



In late September we celebrated Business Appreciation Week and met with more than 87 companies through site visits and other events. In Harford County, economic development is about business retention, growth and attraction.

To date we've added nearly 1,000 new jobs since I've taken office; added more than \$177M in capital investment, and brought diverse business activity into more than 2.5M square feet of industrial, office, commercial and retail space. These businesses offer specialized healthcare services, advanced manufacturing, paper supplies for the food industry, snacks, flooring and lumber products; bio detection of foodborne pathogens, and new shopping and dining experiences. Final plans are currently underway for a leader in e-commerce to bring several hundred competitive wage jobs to Harford County, which I hope to announce soon.

Diversification is what keeps Harford County moving ahead as Maryland's New Center of Opportunity. Reach out to our Economic Development Office and learn more about the ways we help businesses grow, and visit our website photo gallery to view highlights from [Business Appreciation Week 2016](#).

Barry Glassman
County Executive

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October "SOCKtober" donation drive to benefit the homeless and veterans

Socks, mittens, and hats are among the most needed and requested items at homeless shelters yet they are among the least-often donated. In response, my administration is partnering with Harford County Public Library and the nonprofit We Canceve for a new program called "SOCKtober" this October. SOCKtober is a countywide donation drive seeking new socks, hats, mittens, and gloves of all sizes for local citizens in need. Donated items will be distributed to individuals served by the Harford County Department of Housing and Community Development, Harford Community Action Agency, local shelters, and veteran's organizations. Click on the image above to see our promotional video and [follow this link for more information](#).



Harford gem: Emmorton Recreation & Tennis Center

Harford County Parks & Rec's Emmorton Recreation and Tennis Center is Harford County's only indoor tennis facility, making it an ideal place to play this fall and year round. With four indoor courts, the facility can be reserved for tennis socials and other events. Tennis lessons, clinics, ladders, and league play are also available. For more information, please call 410-638-3988 or send an email to cemcgraw@harfordcountymd.gov.

Legislation for the families of fallen heroes

In September, my administration introduced legislation to the County Council to ease the burden of real property taxes on the surviving spouse of a local fallen hero. Currently, the County Code allows for a tax credit for fallen law enforcement, fire, EMS or rescue personnel who own a home in the county or if the home was acquired by a spouse within two years of the hero's death. Our bill also allows the credit to be claimed in cases where the surviving spouse is in fact the property owner. Bill number 16-24 is set for a public hearing on Oct. 18. More information is [here](#).



Harford County joins the fight against breast cancer

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this year the county administration building will glow with pink lights reminding all women to get regular exams and follow the recommendations of the American Cancer Society. Early detection saves lives, and we want all of our mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and friends to be healthy and remain with us for many years to come.

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