

The Greater Arbutus BULLETIN

February 2025

A Newsletter from



**GREATER ARBUTUS
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

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Member of the Month



Happy Month of Love!

We hope 2025 has been a great start for you and your business. As we celebrate **Valentine's Day**, please remember to support our local restaurants, shops, and small businesses. Spending local money helps our community to thrive! Does your business have a special this month? Please send me an email and we will share it on our social media. We want to help your business grow.

If you have suggestions on things the association could do to help, please send them our way. We are here to listen and help. Please join us at our **Valentine's Membership breakfast at Sorrento of Arbutus on February 11th at 8:30**. You can register on our website for this event. This event is a great opportunity to network and meet other GABA members and our leadership. We hope to see you there!

As a reminder, our **Membership Drive** is underway. If you have questions or concerns regarding your membership, please let us know. We are also working on securing dates for the **Arbutus Gateway Sign**. Dates are available for 2025. Reserve yours now!

Sheena Herron

Executive Director

The Greater Arbutus Business Association

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New Members

- Reign Aesthetics
- This Could Be You
- Shuffles Bar & Grill
- Join GABA Today

We are working on filling in our 2025 dates for 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. All dates are first come, first serve.

If you are not a Premium Plus Member but have an event or a special that you would like to advertise on the Gateway, please send me an email with your request and we will see if that date is open. The weekly rate for the sign is \$125.00. It is situated at the heavily traveled intersection of Southwestern Boulevard near the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department.

Please send your request to:
sheenaherron.arbutus@gmail.com or info@arbutus.org

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE FOR 2025.
SIGN UP TODAY AT ARBUTUS.ORG.**

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

Charm City Roofing
Roger Bush
4701 Leeds Avenue
Halethorpe, Maryland 21227
(410) 289-7663

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

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

SERVPRO of Catonsville
Melissa Brenner
4030 Benson Avenue
Halethorpe, MD 21227
(410) 242-7370

Shore United Bank
Eric Buono & Shanna Edwards
1101 Maiden Choice Lane
Baltimore, MD 21229
(410) 242-1234
(443) 709-8052

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

Brewing AWARENESS
ONE CANE AT A TIME

BISM ON TAP
JOIN US MARCH 29

CHECKERSPOT BREWING CO.

Mark your calendars for the **2nd Annual BISM ON TAP**, an unforgettable day of craft beer and celebration!

Lock in your **SPOT** today.
Don't miss out! Tickets are on sale now.

Saturday, March 29, 2025
12:00 - 4:00 pm
Checkerspot Brewing Co.
1421 Ridgely St, Baltimore, MD

SCAN ME

All proceeds will go towards our Summer Youth programs.

Events – 2024

February

Tues., Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. – Valentine’s Breakfast
Sorrento of Arbutus

What could be sweeter than a special Valentine themed breakfast?

March

Sat., Mar. 1, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Spring Maker’s and
Flea Market

Arbutus Town Hall

1349 Stevens Ave., Arbutus

See flyer below; this is always a popular event and
spaces will sell out. *Contact Sheena ASAP.*

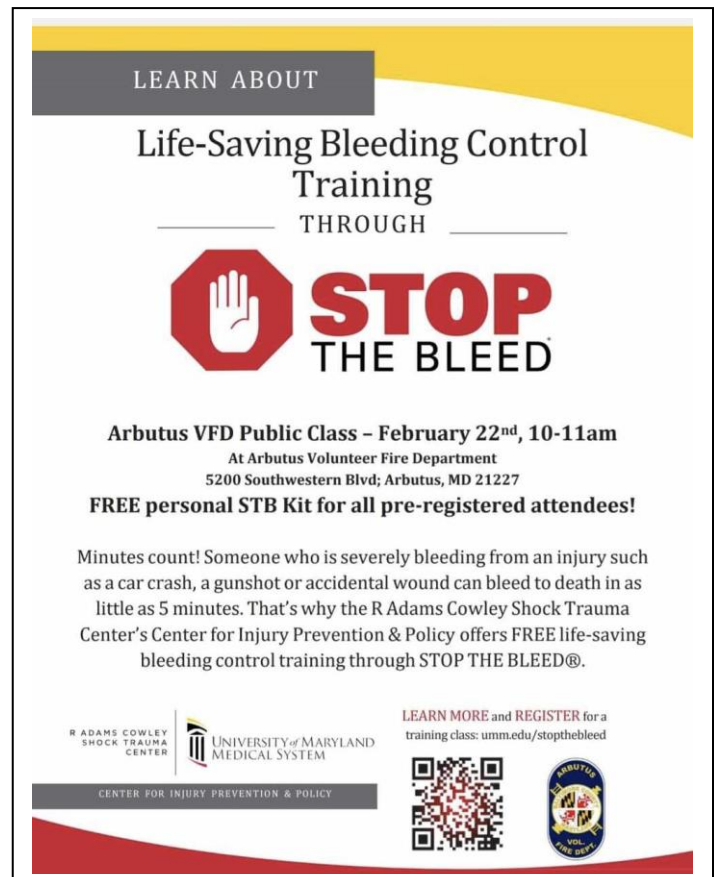
Visit our [website](#) for more information.



