



December 2017



With the holiday season underway, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who contributed to our October "SOCKtober" and No Shave November donation drives this fall. Together we collected more than 10,000 socks, hats, toiletries and other items for the homeless, for those at risk of homelessness, and veterans with limited resources. These items are being delivered in time for the cold winter months to fellow citizens who need them most. Reflecting the true spirit of the season, your heartwarming generosity also brings us closer together as a community.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

Barry Glassman
County Executive

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Salt brine technology for safer roads

Our Harford County Highways crews are preparing to keep county emergency routes safer this winter with a new pilot program. Crews will be spraying brine – a water and salt mixture – to pretreat some of our higher volume roads, in addition to treatment with salt only. Brine stays on the road longer and saves money by using up to 30% less salt, which also helps us "go green". [Watch the video to see a recent test run.](#)

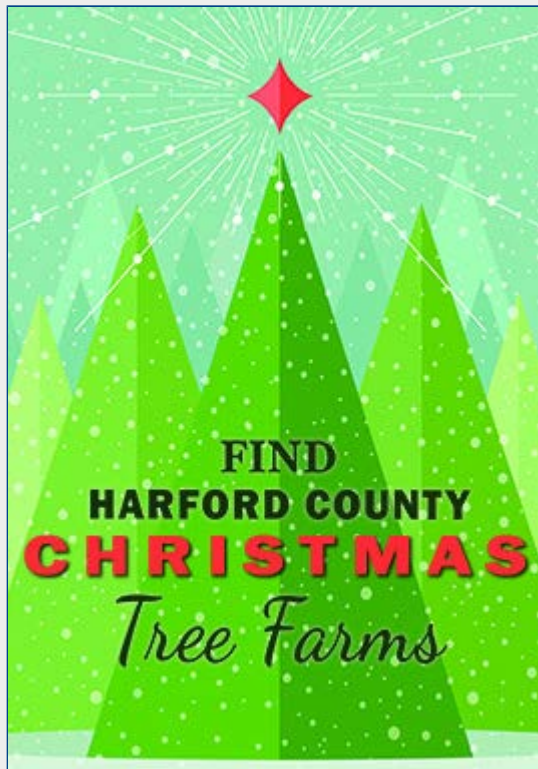
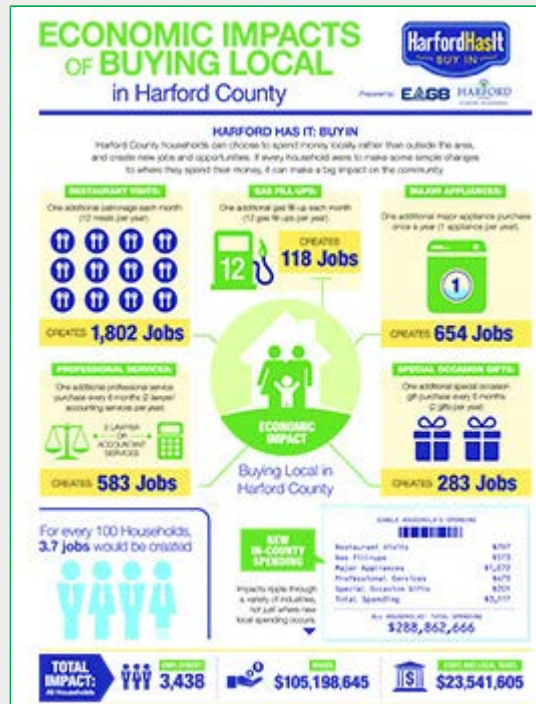


First Harford County ambulance to supplement EMS services countywide

As promised in my State of the County Address, my administration will begin deploying the first of two fully staffed and county-owned ambulances next month. This vital service will be available 24/7 when needed to supplement services now provided by our valued volunteer fire companies and the Harford County Fire and EMS Foundation. By working together, we will continue providing high quality care for citizens countywide while meeting Harford County's growing needs over time.

"Harford Has It" awareness campaign supports local businesses

Harford County is supporting our local businesses with a new campaign encouraging consumers to buy local. A recent study by the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore showed that small changes in spending by individuals and businesses have the potential in Harford County to add nearly 3,500 jobs, \$105 million in wages, and \$23.5 million in local and state revenue that can be reinvested in our community. Join the campaign on social media using the hashtag #HarfordHasIt. [Learn more.](#)



Online map of Harford County Christmas tree farms

Are you searching for a live Christmas tree this year? Harford County is home to a number of Christmas tree farms where you can select a freshly cut tree or cut down one of your own. To help you find a live tree, and to support these small businesses, our county website has an interactive map of tree farm locations and business hours. Find the map at www.harfordcountymd.gov by clicking the icon on the homepage.

Volunteer Harford opportunities

Individuals, civic organizations and businesses interested in giving back to the community can find a list of nonprofits seeking volunteers and donations on [the county website](#), compiled by our Department of Community Services. We are pleased to provide this list to connect those in need with those who have a desire to serve. By working together, we can help ensure that no one in Harford County goes to bed hungry or without a warm place to sleep.



"Benjamin's Bridge" Canoe/Kayak Launch opens along Deer Creek

Enjoy one of Harford County's most beautiful spots along Deer Creek at Benjamin's Bridge Canoe/Kayak Launch now open at 3010 Conowingo Road in Street. Harford County Parks & Rec's newest facility is on a 22-acre site that is ADA accessible, and offers a soft canoe/kayak launch served by 17 parking spaces including spots for vehicles with trailers. Named for the late Benjamin Boniface, who was a Deer Creek kayaking enthusiast, the launch is open from dawn to dusk.

Christmas tree safety

Live Christmas trees are a wonderful holiday tradition, but Christmas tree fires can be serious and even deadly. Our Harford County Department of Emergency Services urges all citizens to take precautions with a live tree. To help you enjoy the 12 days of Christmas, they have prepared a list of 12 tips to protect your home and family. Find the list [on the county website](#), or click on the image for a safe and Merry Christmas.



Click the image above for a brief video with my 2017 holiday message.

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