

Southern County Taskforce eNewsletter

January 2025

*Happy New Year!*

*The start of a new year is a time to reflect on Harford County's many blessings. As county executive, I am grateful for the community partnerships that have helped our Southern County Taskforce make real improvements in the daily life of area residents and businesses.*

*Please see below for our January news as we continue to align governmental and private resources to address the unique needs and tremendous potential of southern Harford County.*

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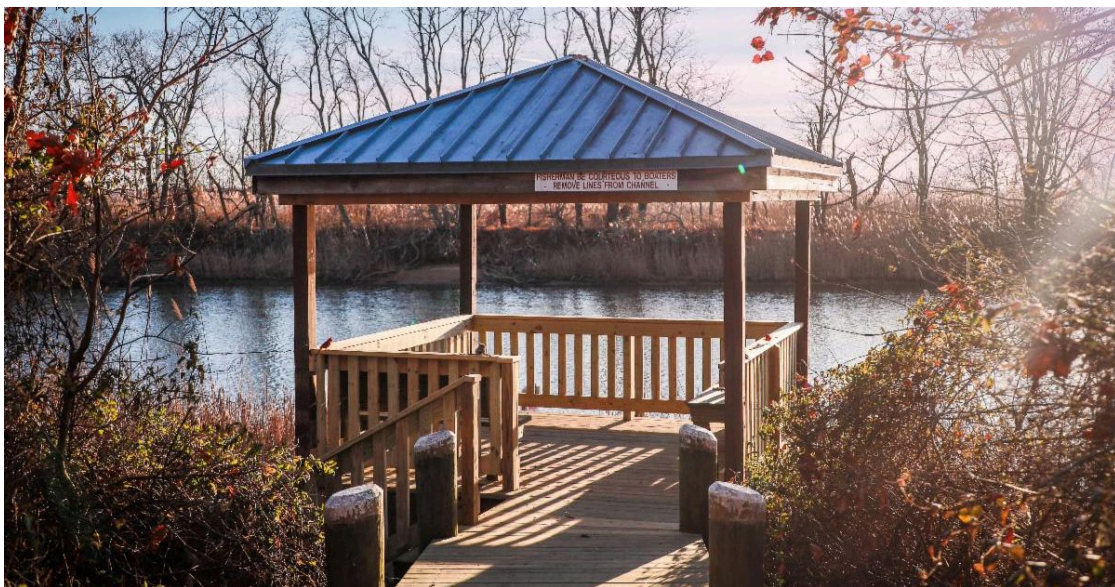


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## **Harford County secures \$450,000 in state funding to improve Southern Harford**

The Cassilly administration recently secured \$450,000 in state funding to boost improvements in southern Harford County. Of that total, \$100,000 will support the Edgewood Neighborhood Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, providing critical repairs for low-to-moderate income homeowners while the remaining \$350,000 will revitalize Edgewater Village Shopping Center with a security system, employment resource center, and new retail opportunities. These investments will advance public safety, infrastructure, neighborhood improvements, recreation, and small business growth, making southern Harford County a great place to live, work, and thrive. [For more information, read the full press release here.](#)

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## **Mariner Point Park Piers: Repairs Finished, Design Phase Underway**

Renovation work at Joppatowne's Mariner Point Park is progressing. Major upgrades to several fishing piers are complete, including new decking, benches, and safety railings. Final sealing of pile tops – protective caps that prevent the wood from rotting – will occur



in the spring when temperatures allow. Pier 4 remains in the design phase to address structural repairs, with construction expected to begin in late spring or early summer 2026.

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## Woodbridge Station Way Eastbound Lane Closure for Repairs Extended Until March 1

Construction will continue to rehabilitate a failing stormwater management facility in Edgewood. The Cassilly administration is directing \$1.43 million in federal funds to complete emergency repairs; install a new dewatering riser control structure, pilot channels, and a stormwater inlet; remove steel sheet pilings; and carry out general site cleanup and upgrades, including sidewalk repairs and enhancements to community safety and aesthetics. The project is expected to be completed by late winter/early spring 2026. For more information on this and other road closures visit <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/1164/Road-Closures>.

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## Pantry on the Go Brings Food to Village at Lakeview

Visit the Pantry on the Go on January 27, 2026, for FREE fresh produce and pantry items. The Village at Lakeview Neighborhood Network Community Center located at 833



Fisherman Lane in Edgewood has partnered with the Maryland Food Bank to host this event from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Volunteers will be onsite to assist with distribution. There are no restrictions, everyone is welcome, but please be sure to bring your own bags! This program occurs monthly based on availability. For more information, contact Charis Greene, 410-679-0473.

