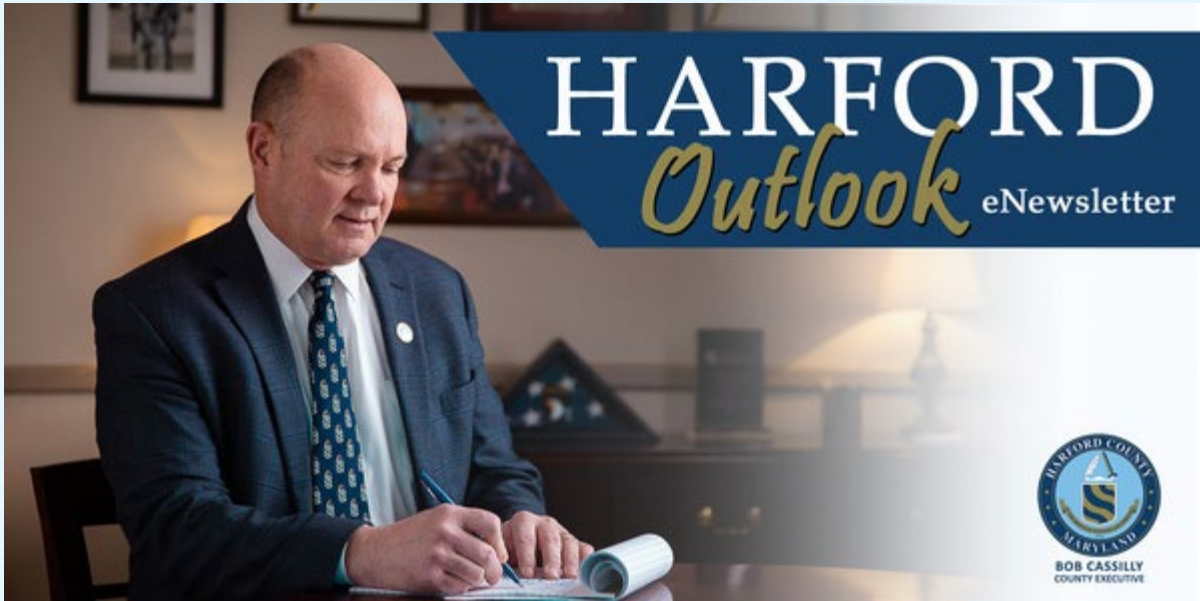




County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

October 2025

Fall is a perfect time to get outdoors and enjoy our parks and the many local festivals that make Harford County a great place to be.

Please see below for more information and other news from my administration.

Bob Cassilly

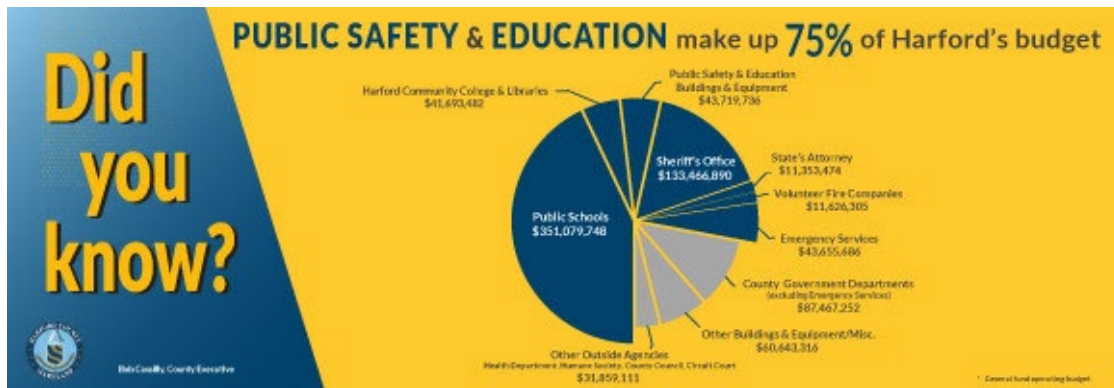
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County budget facts

The county budget is a statement of priorities, and my administration's priorities for your tax dollars are clear in the graphic above, with 75% of this year's budget dedicated to public safety and education. But that remaining 25% is also very important as it includes our parks & recreation, highways & roadways, senior care, and other vital county services on which we all rely. Budget development, the process of achieving the right balance of funding with our tax dollars, is a year-round effort, and to improve transparency we'll be posting on the [Harford County government Facebook page](#) a series of graphics with information about the budget and a timeline to keep you informed leading up to my budget town hall in early 2026 and the April announcement of my recommended budget for next year. As always, your comments are welcome any time at countyexecutive@harfordcountymd.gov.



