



County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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The start of a new year is a time to reflect on our many blessings. As county executive, I'm grateful for the opportunity to visit with local veterans, volunteer fire companies, churches, senior citizens, small businesses, and Scouts, to name a few, and see the good work of our community volunteers. This strong spirit of giving back truly makes Harford County special. To those of you who give of your time, talent and treasure to help others, please know that you make an immense impact. Thank you.

In the coming year, my administration looks forward to continuing improvements in our wonderful parks, hiking trails, community centers, and other additions to our quality of life.

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Life-saving intubation program

Our Department of Emergency Services has begun implementing a new procedure to quickly stabilize a patient's airway, when necessary, before the patient arrives at the hospital. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) is a medical procedure that uses sedatives and paralytics to help assist with intubation. On Christmas Eve, a Career Medic used RSI for a young man in his 20s who was in unstable condition after his vehicle was hit by a semi-truck. Thanks to our skilled paramedics, the patient was successfully intubated before he was flown to Shock Trauma. Along with our new Whole Blood Program, RSI is helping our dedicated ambulance crews save lives in Harford County.

BILL NO. 25-012

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 25-012

Introduced by Council Member Bennett

Legislative Day No. 25-024

Date September 16, 2025

My veto to protect taxpayers

County Council Bill 25-012 calls for costly, binding arbitration in county government employee labor disputes, which is favored by public-union bosses but clearly violates the Harford County Charter. I vetoed this ill-advised and unenforceable bill and provided the council with a [detailed rationale for my decision](#), noting that the county already has good employee relations and a fair and time-tested process for resolving employment disputes at no cost to taxpayers. I am disappointed that the council chose to override my veto. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Free recycling for live Christmas trees in Bel Air, Joppa, Street

Recycle your live Christmas tree for free at any of these Harford County locations: 3135 Scarboro Road in Street, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday; Tollgate drop-off site at 703 N. Tollgate Road in Bel Air on Saturdays only from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 808 Philadelphia Road in Joppa on Saturday January 10 and Saturday, January 17 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please remove all lights, decorations, and tinsel before dropping off. Residents only, please, no commercial customers allowed. Christmas lights and other electronics, clothing, textiles, and more can also be recycled for free at the Harford Waste Disposal Center. To learn more, visit our [recycling website](#).



State of the County Address Jan. 13

Please mark your calendar for my State of the County Address at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. I look forward to reporting on our county's progress over the past year and outlining plans for the year ahead. You can watch this year's speech [live or archived on the county website](#), or watch the [HarfordTV](#) cablecast on Wednesday, January 14 starting at 8:00 p.m. and then again on Thursday, January 15 starting at 2:00 p.m.



Budget award for accountability & transparency

As careful stewards of your taxpayer dollars, we have a responsibility to ensure that our budgeting process is both transparent and accountable. Thanks to my outstanding budget team, Harford County has earned our 39th consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This recognition affirms our commitment to communicating clearly with the public about how we manage county resources. I am very proud of our team for earning this award again and consistently upholding the highest standards of their profession.



FREE Household hazardous waste collection Tues., Feb. 3

Harford County residents can drop off household hazardous waste from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3 at the Harford Mulch & Compost Facility located at 3139 Scarboro Road in Street. 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.



Veterans' Corner: Updated veterans' guides posted online

To support local veterans, we have updated our Harford County Veterans Resource Guide and the Veterans Discount Guide, available on our [veterans' commission webpage](#).

The Veterans Resource Guide provides contact information for a wide range of federal, state, and local services available to veterans—organizations that are ready and willing to help.

The Veterans Discount Guide lists local businesses and services that offer discounts to veterans and military members. Local Harford County businesses interested in being included in the Discount Guide can do so at no cost by completing the request form: [Veteran Discount Guide Addition](#). To learn more about services available to veterans, email the commission at vetcommission@HarfordCountyMD.Gov.



Hello Harford - Winter Events

Winter is here with plenty to do in Harford County. From winter farmers' markets to stage performances for all ages, visit the [Hello Harford website](#) to learn more and get updates by following the [Hello Harford Facebook page](#).



“Inside Harford County” - Historic Tudor Hall

This month on “Inside Harford County,” you’ll get a look inside Tudor Hall in Bel Air, the historic home of the Booth family, and hear little-known stories about its famous (and infamous) residents. “Inside Harford County” is **HarfordTV’s** half-hour community affairs program airing at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays on Armstrong channel 7 & HD 101, Comcast channel 31 & HD 1084, and Verizon channel 31.

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