



## County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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This holiday season, I hope you™re able to gather with family and friends to celebrate many blessings this year.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026,

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## Hello Harford: Holiday attractions

To help you get into the holiday spirit, Hello Harford has a calendar full of local events and activities for all ages. Expecting out-of-town guests? Visit the [Hello Harford website](#) for places to stay, great local restaurants and shops, and fun things to do and see in our wonderful county.

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## Holiday greetings

Please click on the image above for my holiday message from the beautiful Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air.

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## Holiday volunteer opportunities

Harford County has such wonderful volunteers. As the holidays approach, please consider giving the gift of your time as a volunteer for a local charity. These vital nonprofits provide food, clothing, and toys to local families in need. And with your help, they can do so much more. [Visit the county website for a list of volunteer opportunities](#). I'm sure you'll find a charity that needs you. Let's spread holiday cheer to every family in Harford County.

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### Volunteers, donations needed for Wreaths Across America Dec. 13

Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 13, is an opportunity to lay a wreath at veterans' graves to honor their service and teach the next generation about the personal sacrifice we must all make to project the freedoms enshrined in the Declaration and our Constitution. In Harford County, volunteers are needed at events planned for 12 p.m. in Havre de Grace at Mt. Erin and Angel Hill cemeteries. Volunteers are also welcome at 12 p.m. at Bel Air Memorial Gardens, and APG North and APG South cemeteries. Unfortunately, wreath donations are down this year. To donate locally, [click here and search](#) for one of the participating cemeteries in Harford County.

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## **Toys for Tots collection drive**

My administration is proud to participate in the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots collection drive with collection boxes placed at county facilities, including our administrative office at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air. Please consider making a donation to help make the holidays a little brighter for local children in need. If you or your business would like to donate or get involved, please visit the [Toys for Tots' Harford County website](#) for more information.

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## **Harford's emergency whole blood program saving lives**

Patients in Harford County suffering from trauma and/or internal bleeding that results in substantial blood loss now can receive a whole blood transfusion before they get to a hospital or trauma center, significantly increasing their chances of survival. Statistics show that patients who receive whole blood before going into cardiac arrest from blood loss have a 90 to 100 percent survivability rate.

Since implementation in September of Harford's Whole Blood Program - a regional partnership with Sinai Hospital of Baltimore and Inova Blood Donor Services - blood has been administered four times by career, credentialed paramedics to patients in critical condition. This vital resource has been proven to save lives in traumatic and medical emergencies. It is a major advancement in pre-hospital care and potentially lifesaving for Harford County residents.



## Award-winning drinking water

Safe, reliable drinking water is vital to our community. Please join me in congratulating our Department of Public Works for earning a second regional quality award in three years for drinking water produced at our Abingdon Water Treatment Plant. Harford's water was named Best in Show, the top award at the American Water Works Association's regional taste test challenge during the Chesapeake Tri-Association Conference held in August. This recognition reflects Harford's commitment to operating and managing our drinking water facilities to safely and cost-effectively produce the best drinking water for our customers.



## Harford Christmas tree farm finder

Are you looking for a live Christmas tree? Harford County is home to beautiful Christmas tree farms where you can select a freshly cut tree or cut down one of your own. To help you find a tree, and to support these small businesses, the county government website has an interactive map of tree farm locations and business hours. The map is part of our Harford Farm Finder app on the county website. [Click here to see the map](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/harfordfarmfinder) and bring home a live tree for the holidays.

# HARFORD COUNTY 12 days of Christmas Tree Safety Tips

## Christmas tree safety

Live Christmas trees are a great holiday tradition, but Christmas tree fires can be serious and even deadly. Our Harford County Department of Emergency Services urges all citizens to take precautions with a live tree. To help you enjoy the 12 days of Christmas, they have prepared a list of 12 tips to protect your home and family. [Find the list on the county website](#) for a safe and Merry Christmas.

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