



County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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Thanks to everyone who watched my first annual State of the County Address. It's™s posted online now, in case you missed it, and I welcome your feedback at any time.

Yours truly,

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Mental Health First Aid

Nearly 1 in 5 people in the U.S. live with a mental illness. Learn how to help those around you through our free Mental Health First Aid training. Participants will be taught to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges, and connect those in need to appropriate support. The full-day training runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; choose the date and location that works best when you [register online](#). Specialized training is also available upon request for youth, first responders, veterans, older adults, and faith based and health care professionals. For information, please call 410-638-3333.



Spring forward & replace smoke alarm batteries

Later this month, on March 12, we'll turn our clocks forward one hour for daylight savings time. That will also be a good time to change the batteries on your home's smoke alarms, as the recent tragic fire in Harford County reminds us. I would like to thank the first responders who were on the scene that day in Bel Air and encourage everyone to remember this simple step to save lives. For more fire safety tips, [click here](#).



Free housing fair March 18

Homebuyers can connect with resources and receive free, expert advice at our Harford County Housing Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at the Harford Community College Student Center, 401 Thomas Run Road in Bel Air. The fair is a one-stop-shop to learn the essentials of homebuying, including: understanding affordability, borrowing, and credit; getting pre-approved for a mortgage; the purchasing process, and your responsibilities once you become a homeowner. Attendees must [pre-register here](#). Anyone with questions may contact Keith Kimmel, Department of Housing & Community Development, at 410-638-3045 or kwkimmel@harfordcountymd.gov.



How can we help you?

Harford County's customer service app, You CLICK We FIX, is the easiest way to report quality of life concerns like potholes, trash dumping, and overgrown vegetation at any time of the day or night. The app is available [on our website](#), or you can download it for free on your smartphone. Or, if you prefer, you can call our customer service line at 410-638-3420 or email us at citizensaffairs@harfordcountymd.gov and let us know how we can help you.



Employee engagement for small businesses

Business owners know their success depends on employees who are inspired and engaged. Employees want to work for companies that help them stay motivated and support their wellbeing. As part of our Small Business Essentials series from the Harford County Office of Economic Development, learn from an industry expert about the ways small business owners can improve employee engagement to retain good people and boost the bottom line. Join this free event from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21 at The GroundFloor, 2021D Pulaski Highway in Havre de Grace. Reserve your spot [here](#) or call 410-638-3059 for more information.



Award-winning Harford Transit LINK

Harford's public bus system, Harford Transit LINK, has been recognized by the Maryland Quality Initiative for improvements to the Aberdeen train station's commuter shelter area in partnership with the city of Aberdeen and Maryland transportation agencies. The project included new sidewalks, ADA-accessible crosswalks, enhanced lighting, landscaping, and bicycle racks. Improvements were also made to signage, bus shelters and lighting for increased pedestrian safety. [Click here to see bus schedules](#) and learn how our award-winning system can take you where you need to go.



Ma & Pa Dog Park reopens

The Ma & Pa Dog Park in Bel Air has reopened following renovations including new equipment for dog play and agility, new sod and synthetic turf surfacing, ADA improvements, and a gazebo. Other features include new fencing, a retaining wall, and grading and underdrain improvements in the large dog area that should reduce drainage issues. New water fountains have been installed and will be turned on in the spring after the pipes are de-winterized. [Please review the park rules](#) before you go, and keep this beautiful park clean by using the trash cans located just outside the fence.



Women's History Month

Harford County celebrates the women who make history.

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