



Business Guide:

Discover Doing Business in Hampstead



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A Note From The Mayor

Thank you for considering opening and growing your business in Hampstead. We are located in the heart of an expanding region that boasts accessibility, affordable cost of living, a strong and ready workforce and great recreational opportunities. Add to that our downtown's charm, friendliness, walkability and historic character and you have a dynamic combination. There are many viable business solutions in Hampstead for you to consider. We invite you to discover doing business in our Town!



Mayor Christopher M. Nevin

Introduction

This guide was prepared by the Town of Hampstead. Comments and inquiries should be addressed to: Hampstead Town Office, 1034 S. Carroll Street, Hampstead, MD 21074, (410) 239-7408 Telephone, www.hampsteadmd.gov Website, hampstead@carr.org Email.

Our mission is to expand the economic capacity of Hampstead, thus improving the business environment, enhancing the quality of place, and increasing community synergy.

The items in this booklet are intended as a guide only and have been carefully researched and deemed correct; however, the Town cannot be held responsible for errors or omissions. The information provided herein is not meant to constitute legal advice. Please contact Town Office with any suggestions or corrections to improve the quality of this resource guide.

Additional information is available through the Carroll County Department of Economic Development. Whether you are an existing business, a new business, or a business wishing to relocate to Hampstead, you will find the services of this Department to help you reach your goals. **Carroll County Department of Economic Development** • 225 N. Center St., Suite 101, Westminster, Maryland 21157 Phone: 410-386-2070 | 410-876-2450 | MD Relay: 711 or 1-800-735-2258 | Fax: 410-876-8471 www.carrollbiz.org

About Hampstead

Hampstead is a small town in northeastern Carroll County, a historic, family-oriented community with friendly neighborhoods and successful small businesses. We are a community shaped by a road, the Baltimore-Hanover Pike. The original settlement of "Spring Garden" was a wagon stop. The Pike became our Main Street and the settlement eventually grew into the Town of Hampstead.

General Demographics

Demographics are the characteristics of a human population. This information is often used by small business owners to conduct research into where opportunities exist within their market and in developing appropriate business and marketing strategies to target customers. Use the statistical resources below to help you find out more about our population and uncover information that can be used in your business research efforts.

Per the most recent census (2010), there are 6,323 people, 2,415 households, and 1,658 families residing in Hampstead. The population density is 1,982.1 inhabitants per square mile. There are 2,500 housing units at an average density of 783.7 per square mile.

There are 2,415 households of which 42.5% have children under the age of 18 living with them, 52.8% are married couples living together, 11.4% have a female householder with no husband present, 4.5% have a male householder with no wife present, and 31.3% are non-families. 26.7% of all households are made up of individuals and 11.1% have someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size is 2.62 and the average family size is 3.2.

The median age is 35.2 years. 28.4% of residents are under the age of 18; 7.7% are between the ages of 18 and 24; 30.1% are from 25 to 44; 23.9% are from 45 to 64; and 9.8% are 65 years of age or older. The gender makeup is 47.3% male and 52.7% female.

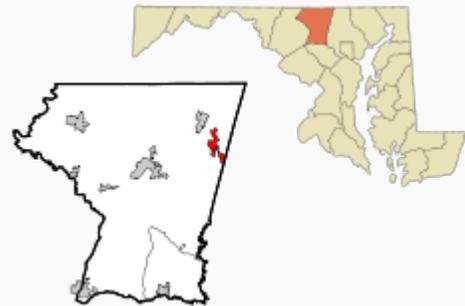
Hampstead, Maryland



Northbound on Main St. Hampstead, Maryland



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Location of Hampstead, Maryland

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Counties	Carroll, Baltimore
Area - Total	2.7 sq mi (6.9 km ²)
Elevation	928 ft (283 m)
Population – Total	6,323
Density	1,982.1/sq mi (765.3/km)
Time zone	Eastern (EST) (UTC-5)
ZIP code	21074
Area code(s)	410, 443, 667
FIPS code	24-36500
GNIS feature ID	0590408

Establishing A Business

Is The Name Available?

Naming the business is a critical step. You can select a business name yourself, or you can hire a professional to do the search on availability and file the necessary forms.