Prepare Because You Care - Community emergency training Oct. 8 - 29

Find out what you need to know to protect yourself and your loved ones in a fire, natural disaster and other emergencies, and learn lifesaving techniques

like CPR and Stop the Bleed. Register today for our popular Prepare Because You Care emergency preparedness training for community members, developed by our Department of Emergency Services. The next four-week program will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. October 8 - 29. The program is free; however, space is limited, and available seats fill up quickly. [Register here today.](#)



Youth mental health training for adults Oct. 17

Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to the signs of mental illness in youth at Harford County's [Youth Mental Health First Aid Training](#) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct 14 at Mt. Zion Church in Bel Air. Topics will include information on trauma, substance use, and self-care. Attendees must be over 18. The program is free, but [registration is required](#).



Connecting education, business & community Oct. 21

Did you know that Harford's schools are now #1 in the state for business apprenticeships? This was made possible through the collaboration of our

public schools, county government, and our business community.

To build on our success, the Harford Business Roundtable for Education is hosting “Strengthening Connections,” an event to enhance partnerships among local businesses and Harford County’s public schools and community college. [Register today](#) to learn about apprenticeships and other opportunities to expand the pipeline from education to employment on Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 8 - 10 a.m. at Maryland Golf & Country Clubs. We hope to see you there.



Hello Harford: Fall festivals

Fall festivals are going strong in Harford County with the [Darlington Apple Festival](#) coming this Saturday, Oct. 4, the [Maryland State BBQ Bash](#) Oct. 10 - 11, and [Steppingstone Farm Museum's Fall Harvest Festival](#) on Saturday, Oct. 11, and many more. For a complete calendar of other fun things to do and see in Harford County, including farms, orchards, breweries, restaurants, and parks, visit Hello Harford, the county's tourism marketing organization at www.helloharford.com and follow the [Hello Harford Facebook page](#).



Harford earns national award for improving residents' quality of life

For many years, our Route 40 corridor has heard lots of talk, but seen very little action. My administration's Southern County Taskforce, formed in 2023, is action-oriented and dedicated to addressing the unique challenges and tremendous opportunities in southern Harford County by effectively leveraging federal and state resources in collaboration with community members, local businesses and government.

Last month, the National Association for County Community and Economic Development recognized our efforts with an award for creative, data-driven governance that has produced measurable improvements to the quality of life for area residents. We proudly share this award with our partners in and outside of county government. Together we are making all of Harford County the best we can be.



Veterans Day contests for students

I strongly encourage students across Harford County to honor our nation's veterans through the annual Veterans Day contests sponsored by the Susquehanna Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. Public, private, and homeschool students can participate in the poster contest for all grade levels or in the essay contest for middle and high school students. Harford Academy students are encouraged to share their reflections through art. These contests offer meaningful opportunities for students to creatively express their gratitude and pay tribute to our veterans. [Click here for more.](#)



WATCH HarfordTV's "Inside Harford County" - Oakington Peninsula Park System

Join me and Paul Magness, Harford County's director of parks & recreation, along with our host, Mark Vernarelli, this month on "Inside Harford County." We'll be talking about plans for the 1,400-acre park along the Susquehanna River on the Oakington Peninsula in Havre de Grace. "Inside Harford County" is [HarfordTV's](#) half-hour community affairs program airing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays on Armstrong channel 7 & HD 101, Comcast channel 31 & HD 1084, and Verizon channel 31.

VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**Saturday
November 15, 2025
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

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Veterans
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