



County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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Mark your calendar for this year's Harford County Farm Fair starting Saturday, July 20 through Saturday, July 27. Activities will include 4-H exhibits, exciting musical acts, animal shows, lawnmower races, a chef's challenge, antique tractor pull, food trucks, and more. Parking will again be available on the fairgrounds.

Visit the [Farm Fair website](#) for details and be sure to stop by our Harford County tent!

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FY 25 budget signed: Protecting taxpayers, prioritizing public safety, education

Despite the challenges of a statewide economic slowdown, late last month I signed the county budget for FY 25, which protects taxpayers by holding the line on taxes and prioritizes public safety and education. I would like to thank my directors and all county employees for their dedication throughout this process. Once it's finalized, the [FY 25 county budget will be posted here](#).



Tax & spend legislation vetoed

For 50 years, the Harford County Council has acted as a check on government spending through their authority to cut line items from the budget. Now a majority of the council is pushing to increase spending too. The result in other Maryland counties where the legislative branch has this authority has been higher taxes. Therefore, I have vetoed [Bill 24-016](#), and I would like to thank Council members Guthrie, Giangiordano, and Reilly, who voted against the bill. [You can read my veto message here](#).

The council could move to override the veto and I encourage you to share your views with council members at council@harfordcountymd.gov.



Celebrating Parks & Recreation Month

Harford County has many wonderful opportunities to celebrate Parks & Recreation Month in July. [Visit our website](#) to find programs for all ages and abilities, county parks with beautiful trails, themed playgrounds, and waterfront activities. We're also planning a special Parks & Recreation Day Friday, July 26 at Flying Point Park in Edgewood. Join us for games, arts & crafts, live demonstrations, water activities, a foam machine, and more!



Homegrown Harford magazine highlights local agriculture

Homegrown Harford is our annual magazine highlighting the amazing people and places in our agricultural community. Now available online and in print, the sixth edition features stories about a revival of past farming practices and our next generation of agricultural scientists. Along the way, you'll learn about pollinator gardens and the history of our beloved Farm Fair. The [online version of Homegrown Harford](#) is on our website, and free copies will be available at the Farm Fair, all public library locations, a number of breweries and farms, and upon request by contacting our department of economic development at 410-638-3059 or oed@harfordcountymd.gov.



Veterans Corner: “Ask the question”

Summer is often a time when families move, and we want to welcome those arriving in Harford County. If you find yourself with new neighbors, ask the question: Do you or a family member serve, or have you served in the military, including the Reserves or National Guard? If so, resources are available on our [veterans commission website](#).



Welcoming incoming commander at APG

One recent newcomer to Harford County is Brigadier General James Turinetti IV, the incoming Commanding General of the U.S. Army Communications - Electronics Command and Senior Commander at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Brigadier General Turinetti comes to us from United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. Please join me in welcoming BG Turinetti and his family to our community.



Harford's Most Beautiful People Award nominations due Aug. 2

Do you know an unsung hero? It may be a volunteer who helped out in an emergency or someone who performs everyday acts of kindness. Each year we search for residents of any age who selflessly assist others, and we honor their volunteer service with Harford's Most Beautiful People Awards. The deadline for nominations for the 2024 awards is 5 p.m. on Friday, August 2. [Qualifications and nomination forms are online](#) or call 410-638-3389 for more information.



Update: Improving lives in southern Harford

My administration's Southern County Taskforce is dedicated to addressing the unique opportunities and challenges in southern Harford County through collaboration among community members, local businesses and government. Taskforce efforts include public safety and roadway improvements, community cleanups, recreational opportunities, and support for small businesses. Stay informed by [signing up for the SCTF newsletter](#), track progress through our [progress reports](#) and [reach out to our coordinators with your feedback](#). Together we can help make all of Harford County the best it can be.



Household hazardous waste collection Aug. 6

Harford County residents can drop off household hazardous waste for free on Tuesday, August 6 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.



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