A flyer for a Valentine's Membership Breakfast. The background is light pink with a border of colorful hearts (red, yellow, green). At the top center is the GABA logo. Below it, the text reads: "Join us for our Valentines Membership Breakfast Sorrento of Arbutus". The date and time are listed as "FEB 11" and "8:30 AM" at "5401 East Drive, Arbutus. 21227". A note says: "We love our members! Join us for a fun Valentine themed Breakfast at Sorrento of Arbutus. Network with other GABA members, meet our leadership and grow your connections." At the bottom, it says: "Buffet Style Breakfast and drinks. \$15.00 per person. RVSP and pre-pay at www.Arbutus.org. More info: Sheenaherron.arbutus@gmail.com".



A flyer for the March Flea Market & Makers Market. The background is light pink. At the top center is the GABA logo. Below it, the text reads: "JOIN US FOR THE GREATER ARBUTUS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S March Flea Market & Makers Market". The date and time are listed as "Saturday, March 1, 2025, 9am-2pm" at "The Arbutus Town Hall 1349 Stevens Ave, Arbutus 21227". A note says: "This event will be indoors & outdoors. Food sold inside the Town Hall. 50/50 Cash Raffle. Music by Infinite Sound, LLC." Below that, it lists pricing: "Inside Space \$45 / Early Bird \$40" and "Outside Space \$30 / Early Bird \$25". It also says: "Payments can be made directly on our website at www.arbutus.org. Please do not send payment until your space has been confirmed." At the bottom, it says: "RESERVE your space: Sheena Herron 443.902.6106 (call/ text) Sheenaherron.arbutus@gmail.com".



A flyer for "STOP THE BLEED" training. The background is white with a yellow header and a red footer. The header says "LEARN ABOUT". Below it, the text reads: "Life-Saving Bleeding Control Training THROUGH". In the center is a red octagon with a white hand icon and the text "STOP THE BLEED". Below that, it says: "Arbutus VFD Public Class - February 22nd, 10-11am At Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department 5200 Southwestern Blvd; Arbutus, MD 21227 FREE personal STB Kit for all pre-registered attendees!". A note says: "Minutes count! Someone who is severely bleeding from an injury such as a car crash, a gunshot or accidental wound can bleed to death in as little as 5 minutes. That's why the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center's Center for Injury Prevention & Policy offers FREE life-saving bleeding control training through STOP THE BLEED®." At the bottom, it says: "LEARN MORE and REGISTER for a training class: unmm.edu/stopthebleed". There are logos for "R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER", "UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM", and "ARBUTUS VOL. FIRE DEPT.". A QR code and a logo for the "CENTER FOR INJURY PREVENTION & POLICY" are also present.



Membership Application 2025

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

GALLERY@1101 Presents
February Open Gallery
Saturdays
February 1st & February 8th
10:30am - 3:00pm
Art Vendors, and More!
GALLERY@1101
1101 MAIDEN CHOICE LANE
BALTIMORE, MD, 21229, 2ND FLOOR
PLENTY OF FREE PARKING!

Strike a Pose! & Create a One of Kind Valentine!

Baltimore County Arts Guild

Manic Monday ALL DAY HAPPY HOUR!

