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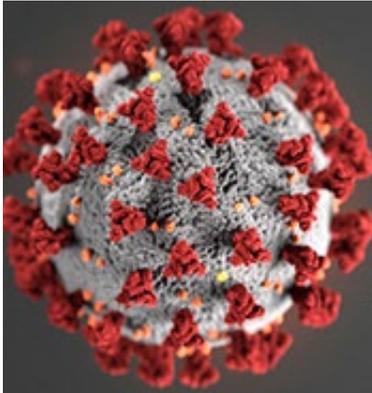
We've been through a lot this year, but the holidays are a time to count our blessings. I hope you can take time to celebrate the things that matter as we look forward to new beginnings in 2021.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

Barry Glassman
County Executive

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

COVID-19 update

COVID-19 is still with us, and you may have heard that I took [action recently to protect public safety](#) and maintain essential government operations following the predicted winter surge. I continue to monitor our numbers daily. But I am not planning heavy-handed enforcement because I believe our citizens will do the right thing and take personal responsibility for staying safe. In the meantime, news of a vaccine looks promising as we continue to remind folks to wear a mask, stay socially distanced, wash their hands and avoid large crowds. Remember you can follow our metrics, keep track of state requirements and find help through our [COVID-19 resource web page](#) on the county website.



Holiday shopping at The Grove

Find unique holiday gifts grown in Harford County or made from local farm products at The Grove, our agri-business incubator. Located on Conowingo Road in Street, The Grove has eight vendors in indoor/outdoor stalls in a beautiful rural setting. Pick up items made from handcrafted wood or alpaca fleece, choose soy-blended candles, plants, fresh meats, desserts, fresh roasted nuts, specialty spirits and homemade condiments to give or keep. The Grove's vendors are open through the holidays on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, but hours vary, so check their times on [our website](#) and buy local!

FIND HARFORD COUNTY CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS



www.harfordcountymd.gov/harfordfarmfinder

Christmas tree farm finder

Are you looking 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 tree, and to support these small businesses, the county website has an interactive map of tree farm locations and business hours. The map is part of our Harford Farm Finder app on the county website. [Click here to see the map](#) and bring home a live tree for the holidays.



Activity walks along county trails

Walking along county trails is a great way to stay fit, and we've come up with a new way to keep them interesting for all ages. Activity walk signs were recently installed at Emily Bayless Graham Park in Bel Air, and will move to other county trails throughout the year. The signs were developed by our Dept. of Parks & Recreation to encourage you to do various exercises and dance moves as a way to spice up your walking routine. One sign calls for a kangaroo hop, another for dancing the Macarena, yet others encourage you to do sprints or push-ups for extra exercise. Look for more activity walks coming soon to other county parks.



Online senior center

Harford County's senior centers have been closed by the pandemic, so we've moved activities online to bring programming home to those aged 55+. Our [online senior center](#) is a series of videos on the county website to help seniors stay active, learn new skills and be safe. Videos include fitness exercises, art projects, healthy cooking demonstrations, tips on the proper way to take medications, expert guidance on advanced planning, elder law, Medicare benefits, and more. New videos are being added all the time so check in often for a happy and healthy new year.

Sign up for emergency alerts

Chances are you use a cellphone more than your landline, and that's why I encourage you to sign up for [Harford County emergency alerts](#). In a pandemic or other emergency, our alert system automatically delivers information to your landline. But if you don't have one anymore or if you don't answer it, you may miss an urgent call. It only takes a minute to sign up your cellphone to receive emergency messages. You can also sign up for texts and/or emails for timely information to keep yourself and your family safe.





Holiday greetings

Watch my holiday video for this year with a friendly co-host.

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