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Sensory Santa Workshop offered December 7 and December 14 for Individuals with Differing Abilities

BEL AIR, Md., (Nov. 7, 2024) - Visiting with Santa Claus is a tradition for many families, but the noise and activity can be challenging for some children with differing abilities. Harford County is offering an accommodating environment this holiday season for the young – and the young at heart.

The Harford County Office of Disability Services along with Harford County Parks and Recreation will offer citizens with differing abilities two chances to visit the free Sensory Santa Workshop. The first will be on Saturday, December 7 at the Churchville Recreation Center – Level Building, 3023 Level Road in Churchville from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Santa's second stop will be on Saturday, December 14 at the Edgewood Senior Center, 1000 Gateway Drive, Edgewood from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Participants may only register for one session.

Families will be greeted upon arrival by their personal "elf" who will walk them through Santa's workshop, take and print their picture with Santa, and create fun holiday crafts to take home. The elves will also provide each participant with a holiday goodie bag.

Registration opens Friday, November 8 at 8:30 a.m. and families are encouraged to register early, as spots are limited and fill up quickly. To register, visit Harford County Therapeutic Recreation online at www.harfordcountymd.gov/parksrecreation.

"Harford County is blessed to have the resources to enable all our citizens to experience the magic of Christmas," County Executive Bob Cassilly said. "The Sensory Santa Workshop provides

a welcoming environment where children with differing abilities and their families can enjoy this cherished holiday tradition."

Harford County government also provides recreation programs for citizens with disabilities, free local events, learning opportunities, community partnerships, and resource referrals. Contact Amy McClaskey at 410-638-3045 or ammclaskey@harfordcountymd.gov or Evan Myers at 410-638-4899 emyers@harfordcountymd.gov with questions.

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