 😎
Charm City Roofing works all year round! (as long as the weather isn't bullying us)

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