



June 2020



In keeping with our [Choose Civility](#) program, Harford County stands against racism and violence as we unite in the cause of justice for George Floyd. Together we must build a more peaceful world.

To learn more about our countywide effort to promote respect, tolerance and kindness, visit the [Choose Civility Harford County website](#), <https://www.hcplonline.org/choosecivility/>.

**Barry Glassman**  
County Executive

**Featured Stories:**

- [FY21 Budget Passed](#)
- [Household Hazardous Waste](#)
- [Business Relief Grants](#)
- [Online Senior Centers](#)
- [Harford Streams Adventure](#)
- [Free Wi-Fi](#)
- [Harford's Most Beautiful](#)
- [Hurricane Season](#)
- [Great Game of Catch](#)



## Fiscal Year 2021 APPROVED BUDGET

### **FY21 Budget: Full funding for school operations; no tax increases**

Last week I signed legislation enacting the next county budget, which was passed unanimously by the county council. The \$948 million budget for Fiscal Year 2021 fully funds the school board's operating request, provides record level funding for public safety, the library system and the community college. It also maintains county reserves for fiscal uncertainties due COVID-19. As in each year of my administration, there is no increase in tax rates. In fact, Harford County is the only jurisdiction among the "Big 8" that has not raised taxes in the past five years.



**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS**  
**Saturday, June 13 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Harford Waste Disposal Center Mulch & Compost Facility | 3135 Scarboro Road, Street  
**HARFORD COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**  
For a list of acceptable items visit: [www.harfordcountymd.gov/HHW](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/HHW)  
**FREE on site document shredding also available**

### **Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Paper Shredding June 13**

Our next collection day is Saturday, June 13 for Harford County residents to safely dispose of unwanted paints, solvents, pesticides, pool chemicals and other household hazardous waste. Drop off these items for free from 8 a.m. to noon at the Harford County Mulch & Compost Facility at 3135 Scarboro Road in Street (follow the signs for this event). Free paper shredding will also be available. County residents only; proof of residency will be required and no commercial waste will be accepted. Eligible materials are listed on [our website](#) or call 410-638-3417.



## **New! \$5,000 COVID-19 relief grants for business owners**

For business owners impacted by COVID-19, more help is on the way from our newest grant program funded by the federal CARES Act. Companies of any size, even those without employees, can apply for a \$5,000 grant toward their commercial business mortgage, or their rent or lease of real estate used for business operations. Applications went online today and we'll begin accepting submissions on Wednesday, June 10. We're also still accepting applications for our [small business and farm relief](#) programs and have already begun issuing payments to provide this vital assistance.



## **Harford's Online Senior Center**

We look forward to reopening our senior activity centers as soon as it's safe to do so. Until then, our Office on Aging has brought some great programming online. Visit the new [Harford County Online Senior Center](#) for exciting videos to keep you moving, links to books and entertainment, tips to keep you engaged with your community, and Medicare information for seniors and their caregivers. Be sure to check back often for new additions and spread the word to seniors you care about.

## Picture yourself in Harford Streams Summer Adventure

Back by popular demand, Harford Streams Summer Adventure invites county residents to visit local streams and send us selfies to win a T-shirt and be eligible for other prizes. New this year we have dog bandanas for your furry companions. We're proud of this award-winning program to raise awareness and support for protecting our waterways. One of my favorite spots is along Deer Creek, but you'll find a list of local treasures to visit when you register online. See the [Harford Streams webpage](#) for details.

## Free, public Wi-Fi

For our residents who need or want Internet connectivity, especially during this crisis, we expanded the free public Wi-Fi normally accessible inside five of our county facilities to the parking lots outside. Although the buildings remain closed to the general public, free Wi-Fi is available outside these locations: Agricultural Center in Street; Churchville Recreational Center's Level Building; Veronica "Roni" Chenoweth Activity Center in Fallston; McFaul Activities Center in Bel Air, and the Havre de Grace Senior Center. Signals will be strongest closer to the buildings and passwords are not required.





## Nominations open for Harford's Most Beautiful People Awards

Do you know an unsung hero? It could be a volunteer who stepped up to help others in this public health crisis or someone who regularly performs acts of kindness. Each year we search for local residents who selflessly assist others, and we honor their volunteer service with Harford's Most Beautiful People Awards. Nominations are open for the 2020 awards recognizing residents of any age whose voluntary actions enrich the lives of our fellow citizens. [Qualifications and nomination forms](#) are online or call 410-638-3389.

## Hurricane season starts in June

June through November 2020 is predicted to be a busy Atlantic hurricane season. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urges all residents to be ready for the possibility of dangerous weather while preventing the spread of COVID-19. Find updated information on how to prepare for hurricane season during the pandemic at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov). Remember, standard homeowner's and renter's insurance policies don't cover flooding, and flood insurance requires a 30-day waiting period. So the time to consider flood insurance is before a major storm is headed our way.





## Harford's Great Game of (Virtual) Catch

Social distancing has us all feeling isolated, but Harford County Parks & Recreation has a solution: a countywide, virtual game of catch. Kids, pets, families - even my director of administration and I joined the fun. Watch, enjoy, and maybe start a game of your own.

### Want more?

Get more updates, photos & event information. Like Harford County Government on [Facebook](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) @HarfordCountyMD. Check out our new Instagram account: [Harford\\_County\\_Government\\_](#)



Email: [FYI@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:FYI@harfordcountymd.gov)

Maryland's New Center of Opportunity!