For information on trade name availability and forms contact:

State Department of Assessments and Taxation

Trade Name Search and Registration

301 West Preston Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

Telephone: (410) 767-1340

www.dat.state.md.us

Any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or other form of association conducting business must register their name with the State. Register a Maryland business through the **Central Business Licensing and Registration portal** (<https://egov.maryland.gov/Easy>). Filings for the following business types are accepted at this time: Sole Proprietorship, General Partnership, Limited Liability Company, Stock Corporation, Tax-Exempt Nonstock Corporation, Close Corporation and Trade Names.

Registering a name and checking the database does not give you federal or state trademark protection nor mean that others are not using your name in other states. If you desire to trademark your name or other applicable marks, you must apply to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at www.uspto.gov and Maryland Trademark Division, Office of the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401, www.sos.state.md.us.

Business Structure

The first step in establishing a business in the State of Maryland is to determine which form of business structure is most appropriate for your operations. The four most common forms of business structure are the sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation and limited liability company. Each structure has certain advantages and disadvantages that should be considered. Choosing the appropriate organizational structure for your business is one of the most important decisions made and may require advice from an attorney, accountant or other professional advisor.

Sole Proprietorship

Most small businesses operate as sole proprietorships. This is the simplest form of organization and allows the single owner to have sole control and responsibility. Some advantages of the sole proprietorship are less paperwork, a minimum of legal restrictions, owner retention of all the profits and ease in discontinuing the business. Disadvantages include unlimited personal liability for all debts and liabilities of the business, limited ability to raise capital and termination of the business upon the owner's death. You should note that a small business owner might very well select the sole proprietorship to begin. Later, if the owner succeeds and feels the need, he or she may decide to form a partnership or corporation.

Limited Liability Company

The limited liability company (LLC) is a hybrid between a partnership and a corporation, providing the liability protection of a corporation with the advantage of being treated as a partnership.

General Partnership

A partnership is similar to a sole proprietorship except that two or more people are involved. Advantages are that it is easy to establish, it can draw upon the financial and managerial strength of all the partners and its profits are not directly taxed. Some disadvantages are unlimited personal liability for the firm's debts and liabilities, termination of the business with the death of a partner and the fact that any one of the partners can commit the firm to obligations. The partnership is formed by an agreement entered into by each partner. This agreement may be informal, but it is advisable to have a written agreement drawn up between all parties.

Limited Partnership

A limited partnership (LP) is a partnership formed by two or more persons having one or more general partners and one or more limited partners. The limited partners have limited exposure to liability and are not involved in the day-to-day operations of the partnership. Like with a general partnership, a written agreement should be drawn up between all parties.

Limited Liability Partnership

A limited liability partnership (LLP) is an existing partnership claiming limited liability partnership status. The effect of becoming an LLP is to provide general partners with additional protection from liability. Like with a general partnership, a written agreement should be drawn up between all parties.

Corporation

A corporation is the most complex form of business organization. Advantages of a corporation are that liability is limited to the amount owners have paid in to their share of stock, and the corporation's continuity is unaffected by the death or transfer of shares by any of the owners. Some disadvantages are extensive record-keeping, close regulation and double taxation (taxes on profits and taxes on dividends paid to owners).

Once you have chosen a structure for your business, the next step is to complete the necessary registration requirements. Please visit Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation for more information at <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/checklist.html#stru> .

Entrepreneurial Skills

As an entrepreneur, your skills and abilities will be tested as you take on managerial responsibilities. Although you can hire skilled employees, engage qualified consultants and develop a corporate advisory board, the ultimate responsibility for decision-making and determining the strengths and weaknesses of your business rests with you. The managerial responsibilities of entrepreneurship include financial planning, personnel, marketing and production skills. What makes someone a successful entrepreneur? It certainly helps to have strong technology skills or expertise in a key area, but these are not defining characteristics of entrepreneurship. Instead, the key qualities are traits such as creativity, the ability to keep going in the face of hardship, and the social skills needed to build great teams.

If you want to start a business, it's essential to learn the specific skills that underpin these qualities. It's also important to develop entrepreneurial skills if you're in a job role where you're expected to develop a business, or "take things forward" more generally. For more information on building entrepreneurial skills, visit http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newCDV_76.htm or speak to a counselor at Carroll County's Small Business & Technology Development Center, http://marylandsbdc.org/northern/northern_index.php.