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### Girls' Night Out – Two Locations, One Great Evening

Looking for a fun night to relax and connect? Girls' Night Out at Mountain Christian Church is the perfect chance to enjoy good company, light refreshments, games, and music. The event will take place from 7 - 9:30 p.m. on Friday, January 30 at the Mountain Road Campus, 1802 Mountain Road in Joppa and Saturday, January 31 at the Edgewood Campus located at 1918 Pulaski Highway. A nominal fee is charged, registration required at <https://mountaincc.org/gno>.

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### Ivanhoe Street Project Update

Construction of the new Ivanhoe Street connector in Edgewood is progressing steadily. The Harford County government project will link Cedar Drive to Willoughby Beach Road,

improving access to the Copperplex athletic facility and easing traffic on nearby residential roads. Work began in late September under a \$1.26 million contract with Gray & Son, Inc., and is about 25% complete. Completion is expected by summer of 2026. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

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## **Prescription Drug Take Back Day to be held January 24**

Help keep unwanted prescription and over the counter drugs from falling into the wrong hands or harming our environment by dropping off your unused medication for safe disposal. The Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy along with the Harford County Sheriff's Department will be collecting these items on Saturday, January 24 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the southern precinct, 1305 Pulaski Highway in Edgewood. For additional information, please call 410-638-3333.

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## **Maryland's First Algae-Based Biomanufacturing Facility Coming to Aberdeen**

Maryland's first fully integrated algae-based biomanufacturing facility will open in Aberdeen, supported by a \$1 million TEDCO grant to BrightWave LLC. Located at the



CONVERGE Innovation Center, the project will bring advanced equipment and high-value jobs to southern Harford County. The investment marks a major step forward in Harford County's long-term strategy to grow a world-class biomanufacturing hub. "We're excited for what this means not just for CONVERGE, but for the future of biomanufacturing in our county," County Executive Bob Cassilly said. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

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## **Edgewood-Joppatowne Community Advisory Board Monthly Meetings**

Share your voice, identify community needs and help shape initiatives while connecting with the Edgewood-Joppatowne Community Advisory Board. Monthly meetings are held at the Harford County Sheriff's Southern Precinct at 1305 Pulaski Highway in Edgewood from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. For information on the Edgewood-Joppatowne CAB meetings and their calendar, [visit the website.](#)

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## **Tabitha's House Named Harford's Best Thrift & Resale**

Tabitha's House, a local thrift and resale store, has just been recognized as the Baltimore Sun's "Best of Harford 2025" in the Best Thrift & Resale category. Located at 1916 Pulaski

Highway in Edgewood and 112 D. Connolly Road in Fallston, Tabitha's House offers gently used clothing, shoes, household items, electronics and more. They combine affordable shopping with a mission that matters – every purchase helps to provide clothing and food to community members in need. For more information on Tabitha's House, visit <https://www.tabithashouse.org/>

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## **Harford's Cassilly Administration Wins 2025 Maryland Award for Innovation**

Harford County's Cassilly administration earned the 2025 Maryland County Innovation Award for its Southern County Task Force (SCTF) at the MACo Winter Conference. This marks the second major honor this year following a national award from the National Association of Counties. The SCTF was created by the county executive in 2023 to bring together government, businesses and community members to improve the quality of life in the Edgewood, Joppatowne, and Belcamp region. For more information visit [www.harfordcountymd.gov/SCTF](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/SCTF).

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## Scholarship Season Opens for Harford County Students

A wide range of scholarship opportunities are available to Harford County students to support college, trade school, and career development goals. Students can explore local options through the Harford County Public School (HCPS) Counseling Office and programs offered by businesses, nonprofits, and national organizations. For details on scholarships, visit [HCPS School Counseling Scholarships](#), and begin gathering transcripts, recommendations, and essays early to meet deadlines.

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## A Season of Giving: Community Drives Make a Big Impact

Harford County rounded out the year with record-breaking generosity to our neighbors in need. The SOCKtober collection drive delivered over 3,800 pairs of socks, mittens and hats to nonprofits supporting families, veterans, and those at risk of homelessness. The Thanksgiving Food Drive collected 2,820 pounds of food and necessities - a 278% increase from last year - benefiting local families through the Harford Community Action Agency's Edgewood pantry. "Our citizens' compassion shines through their generosity," County Executive Bob Cassilly said, thanking partners and contributors for brightening the holidays.

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### What's your good story?

Do you have a good story to share about events, good works, or community activities in southern Harford County? We want to hear from you! Send us a photo and brief description and we may feature your story in an upcoming newsletter. Contact the Southern County Taskforce office at (410) 638-3557 or email taskforce administrator Rob Wagner to help us shine a spotlight on you!



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