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As Harford County's COVID-19 metrics remain low, we will continue to safely and quickly move into Stage 3 reopening to the extent permitted by [Gov. Hogan's most recent executive order](#), which takes effect at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4.

Please continue taking necessary precautions to keep Harford County moving forward, and have a safe and relaxing Labor Day.

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Text to 9-1-1

You already know to call 911 in an emergency, but sometimes it's impossible or unsafe to talk on the phone. If your hearing or speech is impaired, or if you can't make a voice call for any reason, now you can text 911 on your cellphone. [Text to 911](#) works in Maryland for customers of major wireless carriers who are enrolled in a texting or data plan. Check with your carrier if you have questions about your service. When you text 911, be sure to give us the location and type of emergency. Remember, calling 911 is still the best way to get help. So, call if you can, text if you can't. Thanks & be safe.



Celebrating Recovery Month

September is [National Recovery Month](#), and Harford County is shining purple lights to help raise awareness about substance use disorders and to celebrate those who have overcome addiction. Purple is the color of recovery, so hang purple lights on your home or business, look for inspiring stories on our social media pages and find "recovery rocks" in our community. Show your support for those in recovery, and those seeking help for addiction or mental health, by wearing purple on Wednesday, September 23rd. And remember, if you or someone you know needs help, you can call 1-800-NextStep. Reach out today, because recovery is possible.



COVID-19 Grants for **Businesses & Residential Renters**

COVID-19 relief grants

My administration continues to offer grants funded by the federal CARES Act to assist businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To date we have granted nearly \$7 million to over 1,000 local businesses and we are **still accepting applications** for relief programs for small businesses, farms and businesses of any size with a commercial mortgage or commercial lease. We also have a residential rent relief program, granting up to six months' rent paid directly to landlords, for affected tenants who were current on their rent as of March 1, 2020. FAQs and applications are on the county website at www.harfordcountymd.gov/244/Housing-Community-Development.



2020 Harford County
Commission for Women

WOMEN of
TOMORROW
awards

Celebrating 10 years!

Women of Tomorrow

Please join me in celebrating the inspiring young women who are this year's nominees and winners of the Harford County Women of Tomorrow awards. Each year, we recognize students in grades seven through 12 who are dedicated to compassionate community service and have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. This year, because of COVID-19 restrictions, awards were announced and highlighted in a virtual gallery on the [Harford County Commission for Women's Facebook](#) page and on our [Harford County Government](#) website. Harford County's future is bright, thanks to these leaders of tomorrow.

JOIN US VIRTUALLY **SEPTEMBER 21-27**



Bike to Work Week

Bike to Work Week celebrates cycling as a transportation alternative that's healthy for you and the environment. This year's celebration has gone "virtual" due to COVID-19, and we've made it easy to join the fun. [Register online](#), pick up your free T-shirt at participating bike shops and ride your bike to work during the week of September 21 - 27. To sign up and learn more, go to our [Bike to Work page](#) on the county website. Post your photos on social media with the hashtags #B2WW2020 and #Ready2Ride and we'll see you on the road!



Emily Bayless Graham Park

You may have noticed a parcel of undeveloped property just south of The Festival in Bel Air. That property is now a Harford County park for everyone to enjoy. The Emily Bayless Graham Park sits on 69 tree-filled acres between MD Routes 924 and 24. Named after the donor of the property, this peaceful park includes a loop trail system, parking lot, a sensory trail and pavilion. Bring the family and explore this natural beauty in the heart of Harford County.



Procurement Savings

Whenever they negotiate a county contract, our Procurement Department works hard to save taxpayer money. See how much they've saved since February 2015!

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