Checklist for a New Business:

- Select your business structure
- Create or register your business
- Select and register your business name and entity
- Register a trade name or trademark
- Obtain a Tax Id number and FEIN
- Obtain and complete Application for Maryland Business License
- Check state and local license requirements
- Obtain business personal property tax information
- Obtain federal, state, and local tax information
- Check county and local zoning requirements
- Obtain necessary building permit(s)
- Obtain necessary sign permit(s)

Licensing, Taxes and EIN

Business Licenses

A State of Maryland Business License is required for most businesses, including retailers and wholesalers. A traders license is required for buying and re-selling. Business activities that require licenses include, but are not limited to: amusements; auctions; chain stores; construction; dry cleaners; farm machinery; garages; hawkers and peddlers; junk dealers; plumbing and gas fitters; restaurants; retail stores; storage warehouses; traders; and, vending machines. To determine whether your particular business activity requires licensing by the State, and needs to have any additional licenses and permits, contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Carroll County at 55 N. Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157, 410-386-8710 telephone, <http://mdcourts.gov/clerks/carroll/clerk.html>.

Taxes

Federal, State and Local Tax Information

All businesses must fulfill their tax obligations to the federal government and the State of Maryland.

Maryland Tax Registration

For information on obtaining and completing registration documents for the State of Maryland contact:

Taxpayer Registration Assistance Center

Comptroller of Maryland, Central Registration Unit
301 West Preston Street

Baltimore, MD 21201
Telephone: 410-260-7980 from the Baltimore area
1-800-638-2937 from elsewhere in Maryland
<http://www.comp.state.md.us>

Other local taxes in Maryland require no additional registration. If you have questions about county and local taxes, contact the Carroll County Tax Office at 225 N. Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157. 410-386-2971 telephone, <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/collect/>.

Business Personal Property and Local Taxation Requirements

In Maryland, businesses must pay an annual tax based on the value of their business personal property (furniture, fixtures, tools, machinery, equipment, etc.). The Department of Assessments and Taxation administers the valuation process while the counties and towns collect the tax based on the location of the property.

The Department automatically registers corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, and limited liability partnerships for this tax when these legal entities form. All other businesses (sole proprietorships, general partnerships) that own or lease personal property or need a business license are required to: 1) obtain an identification number by registering with the Department of Assessments and Taxation, and 2) file an annual business personal property return. For information regarding business personal property assessments contact:

State Department of Assessments and Taxation
Business Personal Property Division
301 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Telephone - sole proprietors, general partnerships: (410) 767-4991
Telephone - legal entities: (410) 767-1170
www.dat.state.md.us

Federal Taxation Requirements - Internal Revenue Service – EIN (Employer Identification Number)

New businesses should contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to register for: an employer identification number; income tax- business and employee withholding; social security; federal unemployment insurance; and other federal taxes. The IRS provides business kits for three types of businesses: sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations.

For additional information, contact:

Internal Revenue Service
31 Hopkins Plaza
Baltimore, MD 21201
Telephone: (410) 962-2590
Toll-free: (800) 829-1040
<http://www.irs.gov/>

Main Street Revitalization

Overview

Commercial revitalization of cities and towns is changing the face of the Nation. From the Main Streets of small towns to the central business districts of large cities communities are spending their money to reinvest in their buildings and improve their public spaces. These improvements result in strengthening the economic climate creating a more attractive environment and enhancing the function of the business district. The Main Street Revitalization Plan for Hampstead is a strategy to guide the physical appearance and functional use of the central business area (both businesses and residences) of the Town.

Purpose

The purpose of the Hampstead Main Street Revitalization Plan is to serve as both a short- and long-term guide to revitalize and enhance the business district and conserve the residential areas on Main Street. The study includes a revitalization strategy for Hampstead's Main Street that stimulates growth and identifies opportunities to accommodate development while retaining the community's small town character.

History and Location

The Town of Hampstead is located in Carroll County, Maryland. The Town was incorporated in 1888. Hampstead has a total area of 2.7 square miles and a population of approximately 6,336. The Town's Main Street is composed of stable residential neighborhoods as well as businesses. Hampstead's Main Street is also a State Highway (MD Route 30). The Hampstead Bypass (a 5.8 mile limited access facility to the west of Main Street) was planned to relieve traffic congestion on Main Street, allowing conservation of the downtown residential district and development of the core as a retail center.

Study Area and Boundaries

The study area for the Hampstead Main Street Revitalization Plan extends along Main Street from the North Woods Trail intersection northward to the CSX Railroad crossing (see Location Map). The total distance is approximately 1.5 miles. The study area includes all lots with frontage on Main Street. The study area also includes properties that lie behind the lots that front Main Street.

