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from

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Harford County Executive



Thanks to those of you who shared your priorities for the county budget at my sixth annual virtual town hall in January. I plan to continue funding increases for education and public safety, and I will review all of your comments as I prepare to release my budget recommendation to the county council in April.

To help you stay informed in the meantime, we have published facts about the county budget [here on the county website](#).

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Census 2020

The [2020 Census](#) will begin on April 1 and it is very important for every household to participate. The census affects our representation at all levels of government and determines how billions of dollars in federal funds are spent, supporting schools, hospitals, public safety and other vital services. In other words, these funds directly impact the quality of life for us all. Look for a postcard from the U.S. Census Bureau in mid-March and follow the simple instructions. It only takes a few minutes to make sure that everyone counts in Harford County.



Day of Remembrance February 10

Four years ago Harford County was shocked by the line-of-duty deaths of two law enforcement officers, Senior Deputy Patrick Dailey and Deputy First Class Mark Logsdon. Since then we have continued to honor their sacrifice on our annual Day of Remembrance. Again this year I will order the Harford County flag lowered and the county administration will be lit in blue as a sign of our support. Please join me outside our county administration building at 220 S. Main Street on February 10 at noon, when I have asked our volunteer fire companies to sound their sirens. Or take a private moment of silence wherever you may be. Together we will remember our fallen heroes, their families and all those who risk their lives to protect our community.



The Grove

My administration has begun accepting applications for a new agri-business incubator under construction in Street. The incubator named "The Grove" will offer rentable space at low cost for farmers, food processors, artists and other producers of homegrown goods to sell directly to consumers. Co-located with the Harford County Agricultural Center at 3525 Conowingo Road, The Grove will let small business owners set up shop in indoor and outdoor spaces, and test the market. For consumers, The Grove will bring new products and a closer connection to agriculture in Harford County. [Applications and details are online here.](#)



MINORITY & SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE DAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US for a resource day for small business owners featuring:

- A panel of local minority business owners
- Peer networking opportunities with established small businesses
- Representatives from local, state, and federal business resources

THE CHESAPEAKE CENTER at HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
401 Thomas Run Road
Bel Air, MD 21015

Lunch provided

Please RSVP to Traves White at twhite@harfordcountymd.gov, 410-638-3059, or bit.ly/MSBRD20

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Minority & Small Business Resource Day February 25

Our Office of Community & Economic Development is hosting a resource day to help minority and small businesses grow in Harford County. This free event will host local, state, federal and nonprofit organizations that offer free assistance to small businesses and resources specific to minority and women-owned businesses. This includes funding options, apprenticeship programs, import/export programming, health insurance and employee benefit assistance, and educational services. Lunch will be provided. [Register here](#) for the event on February 25 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Chesapeake Center at Harford Community College.

Tax credit for qualifying seniors and veterans

Applications are due by Wednesday, April 1 for eligible seniors and retired veterans to receive a 20% credit on their county property taxes for the next fiscal year, based on terms set by state enabling legislation. To qualify, citizens must be at least 65 years old; own a home with an assessed value of \$400,000 or less; and they must have lived in their home for at least 40 years or be a retired member of the U.S. uniformed services, the military reserves, or the National Guard, or their surviving spouse. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Stay active in winter

Harford County has a variety of indoor opportunities to help you stay active this winter. Meet new friends through organized activities such as Zumba, pickup basketball, group walks and the increasingly popular pickleball. For a good workout, membership in one of our fitness centers costs just \$3 per month. As an avid runner I know the benefits of regular exercise, and we make it easy to find something you'll enjoy. Visit the Department of Parks & Recreation on our website to [learn more and register online.](#)



Black History Month 2020: Honoring Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton

This year for Black History Month, we are proud to tell the amazing story of Sgt. Alfred B. Hilton, a Harford County native who earned the nation's highest military honor for his actions in the Civil War.



In case you missed it ...

In my sixth annual State of the County address on January 14, I called for national unity and cited local partnerships for contributing to Harford's progress. My speech entitled "Moving Forward Together" highlighted the county's improved financial position and a major reduction in opioid fatalities. I also announced unprecedented collaborations to assist volunteer fire companies and improve the shoreline along the Susquehanna River. Watch the video for details.

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