TACO TUESDAY
\$10 tacos ALL DAY

WEDNESDAY \$10 Specialty Sushi rolls

THURSDAY \$10 Burgers

Sunday Funday \$5 Seltzers and Teas

FISH HEAD CANTINA & ROCK 'N' SUSHI BAR

American Legion Dewey Lowman Post 109

SPAGHETTI DINNER

All You Can Eat Pasta

Every Third Thursday of the Month

4 pm to 7 pm

1610 Sulphur Spring Rd.
Halethorpe, MD 21227

\$10.00 Dinner includes: Pasta, Sauce, Meatballs, Sausage, Salad, & Texas Toast. No Doggy Bags.

Drinks, Desserts & Carry-Out Dinners are available!

Children 6 yrs. and under eat Free. Ages 7 to 13 receive a \$5.00 student discount.

Maryland and Baltimore County News

Maryland General Assembly – 2025 Legislative Session

The 90 day legislative session was gavelled to order on January 8. Over the coming weeks, Senators and Delegates will meet to determine the fiscal year 2026 budget for both general and capital needs.

The Governor establishes the annual budget which is then sent to the Legislature for their review. It is within their authority to cut or reallocate funds but may not increase the overall amount of the Governor's budget. Typically, before the final vote on the budget, one or more supplemental budgets are created by the Governor to address pending legislation, emergencies, or to correct oversights.

The MGA [website](#) is useful for tracking the progress of bills as they move from Committee assignments to the floor of the House or Senate, then, if successful, crossover to the opposite chamber. Key dates to keep in mind include March 11, Committee Reporting Date (bills are reported out of their assigned Committee for action in their Chamber), and March 17, Crossover Day, when each Chamber sends their passed bills to the opposite Chamber. Legislation may move outside of these dates but as the work of the session continues, culminating in the most important date – March 31st when the budget must be passed – bills that move to the opposite Chamber after March 17 may not make it out of their assigned Committee for consideration before the conclusion of the session on Sine Die, April 7.

Baltimore County Council Selects New County Executive

On January 7, the Baltimore County Council unanimously chose Senator Kathy Klausmeier as County Executive. Throughout her long career in the Maryland Senate she served on a variety of Committees and Commissions including the Maryland Military Installation Legislative Caucus and the Maryland Veterans Caucus, was the Vice Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and represented the Maryland as the state coordinator for the National Conference of State Legislators.

Upon her selection as County Executive, Ms. Klausmeier became the first woman to serve in that position since the adoption of a charter form of government in November, 1956. She will remain in that capacity until the next general election in 2026.

At the same Council meeting, Councilman Mike Ertel was selected as the Council Chairperson.

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

We love this message from Post Commander Clyde Thomas: "I've been thinking about the differences between "membership" and "members". Some would argue that they are one and the same but when I say "members" I mean active and involved members. Specifically, those that spend some time at their Post home. This could be coming by to enjoy football, baseball, or just shooting the breeze with fellow veterans. It might also include participation in our membership meetings where the direction of our Post is determined by the wishes of those present. Going further, active membership can mean assisting with some of the Post activities such as our monthly food offerings or helping out with our Bull Roast or Crab Feast. Think about it... join us as active members, get involved in YOUR Post!"

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

Scholarship Season



Nicole Leister
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

**2025 Scholarship
\$4,000**

All graduating seniors from Lansdowne High School who are pursuing a teaching career are eligible.



Accepting applications until June 1st. See link in post.

BIG NEWS, Lansdowne High School seniors!

We're excited to announce that the Nicole Leister Education Foundation 2025 scholarship is now open! This year's award has increased to \$4,000!

If you're an LHS senior pursuing a teaching career, you're eligible to apply.

Apply online by June 1: <https://forms.gle/ajokgt2JpTrfJvKD7>

With graduation season coming up, you're probably thinking about what's next. College, workforce training, apprenticeships – and where can you find help to pay for it?

We are truly fortunate to have two highly regarded academic resources here in our community: UMBC and CCBC Catonsville. Financial assistance for students is available as well:


UMBC - <https://scholarships.umbc.edu/>
CCBC - <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Paying-for-College/Financial-Aid/Scholarships-Grants/index.html>
Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) - <https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/descriptions.aspx>

Among the options shown, note that both the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates offer scholarships that are awarded by district and administered by MHEC. Check your district and contact your legislator [here](#).

Local organizations including the American Legion, Rotary International, and others also offer assistance to students. Requirements vary but many require the student to file a Federal Student Aid application, often called the FAFSA - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

Students seeking apprenticeship opportunities may find information through the Maryland Department of Labor - <https://labor.maryland.gov/employment/appr/>.

