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In my recent State of the County Address, I was proud to measure our successes both in terms of the county's strengthening financial position and in the number of lives touched by my administration. We are reducing the debt burden for our next generation, and while revenues are rising only modestly, our efficiency measures have allowed us to budget over \$13.2 million in salary increases over two years for teachers, law enforcement and county workers, who provide vital services to our citizens.

We have also increased our commitment to fighting the national nightmare of heroin abuse, begun to unite the popular Ma & Pa Trail, and preserved historic structures – all without raising taxes. For more details, plus video and text of my address, please go [here](#).

I would also like to thank you again for the opportunity to lead this county. Please continue to pray for me and my family, and may God bless you and Harford County in the coming year.

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# Harford County Day of Remembrance



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## Harford County Day of Remembrance February 10

February 10, 2016 brought violence beyond belief to our county with the murder of Senior Deputy Patrick Dailey and Deputy First Class Mark Logsdon. As dark as those following days were, the county's love and generosity never shined so bright. As I announced in my State of the County Address, I will be signing a formal declaration setting February 10th this year as an official Day of Remembrance for our two fallen heroes, with a moment of silence at noon as the county's emergency siren system is activated to honor Pat and Mark. Our triumph as a county over this experience can resonate in the hearts of other communities and give hope and courage to show that it is possible to come together in any season.

## Harford County Tourism-Related Funding Program accepting applications

Harford County's tourism-related competitive funding program is now accepting applications from eligible nonprofit organizations seeking support in the 2018 fiscal year. This funding program aids cultural, historical, museum, eco-tourism and sports-tourism activities, with revenue generated by the hotel lodging fee initiated by my administration. In addition to improving the quality of life in Harford County, the funded activities draw visitors to the county, boosting local businesses and potentially increasing the overnight stays that fund the program. Click [here](#) for more information.



Darlington Apple Festival - A 2016 recipient of tourism-related funding.

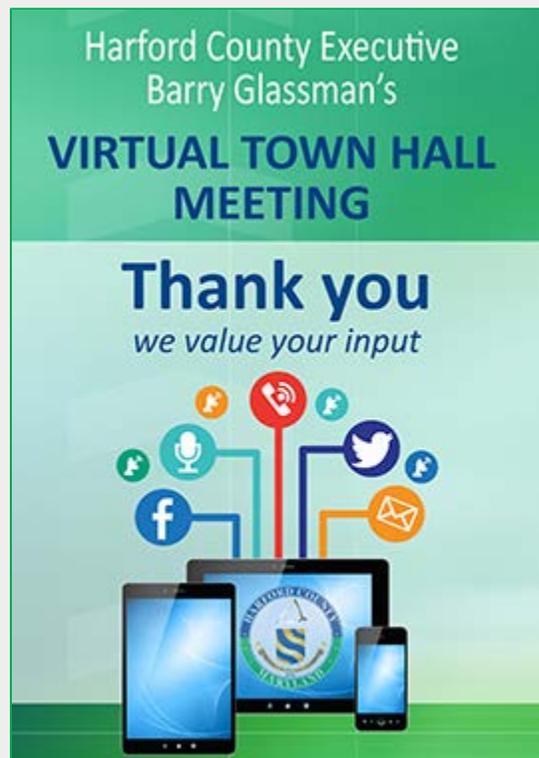


## Helping employees "Commute Smart" in Harford County

We are proud to introduce a free service to help employees "commute smart" to work in Harford County. Our rideshare coordinator Alan Doran will visit your business location to discuss employer tax benefits and commuter options, including our ride-matching service for carpooling and vanpooling, and our Guaranteed Ride Home program for times when employees must work late. Cycling options promoting a healthy workforce and mass transit information will also be provided. To learn more, contact [rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov).

## Virtual Town Hall

Thanks to everyone who provided input for fiscal year 2018 at our third annual Virtual Town Hall meeting on the county budget. We began this virtual format to make it easier for citizens to share their budget priorities through the convenience of social media and other modern technologies. If you missed the live event on Jan. 19, you can still send me your priorities by email at [iGovHarford@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:iGovHarford@harfordcountymd.gov) or by U.S. Mail at 220 S. Main St., Bel Air, Md., 21014.



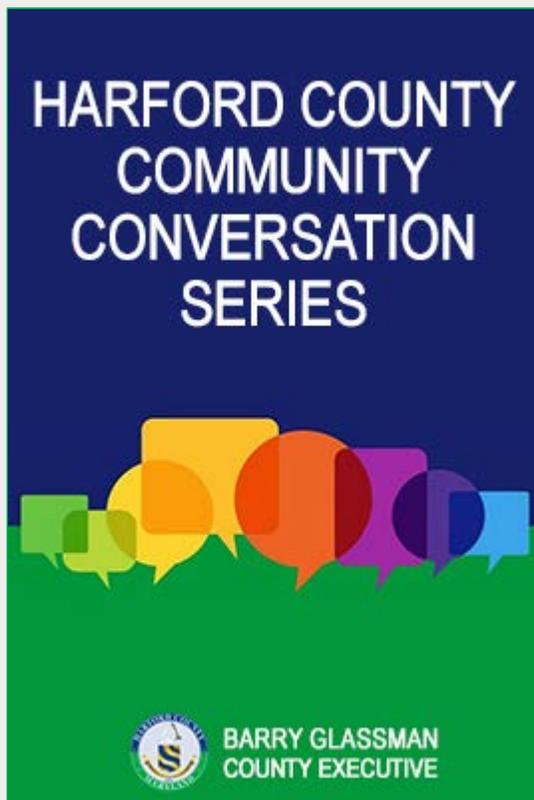


## Maintaining Harford County's AAA-bond rating

In late January, my budget team and I made our annual trip to meet with the bond rating agencies in New York. Following this meeting last year our AAA-bond rating was maintained, which allowed for the lowest cost of borrowing in county history. We are proud of this progress, and as we continue to restore fiscal responsibility and balance to the county budget, we are again seeking this highest possible bond rating for 2017. We hope to report good news in the coming weeks.

## Free "Community Conversation Series" offered by Disability Services

Our "Community Conversation Series" on planning for the future of a loved one with a disability is designed to offer peace of mind for families and caregivers. These free informational workshops are open to the public and will explore financial planning without jeopardizing government benefits or parental retirement, the pros and cons of guardianship, letters of intent, and more. For more information, contact Rachel Harbin, Disabilities Coordinator in our Office of Disability Services at [disability@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:disability@harfordcountymd.gov) or 410-638-3373.





## Harford Gem: Parks & Rec programs for our next generation

Harford County Parks & Rec has a number of pre-school programs to build strong minds and bodies in our next generation. The new "Science Explorers Program", offered February 3 - April 4 has activities to spark excitement and ignite curiosity in your preschooler. Our "Start Smart" soccer and sports development programs are available in March and April. For more information on this and other affordably priced Parks & Rec programs for citizens of all ages, please visit our Web page [here](#).



## Journey to Success

With thanks to our citizens and county employees for a successful second year in office, I invite you to watch this brief video review of 2016.

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