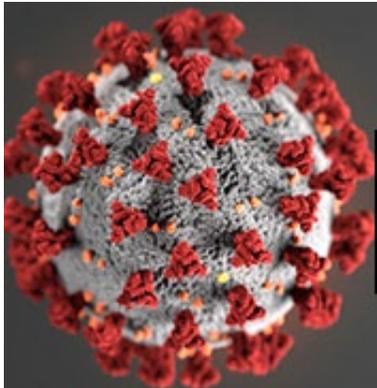# Barry Glassman
Harford County Executive

One resolution I try to keep every year is from our Choose Civility Harford County program in partnership with Harford County Public Library.

Whether it's doing a small act of kindness, volunteering for a nonprofit, or a day of service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., let's make 2022 a year to move Harford County forward as a model of civility in our state and nation.

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COVID update

We're seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases with the omicron variant and with activities moving indoors. I continue to monitor daily metrics, especially hospitalizations, as our focus is on preventing serious illness. The University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health reports that 75% of their COVID-19 patients are unvaccinated, as are 100% of COVID patients currently on ventilators.

I continue to encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated and get the booster as one of the best ways to avoid a trip to the hospital.
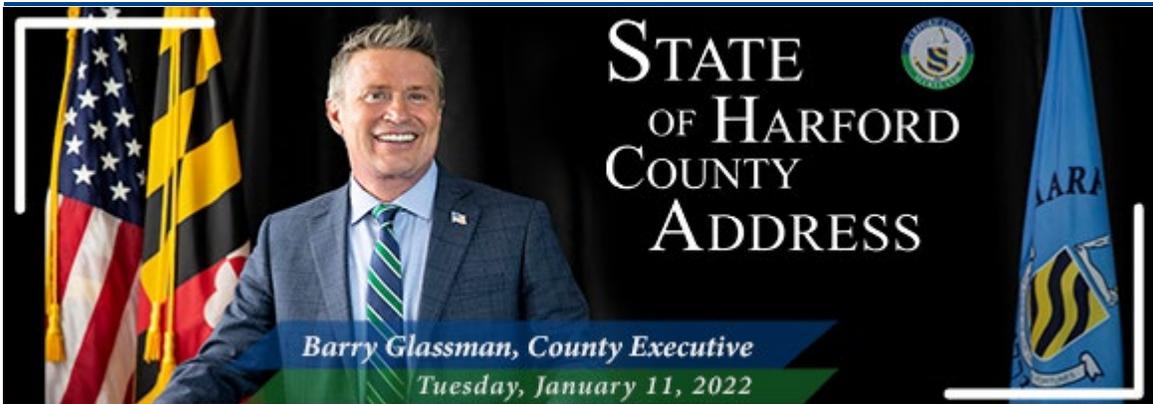
At this time, masks are required for visitors in county buildings and for employees who interact with the public. It's also important to manage your own risk and follow best practices, including wearing masks and social distancing indoors in crowds.
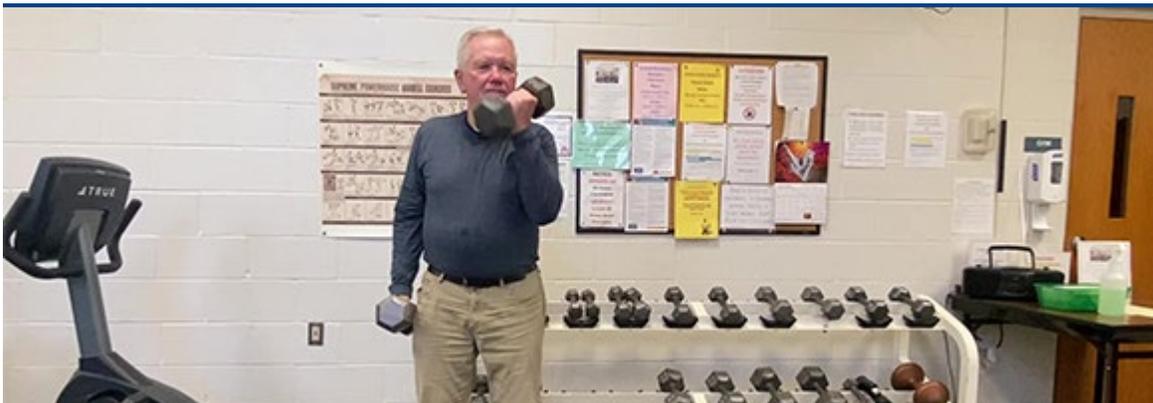
Thanks & be safe.