We wish you success!



**THE
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Scholarships are provided to Baltimore County Public Schools students with the resources to attend post-secondary education facilities and obtain the knowledge and skills needed to be globally competitive. Scholarships are provided through The Education Foundation Scholarship Program and The Education Foundation Private Scholarship Program via Xello, through the Microsoft apps, accessible to BCPS students.

<https://educationfoundationbcps.org/scholarships/>

From Dewey Lowman American Legion Post #109:

The ALA Dewey Lowman Unit 109 \$1000 Scholarship Application Forms for 2025 are now available! You can obtain a copy from the Education Chair and on the Dewey Lowman website [here](#). Please contact Millie Finck, Education Chair, at 443-860-9717 or email jaxok92@aol.com, with any questions or requests.

This Scholarship opportunity is open to ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND TRADE SCHOOLS IN ZIP CODES 21227, 21228 AND 21229, on a weighted basis. We are looking forward to another enthusiastic response!

Applications and attachments are due by April 15, 2025.

Public Information

**THE BALTIMORE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
INVITES YOU TO OUR**

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY

LEARN ABOUT POLICING

REGISTER NOW - CONTACT - 410.887.8599

**NINE
SESSION PROGRAM**

- April 2025
- One day a week from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- One Saturday morning class

LOCATION

Public Safety Building
700 East Joppa Road
Towson, MD 21286

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Demonstrations by K9, Aviation, & Tactical Units
- Use of force exercises
- Visit to training academy
- Body worn camera presentation
- Learn about the Mobile Crisis Team and more



Wilkins Police & Community Relations Organization

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025

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



BUDGET TOWN HALL 2025 DATES

County Executive Kathy Klausmeier
AND THE Baltimore County Council

6:00pm-7:00pm
**COMMUNITY CABINET
OPEN HOUSE**

7:00pm-8:00pm
BUDGET TOWN HALL

DISTRICT 1 | FEB 6
CCBC Catonsville Center
for the Arts Building

DISTRICT 2 | FEB 19
Bedford Elementary School


DISTRICT 3 | FEB 12
Maryland State Fairgrounds
Fasig-Tipton Building

DISTRICT 4 | MAR 12
Randallstown Community Center

DISTRICT 5 | MAR 19
Perry Hall High School

DISTRICT 6 | FEB 26
Parkville High School

DISTRICT 7 | MAR 26
Sollers Point Multi-Purpose Center

**WATCH THE
LIVESTREAM**  **YouTube**



Help Us Encourage Students to Extend Beyond Campus!

UMBC's spring semester began on January 27, 2025. 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 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.

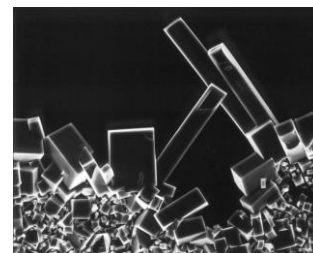
This semester, the Office of Government Relations and Community Affairs will be enhancing Extend Beyond Campus to include a consolidated list of deals and discounts that local businesses offer to UMBC students, faculty, staff, and families. We will be reaching out soon to discuss this effort in more 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.

Archive 192: Abstract Photographs by Women

Continuing through May 24, 2025

Albin O. Kuhn Library Gallery

Archive 192: Abstract Photographs by Women features works by Sara Angelucci, Claudia Fahrenkemper, Jennifer Garza Cuen, Sage Lewis, Clare A. Warden, and others. This exhibition presents a selection of objects from Archive 192, an independent archive dedicated to preserving and celebrating abstractionist works by women photographers. The prints on view survey the array of photographic processes and diverse techniques of abstraction employed by photographers over the past century. Related ephemera, including publications, artist books, and posters document the evolution of abstractionism in photography and political movements that impact women working within the medium. [More information here.](#)



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

UM-BC! UM-BC!



We are looking forward to seeing you on campus this spring cheering on your Retrievers! Check out the [monthly calendar](#) for schedules and ticket/broadcast information, and learn more about Retriever Athletics [here](#). Go Dawgs!

Member of the Month

Charm City Roofing

Roger Bush

4701 Leeds Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21229
410-289-7663
info@charmcityroofing.com



Fire or water damage to important documents?
SERVPRO specializes in document drying and restoration to help preserve what matters most.
Trust us to bring your peace of mind back.

410-242-7370



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