State Highway Streetscape Project

In September 2013, the State Highway Administration announced their \$20 million investment of construction funds approved to provide streetscape improvements to Main Street in Hampstead. The State Highway Administration is currently planning to advertise the project for construction in late 2015 and break ground in the Spring of 2016. The street reconstruction project will rehabilitate the roadway, provide ADA compliant sidewalks, improve sidewalk ramps, crosswalks, driveway entrances and pedestrian signals, upgrade the drainage systems and landscaping, provide new stormwater management facilities, modify traffic signals and relocate the utilities as necessary. As part of the project, the Town has replaced the water main that runs the length of Main Street and dates back to the 1930's. The Town will provide project updates on its website (www.hampsteadmd.gov), in the Town Newsletter, through social media and future Press Releases.

Choosing Your Location

Choosing a business location is perhaps the most important decision a small business owner or startup will make, so it requires precise planning and research. It involves looking at demographics, assessing your supply chain, scoping the competition, staying on budget, understanding state laws and taxes, and much more. Be sure you choose a location properly zoned for your business activity. Other factors to consider include regulations on business signs and parking at the location.

If you are planning to operate a business from home within Hampstead, you will need to consider whether your community Homeowners' Association restricts home-based businesses. The Town does not prohibit home-based businesses as long as the following criteria are met: a) a single home office is located in the residence; b) no outside employees work in the home office; c) the home office doesn't occupy more than 25% of the dwelling; d) the home office doesn't generate any more traffic or need for parking than would normally result from residential occupancy; e) any activity related to the home office is conducted in such a manner as to give no outward appearance of business; and f) no sign indicating the home office is visible on the exterior of the dwelling (excluding parked vehicles with company logos).

Do you want a Main Street storefront? Do you require extra space for storing finished products? Are you looking for your location to be near your targeted customers or satisfy specific logistical needs? As you explore potential locations for your business, investigate the zoning, traffic, parking, signage and building regulations in each prospective location.

Downtown Hampstead supports a rich neighborhood market - by strategically locating your business in downtown Hampstead, you will benefit from affordable, visible space in an up and coming area that is on the cusp of transformation.

Hampstead is working to expand the economic capacity of its downtown, with the goals of improving the business environment, enhancing the quality of place, and increasing community synergy. We welcome you and your business, and look forward to a collaborative relationship full of success and growth.

Checklist for Potential Business Locations

- Appropriate zoning for the type of business
- Availability of police and fire protection
- Cost of land, building, facilities
- Availability of the types of employees needed
- Building codes met
- Transportation and availability of raw materials
- Cost of utilities (installation)
- Availability and cost of utilities (monthly)
- Occupancy permit requirements
- Access for customers with disabilities
- Cost of monthly lease or mortgage payment
- Cost of renovation or leasehold improvements
- Expansion potential
- Maintenance costs for property, building
- Proximity/distance from competition
- Tax structures and payment methods
- Availability/restrictions on parking
- Convenient proximity to primary highways
- Condition of neighboring properties

For more information and helpful tips in choosing your business location, visit the U.S. Small Business Administration at <http://www.sba.gov/content/tips-choosing-business-location> .

Permits

If you are making changes to an existing building to accommodate your business, or building a new structure, you may need a Building Permit. Determine whether you need a building permit and the type of permit you need. If you are just doing minor repairs and painting/wallpapering/floor coverings for your building, you will probably not need a permit. For more complex types of construction, you will need a permit. This includes new construction, additions, remodeling, tenant improvements, and changes in use (for example, a change in an office from retail to professional office space). After your application has been approved, construction can begin. Inspections will be scheduled at various points during the process, depending on the project. At the end, after the final inspection, a Certificate of Occupancy is submitted, giving you access to the property.

A Building Permit is required for:

- New Buildings / Construction
- Change of Tenant
- Change of Use or Occupancy Classification
- Renovations in a commercial occupancy
- Underground tanks (installing and removal)
- Mass grading on new or existing sites disturbing more than 5,000 square feet

A permit is not required when you are simply redecorating, performing cosmetic work to the interior of your business if the size or shape of the structure is not altered and the doors and windows remain in the same location and the same size.

How Do I Apply for a Building Permit or Zoning Certificate or Grading Permit?

