

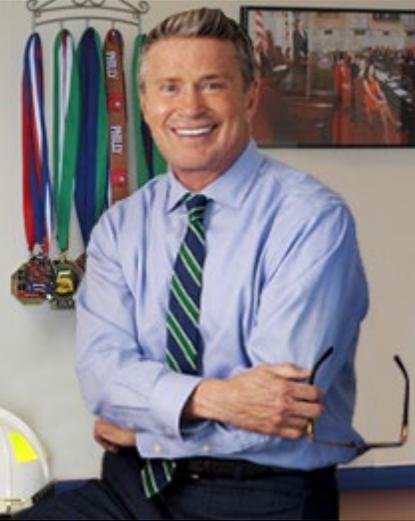


September 2021



from

**Barry Glassman**  
Harford County Executive



The start of a new school year is an exciting time!

I am proud that for the second year in a row we have fully funded the school board's operating budget request, so they have resources for the important work ahead.

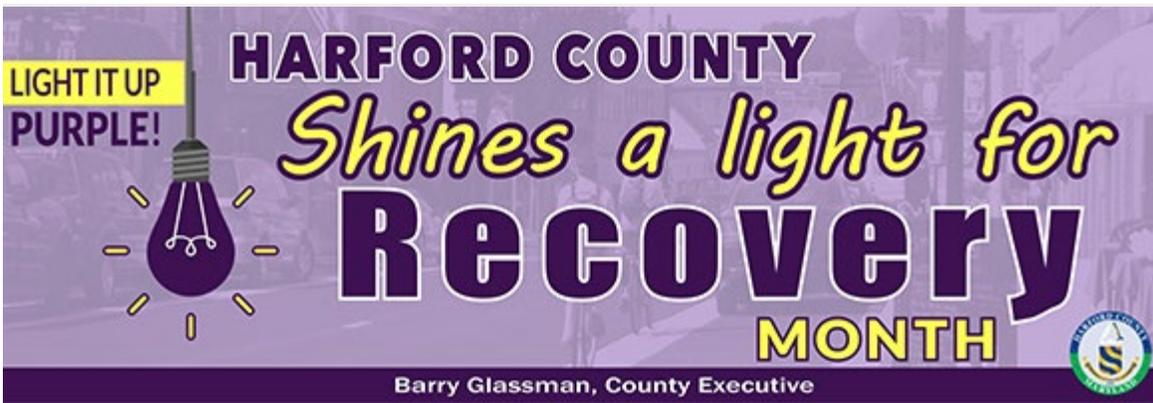
I also want to encourage our students, their families, and teachers to continue doing their best. I know it hasn't been easy, but we appreciate all you do to move Harford County forward.

Best wishes for a successful school year,

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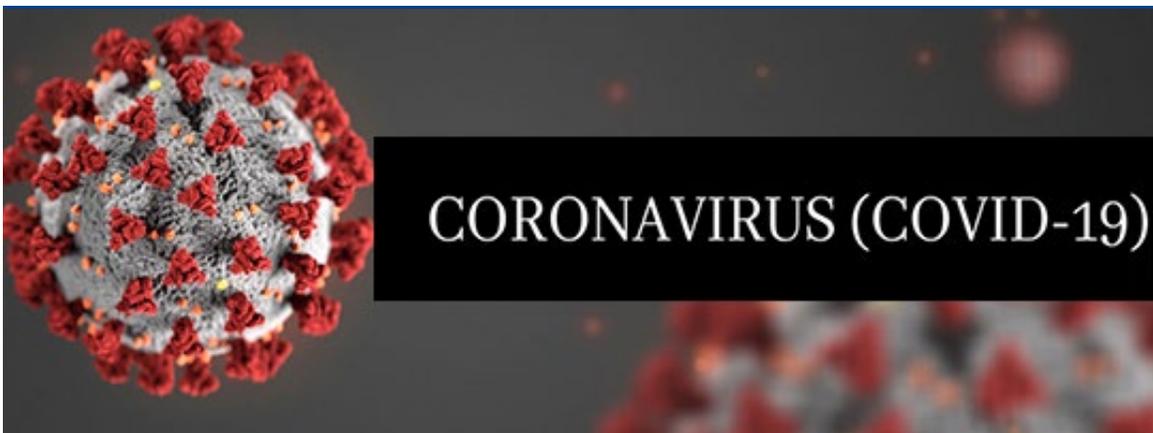
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## Celebrating Recovery Month

September is National Recovery Month, and Harford County is shining a light to help raise awareness about substance use disorders and to celebrate those who have overcome addiction. Purple is the color of recovery, so hang purple lights on your home or business. Look for inspiring stories on our social media pages and find "recovery rocks" in our community. New this year, many local restaurants will offer non-alcoholic "mocktails" and we'll present a free family movie night and a comedy show from Dion Flynn, best known for his appearances on "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon." Show your support by wearing purple on Friday, September 24. [Click here for details](#). And if you or someone you know needs help, call 1-800-NextStep because help is available, and recovery is possible.



