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The start of a new year is a perfect time to renew our commitment to [Choose Civility in Harford County](#). This simple but powerful New Year's resolution can make life better for everyone.

Whether it's through a small act of kindness, volunteering for a local nonprofit, or a day of service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., let's work together to make Harford County a model of civility in our state and the nation.

All my best wishes for a Happy New Year,

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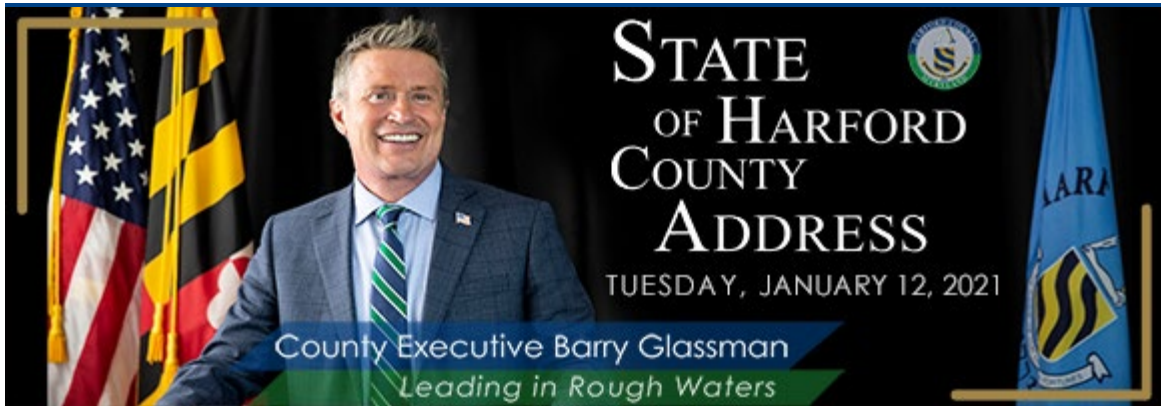
Free recycling for your Christmas tree & lights; Household Hazardous Waste collection

Remember you can recycle your live Christmas tree for free at our Harford Waste Disposal Center locations: 3139 Scarboro Road in Street, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and the Tollgate Drop Off site at 703 N. Tollgate Road in Bel Air on Saturdays only from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please remove all decorations and lights prior to drop-off. We also accept Christmas lights, clothing, textiles, electronics and more at no charge. And mark your calendar for our next Household Hazardous Waste Day collection on Tuesday, Feb. 2 from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit our [recycling webpage](#) for more information or call 410-638-3417.



Lifesaving addition to county trails

As a former volunteer EMT, I know that emergencies can happen anywhere, even when you're out for a hike or run. That's why we've installed these yellow boxes along several county trails, containing an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for cardiac arrest, and a Stop the Bleed kit. For access in an emergency, first call 911. If there's a box near you, you'll be directed to send someone to its location and call 911 upon their arrival. The 911 dispatcher will then provide the access code to open the box and further instructions for using this lifesaving equipment. Boxes have been installed at the Ma & Pa Trail, Schucks Regional Park, Mariner Point Park and Friends Park, and more are coming soon to other locations countywide.



State of the County address January 12

Despite a challenging year, I am proud of our progress in 2020 and I look forward to reporting on the state of the county in my seventh annual address. You can [watch my video presentation to the County Council at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12 on the county website](#). The video will also be archived and text of my speech will be posted on our [State of the County webpage](#).



Upgrading parks in Bel Air & Edgewood


We'd like your input as we plan improvements to two Harford County parks. The [Ma & Pa Dog Park](#) on Tollgate Road in Bel Air is due for upgrades, including new surfacing, dog agility and play equipment, improved site drainage and better access to the play areas. In Edgewood, we're planning a passive park on [Nuttal Avenue](#) with a gazebo, walking trail, playground area, open space and on-street parking. Take a look at the plans linked above and send us your thoughts by Friday, January 29 to pr@harfordcountymd.gov, with the subject line Ma & Pa Dog park or Nuttal Avenue Park.



First Annual
MLK FREEDOM CELEBRATION
A Tribute to Coretta Scott King
January 18, 2021 | 6-7 p.m.
CLICK HERE for information and to view the presentation

MLK Day virtual celebration Jan. 18

I am excited to announce the first annual MLK Freedom Celebration presented by the Harford County Human Relations Commission in partnership with the Harford County Chapter of the NAACP. Due to COVID-19, this year's event will be all virtual, celebrating the life and community works of Coretta Scott King. Please join in from 6 - 7 p.m. on MLK Day, Monday, January 18 for this inspiring tribute including song, dance, poetry, art and more. [Visit our webpage for more information.](#)



Got BUDGET Priorities?
Harford County Executive Barry Glassman's
VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING
Thursday, January 21, 2021 ♦ 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Town Hall Jan. 21

What matters most to you as we plan the next county budget? Send me your priorities by joining our Virtual Town Hall meeting on the FY22 budget. This year's event will be all-virtual via Webex and we've made it easy to participate. If you'd like to make a comment during the live event, send us an email so we can send you the link or phone number to join. As always, your comments are also welcome starting now on social media, by email or U.S. Mail. For more information, [visit our Virtual Town Hall webpage](#), where you can also watch video of the Webex event.



COVID-19 VACCINE

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The Harford County Health Department has put together a webpage with what you need to know about COVID-19 vaccines. Visit the page to find answers to frequently asked questions, Maryland's plan for distribution, and what to expect when it's your turn to get the vaccine. I plan to get the vaccine when it's my turn and I encourage everyone to get the facts and do the same. The page will be updated as more information becomes available, so be sure to check back often at <https://harfordcountyhealth.com/the-covid-19-vaccine-information/>.

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