The easiest way to apply is to bring the following items with you to the Carroll County Bureau of Permits, Room 118 of the Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street in Westminster, MD 21157 for Building Permits / Zoning Certificates; (call 410-386-2210 for Grading Permit requirements).

- 3 Complete sets of your building plans – see checklist and plan requirements for commercial permits application documents at: www.ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/permits . COMMERCIAL SITE PLAN must be approved or in the approval process to the point of having a “site plan number” assigned; 4 copies (8 ½” x 11”) of the site plan are required with the building permit application. If a commercial site plan is not required you will need to bring 4 complete plot plans. The plot plan must show the size and shape of the lot with all existing buildings drawn in, the proposed building or addition and the distance from the new structure to each adjacent property lines. The location of any well or septic on the property, the driveway and any designated parking areas must be shown. Interior finish or renovation permit applications do not require plot plans UNLESS the permit is for a Change of Use of the building.
- A signed and witnessed OWNER/CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT, provided by Bureau of Permits, is required for each building permit.

How Much Will My Permit Cost?

Commercial permit fees are calculated based on the “type of construction” and the “use of the building” in accordance with BOCA standards. Once the building is classified by construction type and use, the square footage is multiplied by the “national standard cost of construction cost multiplier” then by the permit fee multiplier of \$.0040. Most commercial jobs involve a separate grading permit. There is a \$30 Use and Occupancy fee applied to all commercial permits.

STRIP STORES, SHOPPING CENTERS, MALLS - any multi-tenant structure must have separate permit applications for each tenant space in addition to the "shell permit"; these applications will be reviewed, issued and inspected in order to obtain a Use and Occupancy Certificate on each tenant space. A tenant space will receive a regular Use and Occupancy Certificate when all work is complete, inspected and approved and the tenant is named. Separate toilet facilities are required for men and women in every tenant space over 1500 square feet. Additional fixtures may be required based on the specific use of the space. 3 copies of detailed floor plans, plumbing risers and electrical layout (if service is 400 amps or more) must be submitted with each tenant permit.

CHANGE OF USE permits with NO structural changes are \$150 plus a \$30 Use and Occupancy fee.

CHANGE OF LICENSE permits when a Use and Occupancy is required by a State licensing agency are \$150.00.

PLUMBING – A plumbing application needs to be filed by a Carroll County licensed plumber prior to beginning any plumbing work. A fee sheet is available upon request. Separate Plumbing applications are necessary for the inside plumbing and outside utility work IF the work is being done by 2 different contractors. An application for gas installations is necessary whether installing natural or LP gas inside the building. A permit is required for LP tanks 250 gallons W.C. or more and the lines to the building stub out.

ELECTRICAL – An electrical application needs to be filed by a Carroll County licensed electrician prior to beginning any electrical work. The fee for electrical applications is determined by the type of equipment being installed and the number of inspections required. A fee sheet is available upon request.

When you make application for a building permit you are assigned a file number. This file number needs to be given to the Plumber and/or Electrician to use on their applications.

USE AND OCCUPANCY FEE - \$30.

What Happens Next?

Once you've filled out your permit application at Carroll County, they will forward it to the Hampstead Town Office for our review and approval. This process normally takes one (1) to two (2) business days. If the Town Zoning Administrator approves the permit and issues a Zoning Certificate, we will notify you. The fee for this process is 50% of Carroll County's permit fee (for example, if Carroll County's fee is \$50.00, the Town's fee will be \$25.00); once we receive payment of the fee we release our approval back to Carroll County and they complete the permitting process.

NOTE: If your business location is on Main Street within our Main Street Revitalization Area you will need to have your building permit approved by the Hampstead Planning & Zoning Commission. The Planning & Zoning Commission meets at Town Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Please notify Town Office at least one (1) week prior to one of the regularly scheduled meetings if you would like to appear before the Commission for permit review and approval.

Signage

Signs are a basic element of a commercial area and are a necessity for communicating the availability of goods and services within a defined area. Not only do they attract customers, but they identify the location. Signs affect the image of an entire district so it's important that signs be well designed to avoid visual competition and also be compatible with the architectural character of the surrounding community and otherwise add to the attractiveness of the entire streetscape.

Color is an important factor in conveying a message about your business. If you already have an established logo, work within the existing colors to maintain a visual consistency throughout the company's identity. Colors should always coordinate with overall building colors and be selected to communicate a message, as well as integrating the sign into the context of the building.

