



March 2019



As I begin this update, it would be easy to ignore the news last week about a racial slur by a state delegate from Harford County, but it would be a missed opportunity to reaffirm our values. We stand for the dignity of all human beings, and hate is not welcome here. I am deeply disappointed by Del. Lisanti and have echoed her constituents' calls for resignation.

I also encourage all Harford County citizens to join our Choose Civility campaign promoting tolerance, empathy and respect in every corner of our county, state, and nation. More information and free car decals are available at our community centers and all library branches. Details on upcoming events and programs are also available online [here](#).

Together we can lead the way to national unity through daily acts of kindness and concern. That is who we are, and who we will be, in Harford County.

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Barry Glassman
County Executive



Saving taxpayer funds to focus on priorities

March is Procurement Month and a perfect opportunity to thank Director of Procurement Karen Myers and her team for their efforts to get the best value for taxpayer funds. Over the past four years, Karen and her staff have saved more than \$9 million through better negotiations for necessary purchases. These savings helped us to direct more than 96% of new, ongoing county revenue to our highest priorities of education and public safety. Karen was recently named Manager of the Year by the Maryland Public Purchasing Association, and we are proud of her contributions to our success in finding efficiencies in local government.

How does
Harford County
support **healthy streams?**

Harford Streams
OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
McFaul Activity Center
525 W. Macphail Road, Bel Air
(Snow date Tuesday, March 13)

Topics covered: Restoration projects & plans | Website & your watershed
Stream monitoring/studies | Outreach | Watershed Stewards Academy

Enjoy light refreshments while discussing ways to protect our streams and clean up the Chesapeake Bay.

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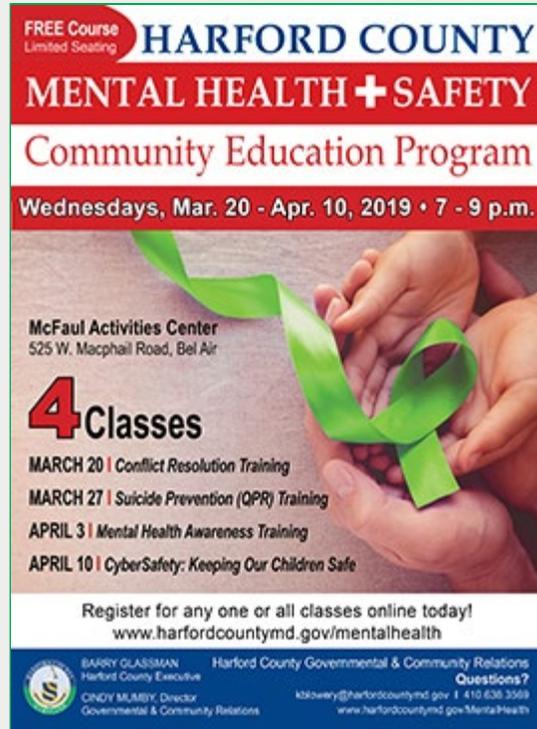
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Harford Streams Open House

The Chesapeake Bay and area waterways are among our most precious natural resources. To learn more about Harford County's efforts to protect local streams, and find out how you can help, join our Department of Public Works' Office of Watershed Protection & Restoration for an open house from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at the McFaul Activity Center, 525 W. Macphail Road in Bel Air. Topics will include restoration projects and plans, local watersheds, stream monitoring, and opportunities for citizens in the Watershed Stewards Academy.

Mental Health + Safety Community Education Program

My administration will offer a series of free classes on mental health and safety this spring empowering citizens to prevent tragedies and help others in crisis. [Registration is now open](#) for the weekly training classes starting Wednesday, March 20 on topics including conflict resolution, suicide prevention, mental health awareness, and keeping children safe online. Offered for the first time in 2018, this popular program helps citizens learn what to say and do before a situation becomes dangerous, and strengthens the safety net for our families and communities.



FREE Course
Limited Seating

HARFORD COUNTY

MENTAL HEALTH + SAFETY

Community Education Program

Wednesdays, Mar. 20 - Apr. 10, 2019 • 7 - 9 p.m.

