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Barry Glassman
Harford County Executive



Harford County continues to safely reopen to the extent permitted by the governor while we [manage the impact of COVID-19 in our community](#). Especially as we head into flu season, remember that handwashing, social distancing and wearing masks where required are good practices to keep Harford healthy and maintain our progress.

Thanks & stay safe,

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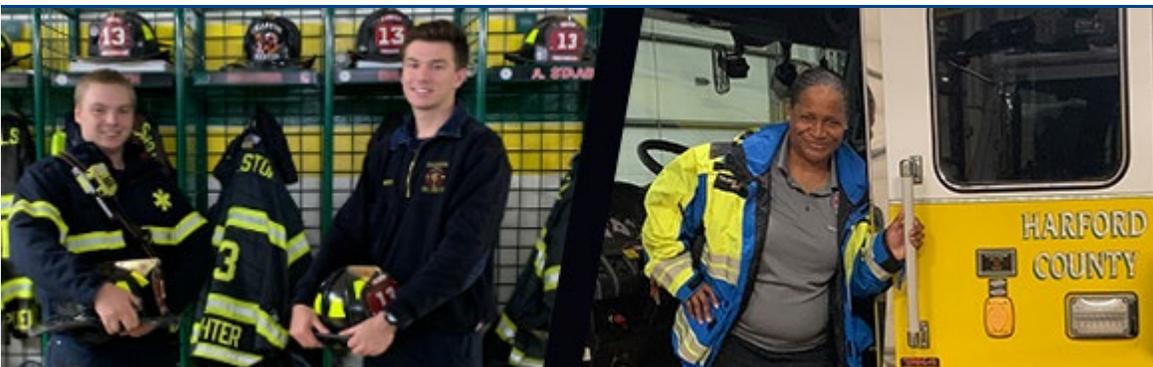
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347 acres of waterfront property preserved!

On September 24th we announced the acquisition of [347 acres of Chesapeake Bay waterfront property](#) for a future county park, marking one of the most significant conservation achievements in Harford County history. Located in Havre de Grace, Belle Vue Farm is an environmental and cultural treasure, and contiguous to public parkland at Swan Harbor Farm to its north and Eleanor and Millard Tydings Park to the south. This made it the "missing puzzle piece" to a total of 1,250 acres of preserved land on the Oakington Peninsula, including a total of 2.5 miles of coastline. I would like to thank our partners in this purchase, which was paid for with a combination of local and state Program Open Space funds and funding from Aberdeen Proving Ground in cooperation with the nonprofit Harford Land Trust.



Helping volunteer first responders repay student loans

To ease the debt burden on lifesaving volunteers, my administration is offering up to \$5,000 per year for up to four years to help volunteer fire & EMS providers repay their student loans. College students in any field of study, or anyone with student loans, is [eligible to apply](#) if they are a member of one of the county's 12 volunteer fire and ambulance companies. As a former volunteer EMT, I initiated this program to help recruit and retain the volunteers Harford County relies on for fire & EMS service. Our program, known as NEXT GEN First Responder, is believed to be the first of its kind in Maryland and supports our local heroes.



COVID-19 relief grants for local restaurants

To help local restaurants prepare for the cold winter months, Harford County is offering \$10,000 grants funded by the federal CARES Act. The grants can be used for expenses such as commercial mortgage or rent payments, upgrades for carryout service, outdoor seating enhancements and physical barriers for social distancing. In addition to our [existing business relief grants](#), this newest grant will help Harford County restaurants with everyday business expenses and the extra costs of keeping their employees and customers safe. [Details and applications](#) are online and we are ready to quickly deliver this vital funding.

NATIONAL
Prescription Drug
Take Back Day

IN HARFORD COUNTY



**CLEAN OUT YOUR
 MEDICINE CABINET!**

Liquids and sharps in proper containers accepted

Saturday, October 24, 2020
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

4 drop-off locations for unused and expired medicines:

Parking Lot of the County Office Building
 220 S. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014
(corner of Business Rt 1 and Main Street)

Bel Air Police Department
 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014

Havre de Grace Police Station
 715 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Wegmans
 21 Wegmans Boulevard, Abingdon, MD 21009



Information: 410.638.3333 or
 odep@harfordcountymd.gov



Office of Drug Control Policy
 Harford County Department of Community Services
 www.harfordcountymd.gov/services 410.638.3333

Drug Take Back Saturday, Oct. 24

Unused prescription medications can fall into the wrong hands and harm our environment if they're not disposed of properly. Harford County's next Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various county locations, including our county administration building at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air. Held in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and local law enforcement, this collection day will ensure that drugs are kept out of the public sewer system and out of circulation.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Nov. 7

Now is a good time to clean out your basement or garage and get rid of potentially hazardous items such as leftover oil-based paint, aerosol cans, pesticides, and pool chemicals that can damage your property and the environment. Harford County residents can dispose of these items for free from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 7 at our Harford Waste Disposal Center at 3135 Scarboro Road in Street. Free document shredding will also be available on site. This event is for residential customers only. For a list of acceptable items, visit the [county website](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/HHW) or email harfordrecycles@menv.com.



Harford gem: Flying Point Park

Edgewood is home to one of Harford County's most beautiful waterfront parks. Flying Point Park along the Bush River is on 17 green acres, and it's a perfect spot for a picnic outdoors or under one of the pavilions. The boat-themed playgrounds will spark kids' imaginations, while you play volleyball or horseshoes, go fishing, launch a boat, or just enjoy the view. [Flying Point Park](#) at 511 Kennard Avenue is one of our Harford gems - and it's like a vacation in your own back yard!

Harford County joins the *Fight* against *Breast Cancer*



Barry Glassman, County Executive

Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and a reminder about the importance of early detection through regular checkups. For our loved ones who are survivors, and for those we have lost, the Harford County administration building in Bel Air will display a banner and be illuminated in pink in their honor.

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