## COVID-19 update

The pandemic is still with us, and I want to assure you that I continue to closely monitor our [COVID-19 metrics every day](#). We had some good news last week when the [FDA approved the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine](#), and Harford County is making progress with over 56% of our total population having been vaccinated and 77% of those 18 and older having received at least one dose. At this time, I have no plans for vaccine or mask mandates, and we are following the state's actions in encouraging everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. This will be especially important this fall and winter as activities move indoors and transmission is more likely. Remember, vaccines are [easy to get and available free of charge](#).



## Remembering September 11

Twenty years have passed since the September 11th terrorist attacks on our country. This day has special meaning in Harford County as the proud home of Aberdeen Proving Ground, and my administration will continue our annual observance. On Friday, September 10, you are welcome to join with county employees outside our building at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air for a brief recognition at 8:46 a.m., which is the time when the first plane hit the World Trade Center. Wherever you may be on Saturday, September 11 take time to honor the innocent victims and those who gave their lives helping others. Together we will make sure they will never be forgotten.

**HARFORD COUNTY**

# RUNNING FOR RECOVERY

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BG5K RUN OR WALK**

**Saturday October 16 • 8:00 A.M.**  
Harford Community College - Susquehanna Center

**\$25** early registration  
**\$30** race day

- ▶ Running Shirt
- ▶ Cash Prizes for the overall top three females & males
- ▶ Hot Breakfast following the race
- ▶ Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT HOMELESSNESS & HEALING**  
Harford Family House - Mason Dixon Community Services  
Addiction Connections Resource - Homecoming Project

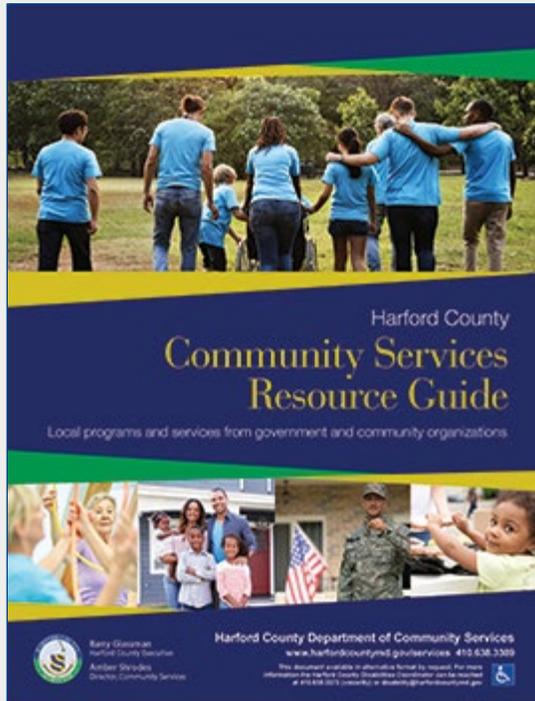
**SPONSORSHIPS & DONATIONS** Please make checks payable to:  
Harford United Charities - 25 W. Courtland Street - Bel Air, MD 21014

**REGISTER NOW! CharmCityRun.com**

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Barry Glassman, County Executive

## BG5K Run/Walk for Recovery Saturday, October 16

Join me on Saturday, October 16 for my eighth annual **BG5K Run/Walk for Recovery**. In partnership with Harford United Charities, we have raised over \$82,000 to date, to help support individuals in recovery and end homelessness. Proceeds this year will again support Harford Family House, Mason-Dixon Community Services, Addiction Connections Resource and Homecoming Project. The race begins at 8 a.m. on the beautiful campus of Harford Community College, followed by a hot breakfast after the race. Everyone will get a T-shirt, and medals and cash prizes will be given to the winners in each class. [Register today!](#)



## Harford's Community Resource Guide

We make it easy to connect with opportunities and services available from government agencies and community organizations in Harford County's Community Resource Guide. Offered in print and online, the guide has something for everyone, with contact information on services for children and families, veterans, seniors, and citizens with disabilities. The print version is published every other year, while the online version is continuously updated and posted on the county website. Pick up a copy by contacting our Department of Community Services at 410-638-3389, at your local library branch, or [bookmark the webpage](#) for this handy resource to help all our citizens lead full and productive lives.



## Parks & Recreation preschool and homeschool programs

As the school year begins, keep in mind that our Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation has a variety of programs for preschoolers and homeschooled students to enjoy. Preschoolers love our story times, hikes, Start Smart sports programs, and learning about nature, animals and S.T.E.M. Older children who are homeschooled can explore the changing seasons and woodland creatures and stay healthy with running and sports programs. Some classes are free while others require a small fee. For more information and to sign up for county programs, visit [www.harfordcountymd.gov/parksrecreation](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/parksrecreation).



### **Be safe: National Preparedness Month**

Hurricane Ida and other recent disasters demonstrate that emergencies can happen at any time, anywhere. September is National Preparedness Month and a good time to identify the potential risks in your home, business, and community. Use that information to make a family and business emergency plan and build an emergency supply kit. Prepare to be as self-sufficient as possible during and immediately after an emergency so you can take care of yourself and your family until help arrives. [Click here](#) for tips on how to build a basic disaster supply kit. Thanks & be safe.



### **Fourth Fridays & 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 for the last Fourth Friday event of this season on September 24 at The Grove.

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