McFaul Activities Center
525 W. Macphail Road, Bel Air

4 Classes

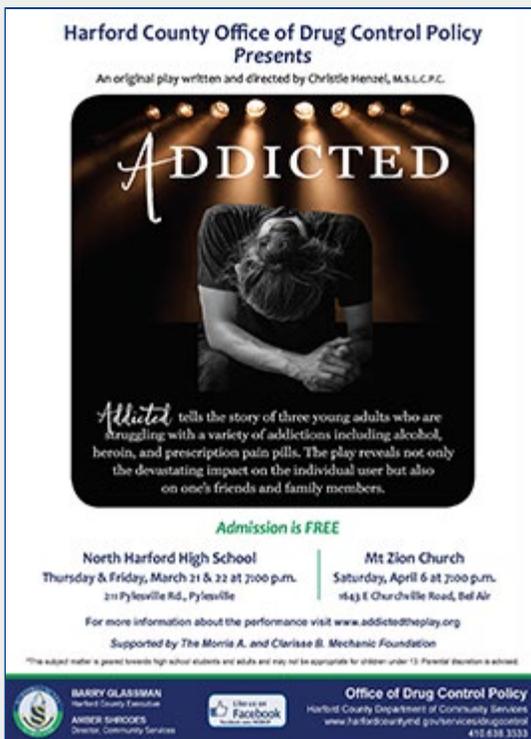
- MARCH 20 | Conflict Resolution Training
- MARCH 27 | Suicide Prevention (QPR) Training
- APRIL 3 | Mental Health Awareness Training
- APRIL 10 | CyberSafety: Keeping Our Children Safe

Register for any one or all classes online today!
www.harfordcountymd.gov/mentalhealth

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Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy
Presents

An original play written and directed by Christie Henzel, M.S.L.C.P.C.

ADDICTED

Addicted tells the story of three young adults who are struggling with a variety of addictions including alcohol, heroin, and prescription pain pills. The play reveals not only the devastating impact on the individual user but also on one's friends and family members.

Admission is FREE

North Harford High School
Thursday & Friday, March 21 & 22 at 7:00 p.m.
211 Pylesville Rd., Pylesville

Mt Zion Church
Saturday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.
1543 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air

For more information about the performance visit www.addictedtheplay.org
Supported by The Morris A. and Clarissa B. Mechanic Foundation

*The subject matter is geared towards high school students and adults and may not be appropriate for children under 13. Parental discretion is advised.

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"Addicted"

Understanding addiction's impact is key to prevention and the subject of the locally written play, "Addicted." Admission is free for upcoming performances beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22 at North Harford High School and on Saturday, April 6 at Mt. Zion Church in Bel Air. Sponsored annually by our Office of Drug Control Policy, this powerful play shows the real impact of drug and alcohol abuse on individuals, their relationships, and family members. For more information, please call 410-638-3333.



First-time homebuyers' assistance for "Hometown Heroes"

In my State of the County Address, I announced a new program offering down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers who serve the public in Harford County. Our program encourages these hometown heroes to live where they serve and consider home ownership in Harford County's existing residential communities. Hometown Heroes is administered by our Harford County Office of Community & Economic Development, and offers settlement expense loans of up to \$5,000 for qualifying families. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Outdoor celebrations at Harford pavilions

Enjoy your next outdoor celebration at a pavilion in one of our scenic county parks. Depending on the location, Harford County Parks and Recreation pavilions can be reserved at no cost, or for an affordable fee. Pavilions are available at Mariner Point Park in Joppatowne; Flying Point Park in Edgewood; Edgeley Grove/Annie's Playground in Fallston; Francis Silver Park in Darlington; Churchville Recreation Complex; Eden Mill Nature Center in Pylesville; Norrisville Recreation Complex; Schucks Regional Park in Bel Air, and Friends Park in Forest Hill. [Click here for details.](#)





Women's History Month and the road to voting rights

This year for Women's History Month, we are celebrating an exhibit at Harford Community College on the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, and the women who marched through Harford County on the road to voting rights. [Watch the video to learn more.](#)

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