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Harford County Executive



The month of June marks the end of the school year, and I want to congratulate the students, teachers and staff who continued to do their best despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Later this month, on June 20th, we'll celebrate Father's Day. This one will be special, as I just became a grandfather for the first time. My family is thrilled, and we hope your family enjoys the holiday and the beginning of a safe & happy summer.

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Protecting Harford's farmland

My administration is working to protect nearly 1,600 acres of farmland from development through a series of [resolutions under consideration by the County Council](#). If approved, the acreage preserved or pending settlement in state and local preservation programs would total 61,604 acres, representing 26.4% of Harford County's land mass. It would also bring us closer to our goal of protecting 75,000 acres for future generations. Harford's program is funded by revenue from the transfer tax, half of which must go to ag preservation and the other half to school construction. I encourage the County Council to help us protect this precious farmland forever.

An advertisement for a grant program. It features a smiling man with a beard wearing a headset, sitting at a desk with a laptop. The background is a blurred office setting. A red banner in the top right corner says "APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED beginning Tuesday, JUNE 1 2021". A dark blue banner on the left side contains the text "\$1,000 COVID-Relief Grants to support small business Teleworking & Online Sales". At the bottom left, it says "FUNDED BY THE MARYLAND RELIEF ACT".

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Telework and online sales grants for small businesses

Being able to do business online has become more important than ever, and Harford's small businesses need help as they continue adapting to stay competitive. [Applications are available on our website](#) for new grants to help small businesses with telework and/or online sales operations in response to COVID-19. A total of 21 grants of approximately \$1,000 each will be awarded through the Telework and Online Sales Relief Grant program, which is funded by the state through the Maryland RELIEF Act. As we have done with prior grants, my administration will work quickly to get COVID-relief funds into the hands that need them.



Harford's Most Beautiful People

Harford's Most Beautiful People Awards

If you know a volunteer who has made a difference in our community, help us share their story and celebrate their kindness by nominating them for Harford's Most Beautiful People Awards. [Nominations are open](#) for the 35th annual awards recognizing local volunteers of any age or background with one thing in common: They enrich the lives of their fellow citizens. Nominees must live and volunteer in Harford County, and nominations must be based on volunteer service only. The nomination deadline is Friday, August 6, 2021.



iCan Bike Camp registration, volunteers needed

We're excited to bring back this joyful program for our citizens with differing abilities. Registration is open for iCan Bike Camp for qualified participants, ages eight and older, to learn and experience the thrill of bike riding. The iCan Bike Camp, developed by the nonprofit iCan Shine, will be held Monday, July 12 - Friday, July 16 at the Churchville Recreation Center. Volunteer spotters, ages 15 and older, are needed to assist instructors and serve each rider on a specially adapted bike; no experience is necessary. [Details and applications](#) are on the county website.



Prepare for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season begins this month, and now is the time to review safety information. Remember, six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult, and one to two feet of rushing water is enough to carry away most vehicles, including pickups and SUVs. If you come to an area covered with water, be safe and "Turnaround, Don't Drown." Visit the county website for more [hurricane safety tips](#) and make sure you're [signed up for emergency alerts](#) on your cellphone, especially if you no longer use a landline.



Harford gem: Swan Harbor Farm

Swan Harbor Farm is our 531-acre park with breathtaking views of where the Susquehanna River meets the Chesapeake Bay. Swan Harbor is a popular setting for outdoor weddings, but visitors are welcome anytime to enjoy the wide-open spaces by hiking, fishing off the 300-foot pier, or watching the Swan Harbor Remote Control Club fly their model aircraft. Whatever you choose to do at Swan Harbor Farm, you're sure to enjoy this beautiful county park at 401 Oakington Road in Havre de Grace.



Reminder: Free COVID vaccines

Harford's COVID metrics have come down along with the rest of the state, and the best way to maintain our progress is to get vaccinated. Now until the end of June, you can drive up and get a vaccine at no cost and with no appointment at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, Tuesday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thanks & be safe.

FOURTH FRIDAYS 4 – 7:30 P.M.
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, AND SHOPPING FOR HOMEGROWN & HANDMADE FARM PRODUCTS FROM LOCAL VENDORS

3519 CONOWINGO RD, STREET, MD 21154

JUN 25	FOOD TRUCK: Triple J BEER TRUCK: Falling Branch Brewery MUSIC: Hula Pigs	JUL 23	FOOD TRUCK: Dizzy Cow BEER TRUCK: Independent Brewing Co MUSIC: The Jake Trio	AUG 27	FOOD TRUCK: Pairings Bistro BEER TRUCK: Falling Branch Brewery MUSIC: Hula Pigs
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Fourth Fridays at The Grove

The Grove is open every weekend and it's your one-stop shop for locally-produced meat and dairy products, unique gifts, delicious desserts, roasted nuts, handmade wood products & more. Follow [The Grove at Harford on Facebook](#) for vendor photos and updated hours of operation, and join us for Fourth Fridays at The Grove!

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