Basic Sign Types: Wall Mounted Sign, Projecting Sign, Free-Standing or Monument Sign, Mural Sign, Directory Sign, Window Sign, Temporary Sign.

Article XV of the Town Code requires a Sign Permit & Zoning Certificate for all signs (including Temporary Signs). To apply for a Sign Permit, you will need the following information: a good description of the sign; dimensions; materials; wording and sign colors; and the exact location and dimension of building facade to which the sign shall be affixed.

Applications for a Sign Permit are available at the Town Office and on our website at <http://hampsteadmd.gov> (Helpful Link & Documents; Sign Permit Application). Submit your application and sign details to Town Office at 1034 S. Carroll Street or via email at hampstead@carr.org.

The review and approval process normally takes one (1) to two (2) business days. If the Town Zoning Administrator approves the permit and issues a Zoning Certificate, we will notify you.

There is no fee associated with a Sign Permit.

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Resources for New and Existing Businesses

Whether you're just starting up or would like to expand, these resources are available for you in our community.

Hampstead Merchants Association

The Hampstead Merchants Association is a group of local businesses that support each other and network for enhancement of their economic viability. Their purpose is to educate and improve the commercial and economic environment of the Town of Hampstead and the immediate area by promoting Hampstead as a trade and market area. The Association supports all current businesses and encourages new businesses to better service the consumer in our area while increasing the amount of local purchasing. Find them on Facebook under Hampstead Merchants Association (Community Organization).

Carroll County Economic Development

Carroll County recognizes that small businesses and the entrepreneur are vital aspects of our local economy. There is a small business assistance infrastructure in place to assist new, existing and start-up companies. Carroll County Economic Development can introduce you to several agencies and programs that are available to assist you in identifying loans and other financial products to start and grow your business. <http://carrollbiz.org/businessassistance/smallbusiness.php>

Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC)

Carroll County's SBDC is in partnership between the Small Business Administration and the Carroll County Department of Economic Development in Westminster. This partnership links private enterprise, government, higher education and local economic development organizations to provide management training and technical assistance to Maryland small businesses. Certified business counselors provide free counseling services to existing small businesses and start-up companies. Please contact an SBDC counselor at 410-386-8133 for assistance. http://marylandsbdc.org/northern/northern_index.php

U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. We recognize that small business is critical to our economic recovery and strength, to building America's future, and to helping the United States compete in today's global marketplace. Although SBA has grown and evolved in the years since it was established in 1953, the bottom line mission remains the same. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses. Through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations, SBA delivers its services to people throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U. S. Virgin Islands and Guam. www.sba.gov

Networking Opportunities

There are many events in our community that promote great networking opportunities. Here are just a few:

Hampstead Business Expo

This event occurs annually in February and is usually held at a Hampstead venue. Many local businesses exhibit products and information and interest in the Expo extends throughout the State.

Hampstead Day

Hampstead Day is an annual craft, food and entertainment event held on Main Street by the Hampstead Lions Club in May. Many local businesses set up booths to attract consumers – the event is widely attended! For more information, visit <http://www.hampsteadlionsclub.org>.

Farmers' Market

The Hampstead Farmers' Market started in 2010 and is a cooperative effort of the Town of Hampstead, The Hampstead Volunteer Fire Department, and several dedicated volunteers. The Market is open seasonally from June through September on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the carnival grounds of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Department, 1341 N. Main Street.

<http://www.hampsteadfarmersmarket.com>

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce has more than 500 members. The Chamber provides opportunities for business owners to meet potential clients and network with other business leaders. Guest speakers, such as congressional leaders, are featured to discuss legislative agendas and other items of particular interest to the business community. <http://www.carrollcountychamber.org>

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Town of Hampstead Zoning Map Carroll County, MD

Adopted this 30th day of August 2010.

Haven N. Shoemaker Jr.
Haven N. Shoemaker Jr. Mayor

Laurie Womer
Laurie Womer Planning Commission Chair

Kenneth C. Decker
Kenneth C. Decker Zoning Administrator

Legend

- General Business
- Local Business
- Restricted Industrial
- Historic
- Groundwater Conservation
- Public Conservation
- Residential Office
- Residential Business
- R-7,500 Residence
- R-10,000 Residence
- R-20,000 Residence
- R-40,000 Residence
- R-120,000 Residence
- Resource Protection Overlay Zone
- Corporate Limits
- County Border
- Railroad
- Stream

Hampstead Main Street Revitalization Area

