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Two Lights for Tomorrow: The Annapolis 250 Commission and Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area commemorate the 250th Anniversary of our Nation's founding

Annapolis, Maryland — The Annapolis 250 Commission and Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area invite all to participate in ***“Two Lights for Tomorrow,”*** a nationwide initiative to illuminate every household, business, house of worship, public building, and municipal government office across Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis with two lights starting the evening of April 18, 2025 and throughout the weekend.

The lights not only commemorate the well-known ride of Paul Revere and other Sons of Liberty as they signaled the approach of British troops with lanterns hung in Boston's Old North Church, and the start of the Revolutionary War, but the lights are also symbols of a united future and a reminder of all Marylander's aspirations for their rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Join us on Maryland Avenue at State Circle by 7:15pm on Friday, April 18th to witness the hand off of two lanterns to the State House, where they will be displayed over the weekend. Annapolis 250 and MD 250 Commissioners will then gather at Lawyers Mall to share more about celebrations that are planned across Maryland in 2026. City of Annapolis's Poet Laureate Jefferson Holland will wrap up the evening with a public reading of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Paul Revere's Ride" by the The evening's presentation will kick off a series of events and programs throughout 2025 and 2026 that honors our nation's history and its founding.

One Nation! Two Lights! Three Nights!

We encourage participation over three nights of April 18, 19, and 20, 2025, at as many locations as possible — historical societies, community centers, municipal and county administrative buildings, private residences, barns, and community entrances. **Share pictures of YOUR lights on social media and tag them with #TwoLightsForTomorrow , #MD250 , and #Annapolis250 .**

- Households can place two luminaries, candles, lanterns, camping lights or even flashlights in your windows or on your porch beginning the evening of April 18th, symbolizing the two lanterns hung in the church steeple.
- Businesses displaying their two lights will help foster a sense of community, historical pride and support for special events in the coming year and beyond; and
- Government Offices illuminate their edifices with symbolic lighting on public buildings to show their support for educational and civic engagement and might also offer proclamations about key semiquincentennial celebrations.

"Two Lights for Tomorrow" are symbolic of American vigilance, preparedness, and the spirit of community that defines our nation. It reminds us of the sacrifices made by those who fought for our liberty and independence. By participating, you will join that national tapestry of remembrance and patriotism. Citizens are encouraged to reflect on what freedom means to each of us, consider their civic duty in today's world, and learn more about the sacrifices. Spread the word so we can illuminate our communities with the lights of freedom which have endured for 250 years.



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