

County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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Later this month we'll celebrate Memorial Day in honor of those who died while serving in the U.S. military. I hope you'll display the American flag wherever you can and remember those who gave their lives to keep us free.

Very truly yours,

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HARFORD COUNTY PROPOSED FY 24 BUDGET

Fiscally responsible FY24 county budget; no tax increases

My first budget as county executive returns Harford County to fiscal responsibility and still maintains essential services for our citizens. In times of economic uncertainty, we must focus on needs versus wants. This budget reduces our structural deficit, makes major investments in public safety, and contributes to full funding for public schools, all without raising tax rates. Our capital budget is especially impacted by high inflation and warning signs of a national recession. In response, we have slowed the pace of capital projects while preserving our long-term plans to build essential structures. Please visit the [county website](#) for complete details.



Warehouse moratorium signed into law

Mega-warehouses have had an impact on our community that was not anticipated when Harford's existing zoning code was written decades ago. That's why I proposed a temporary pause on approvals for these immense structures, which I signed into law two weeks ago after it was passed by a majority of the County Council. I would like to thank Council President Pat Vincenti, and Council members Dion Guthrie, Tony Giangiordano, Jessica Boyle-Tsottles, Jim Reilly and Jacob Bennett for their support. With this pause in place, my administration is drafting legislation to update how our zoning code addresses mega-warehouses and the quality of life for area residents.



Free household hazardous waste collection, paper shredding Saturday, May 13

Harford County residents can drop off household hazardous waste and get up to four boxes of documents shredded for free on Saturday, May 13 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.



New park in Aberdeen includes American-themed playground

A new, 21-acre park is open and will soon be officially dedicated in Aberdeen. Developed by Harford County Parks & Recreation in partnership with the city of Aberdeen, Rock Glenn Park is located at 200 Rock Glenn Boulevard and features a red, white and blue “All American City” playground. An Aberdeen Eagle overlooks the site, which also includes a walking trail and parking. A pickleball court and basketball court are coming later this month and two multi-purpose fields are being planted with grass for future play, hopefully sometime this fall.



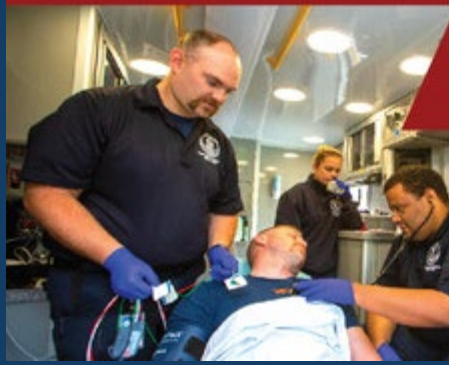
Raising awareness for Mental Health Month

Nearly one in five people in the U.S. live with a mental illness. In recognition of May as Mental Health Month, we are offering several programs to raise awareness about mental health and how you can support those who may be suffering. Friday, May 5 is our free Mental Health First Aid training; Friday, May 12 is a screening of the play, "Addicted," and on Tuesday, May 23 we're offering a free suicide prevention class for parents and teens. For more information, please [visit our Department of Community Services website](#).



Bike to Work Day, Friday May 19

Join us to celebrate biking as a healthy and low-cost transportation option on Friday, May 19. This free event starts at 7 a.m. in our county office building parking lot at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air. Bring your bike and take a short ride around town, then return to the lot for light refreshments, prizes, music, and vendors until 8:30 a.m. Register in advance for a free t-shirt by visiting www.BiketoWorkMD.com. We hope to see you there!



NOW HIRING



Paramedics & EMTs

Now hiring paramedics & EMTs

Harford County has an urgent need for paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to continue keeping our community safe. Immediate openings in our Department of Emergency Services provide a \$5,000 sign-on bonus, 24/72 schedules, competitive salaries, tuition reimbursement, and full county government benefits. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

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