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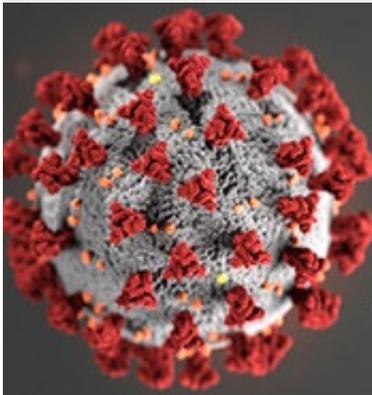
COVID-19 continues to challenge us with the more contagious delta variant contributing to a rise in cases nationally.

Read below for a local update and stay safe,

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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### COVID-19 in Harford

On July 27, the [CDC recommended](#) that everyone in areas of substantial and high transmission wear a mask in indoor public settings regardless of their vaccination status. I am not planning a mask mandate at this time, but I will keep watching [our daily metrics](#) and hospitalizations and working closely with the state and public health officials.

Vaccination rates are a key factor in maintaining our progress. Currently, approximately 55% of our total population is fully vaccinated and nearly 75% of adults (18+) have received at least one dose, and I continue to encourage everyone to get the vaccine to help put this crisis behind us.



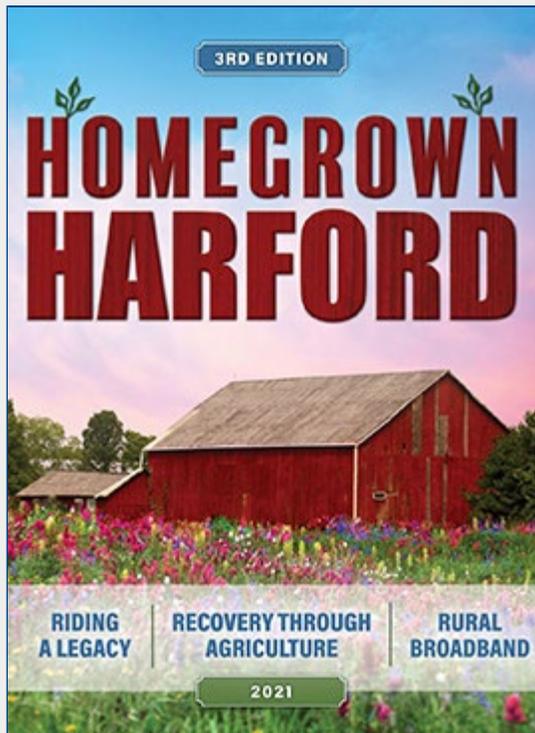
### Wheelchair costumes make dreams come true; Volunteers needed

Wearing costumes and trick-or-treating is a fun tradition in many families, but it can be a challenge for some children who use a wheelchair. To make these kids' dreams come true, volunteers and sponsors are needed to build costumes for an inclusive Halloween event this October at Mt. Zion Church in Bel Air. Harford County children who use a wheelchair as their main form of mobility may participate for free, but space is limited and applications must be received by Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Details are [on the county website here](#).



## Overcoming opioid addiction

According to the Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center, unemployment, isolation, and depression during the COVID-19 pandemic contributed to an 18.7% increase in overdoses statewide. While Harford's increase was 1.4%, the lowest among the "Big 7" counties, we will not rest until we make help available whenever and wherever someone might turn. I would like to thank Gov. Hogan for recently granting \$161,112 to my administration to continue our lifesaving efforts through peer recovery specialists. A peer recovery specialist is an individual in recovery who uses their personal experience with addiction to help others. [Click here](#) to learn more.



## Homegrown Harford

The third edition of our Homegrown Harford magazine is out now, with exciting stories about agricultural education, local agribusinesses, rural broadband, and recovery from addiction through farming. This year's edition also includes expansion plans for the Harford County Agricultural Center at 3525 Conowingo Road in Street, including an ag-themed playground and walking trails connecting to the new Darlington Library. Plus, you'll learn about Harford's snowball trail, community gardens, brew tours and more. Pick up a copy today at the ag center, library branches, or [view it online here](#).



### Adopt a road

Harford County has litter control crews whose main job is to clean up trash along more than 1,000 miles of county roads. Last year alone, they picked up about 46,000 pounds of trash and 21,000 pounds of recyclables from Harford roadsides. They also pick up trash from illegal dump sites and respond to citizens' concerns. You can help by not littering and by joining our [Adopt-A-Road program](#). Any group, individual or family can participate. We provide the vests and bags and ask you to clean up your stretch of road at least four times a year. Just leave the bags next to the sign that let's everyone know you've adopted the road and together we'll keep Harford County clean!

**FOURTH FRIDAYS**  
**4 – 7:30 P.M.**

**3519 CONOWINGO RD**  
**STREET, MD 21154**

**AUG 27** FOOD TRUCK: Triple J  
CRAFT BEVERAGES: Falling Branch Brewery  
MUSIC: Hula Pigs

**SEP 23** FOOD TRUCK: Cowboy Eats  
CRAFT BEVERAGES: TBD  
MUSIC: TBD

**NEW**

### 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, handmade wood products & more. Follow [The Grove on Facebook](#) for vendor photos and updated hours of operation and join us this summer for Fourth Fridays at The Grove.



## COVID-19 vaccines - ready when you are

Our messaging on vaccines continues as we reach out to those who are still undecided. [Watch the video](#) from this year's farm fair and help us spread the word.

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