Free recycling for your Christmas tree & lights

Recycle your live Christmas tree for free at these Harford Waste Disposal Center locations: 3135 Scarboro Road in Street, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and at the Tollgate Drop Off site at 703 N. Tollgate Road in Bel Air on Saturdays only from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can also recycle Christmas lights and other electronics, clothing, textiles, and more for free in Harford County. To learn more, visit our recycling web page.
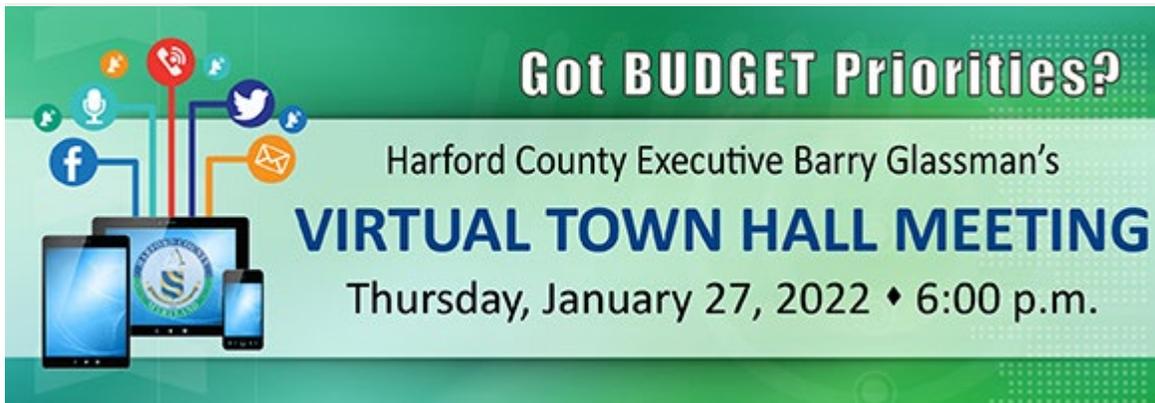
State of the County address January 11

I am proud that county government has remained open every day despite the pandemic, and Harford County continued to move forward in 2021. As I begin my last year as county executive, I look forward to delivering my final State of the County address to share our progress and plans to finish Harford Strong. This year's speech will be streamed on the county website at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11th. It will also be archived on the site for you to watch later and video will be rebroadcast at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12 and at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 13 on HarfordTV (Comcast channels 21 & HD 1084, Armstrong channel 7 & Verizon channel 31).

Harford County fitness rooms for a healthy 2022

Keep your New Year's resolution to stay healthy with a membership in our fitness rooms located in Harford County Parks & Rec activity centers. One affordable $36 annual fee is good at all six fitness rooms located in the county centers in Churchville, Edgewood, Emmorton, Fallston, Havre de Grace, and Bel Air. No matter the weather, a workout with our equipment will help you stay fit in 2022 and beyond!

Virtual town hall on the county budget January 27

What matters most to you as we plan the next county budget? Send me your priorities by participating in our Virtual Town Hall meeting on the FY23 budget. This year's event will be all-virtual via Webex, and we'€™ve made it easy to participate. Your comments are welcome starting now on social media, by email or U.S. Mail. If you'd like to make a comment during the live, virtual event, send us an email so we can send you the link or phone number to join. For more information, visit our Virtual Town Hall webpage where you can also watch the Webex video.

Household hazardous waste collection February 1

Harford County residents can drop off household hazardous waste for free on Tuesday, Feb. 1 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Harford Mulch & Compost Facility. Household hazardous waste is any leftover material that is corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive. Examples include oil-based paints, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, drain cleaners, and pool chemicals. Visit the county website for a complete list of acceptable items. Please note, this event is for residents only, no commercial businesses are allowed. The facility is located at 3139 Scarboro Road in Street.

Winter weather safety

The cold weather is a good reminder to review our winter safety tips. When using kerosene heaters, be sure to maintain proper ventilation to avoid a build-up of toxic fumes. In case of a power outage, never run a generator inside your home. And please take care of yourself by avoiding over exertion outdoors and remember to check on the elderly and other vulnerable neighbors. For more safety tips, see our online Emergency Preparedness Guide.

Just in case ... Harford County's Snow Plow Tracker

During major snowstorms, you can track the location of county snowplows with our Harford County Snow Plow Tracker app. Activated when snow reaches six inches or more, the tracker shows the location of our GPS-equipped plows on county roads using an online map updated every 15 minutes. Look for the icon on the homepage of our county government website when the tracker is activated and visit this Web page to learn more about county snow removal.

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