TOWSON LIVE

October 2024

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October Towson Chamber Events!

October 1: iHeart Radio Cocktail Party 5pm-7pm October 5: Community Clean Up 9am-12pm October 16: Board & Member Breakfast at Fogo de Chao, sponsored by Rosedale Federal 8am October 17: Pet Appreciation / Adoption Day Farmers Market October 24: Trick or Treat at the Farmers Market October 30: 100th Anniversary Cocktail Party for Alex Cooper

Auctioneers 5pm-7pm

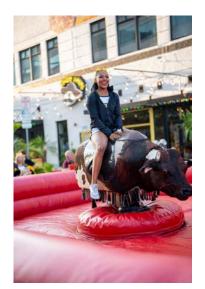
Uptown Roar























Towson Fall Festival









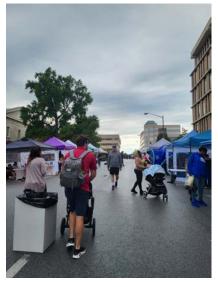












Fogo de Chao Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting











12th Annual Taste of Towson



























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Ribbon Cutting for Bread & Circuses Bistro Mural









Tocktail Party



Member Cocktail Party

October 1st, 2024

Time: 5:00-7:00pm



1 W. Pennsylvania Avenue #200

Please RSVP on the Towson Chamber Website



TOWSON COMMUNITY CLEAN UP!

JOIN TOWSON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR COMMUNITY!

Saturday, October 5 9 am-12 pm

For more information email Calixta@towsonchamber.com

Meet at Towson Chamber Office

44 W Chesapeake Ave



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Years in business

Anniversary

CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

908 YORK ROAD, TOWSON, MD 21204

MUST RSVP ON WWW.TOWSONCHAMBER.COM BY OCTOBER 21



Towson Farmers Market Every Thursday!

JUNE 6 - NOVEMBER 21 10:30AM-2:30PM ON ALLEGHENY AVE BETWEEN YORK RD & WASHINGTON AVE



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2024-2025 Towson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Welcome to the Towson Chamber!



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Andrew Sagan 606 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 303 Towson, MD 21204



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Minuteman Press Towson

Nnamdi & Ngozi Ezimako 502 Washington Avenue, Suite 102 Towson, MD 21204

Please Join Us!

October Board & Member Breakfast

Guest Speaker: Johnathon Sachs

Baltimore County Director of Economic and

Workforce Development

Wednesday, October 16 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Sponsored by:



Hosted by Fogo de Chao 825 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, MD 21204 Please RSVP Online Advertising & Promotion Opportunities

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Questions?
Contact: Nancy Hafford
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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.

Aerus of Towson: 20 percent off any vacuum service (all makes and models and free pick up and delivery). FREE AIR AND WATER QUALITY TESTING. TWO ROOMS OF CARPET CLEANING FOR \$60. 15 PERCENT OFF OF ALL VACUUM, AIR PURIFIERS AND WATER SYSTEMS

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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!



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We cordially invite you to invest in the Student Support Network through our annual fundraising gala, the proceeds of which will go toward providing food and basic necessities to support the well-being of Baltimore County Public School students in need. These resources are crucial for students who may not have access to them otherwise.

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Screening Challenges: A Discussion of Standard Methods

With Guy Borenstein, FGA, EGG, Director of Gemstone Procurement, Senior Gemologist, Stuller Inc., and Randy Lightfoot, CG, Mayflower Estate Buyers & Consulting

Hosted by GIA Alumni Washington, D.C. Chapter

Identifying natural from lab-grown diamond continues to be a challenging task for most professionals. Guy Borenstein and Randy Lightfoot, CG, will delve into some invaluable screening methods that you can practice in your daily work! Randy will discuss the screening methods of cross-polarized filters (CPF) and inclusion ID while Guy Borenstein will focus on explaining the use of UV and diamond verification instruments (DVIs).

About the Speakers:

Guy Borenstein, FGA, EGG, is Stuller's Senior Gemologist, overseeing diamond screening and gemological testing globally. He has over 16 years of experience in gemological labs and has published several scientific articles on gemology.

Randy Lightfoot, CG, holds a B.A. in Geology and specializes in using





CPF and UV imaging to determine diamond origins. His work has been featured in various publications, including AGS's Spectra magazine and the National Association of Jewelry Appraisers newsletter. Randy also won Gem-A's 2023 Photographer of the Year award.

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. ET

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. - Networking,

coffee, tea and cookies

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. — Presentation

8:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. — Q&A

9:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. - Networking

Tysons Corner Marriott Place:

> 8028 Leesburg Pike Tysons Corner, VA 22182

Cost: \$16 early registration

and at the door*

Register: Register online

*Listed ticket price includes a \$1.00 convenience fee. Last day to register: October 8



Presenting Sponsor:



Questions: Randy Lightfoot, CG, 815.342.3981, randy@mayflowerestatebuyers.com

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Diamond Facts: Addressing Myths & Misconceptions About the Diamond Industry

With Grant Mobley, Natural Diamond Council

Join Grant Mobley for an insightful presentation debunking the most common myths and misconceptions about the diamond industry. Drawing on recent data and his firsthand experiences visiting diamond mining communities, Grant will provide you with the facts to address consumers' top questions about diamonds.

Gain a deeper understanding of the industry's impact on people and communities where diamonds are sourced, its environmental footprint, and the true rarity of natural diamonds. Empower your customers with accurate information and help them feel confident and positive about their natural diamond purchases.

About the Speaker:

Grant Mobley is the Jewelry & Watch Editor of Only Natural Diamonds (NDC), focusing on diamond and diamond industry-focused content. He comes with 17 years of jewelry industry experience,



starting with growing up in his family's retail jewelry stores as well as jewelry sourcing and manufacturing in China and Thailand. Prior to NDC, he lead sales for Pluczenik, a world-leading diamond sightholder. His varied experience has allowed him to see the good that natural diamonds do globally and inspired him to share his passion for these "miracles of nature."

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. ET

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. - Networking

and light snacks

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Presentation

8:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. — Q&A

Place: Alex Cooper Auctioneers, Inc.

908 York Road Towson, MD 21204

Cost: \$21 early registration

and \$23 at the door*

Register: Register online

*Listed ticket price includes a \$1.00 convenience fee.

Last day to register: October 15



Presenting Sponsor:



Questions: Randy Lightfoot, CG, 815.342.3981, randy@mayflowerestatebuyers.com

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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	Add sponsorship opportunities for 2024-2025 Winterfest & Baltimore County Tree Lighting Towson Beautification Program Towson 4th of July Parade & Race Taste of Towson Chamber Golf Tournament
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