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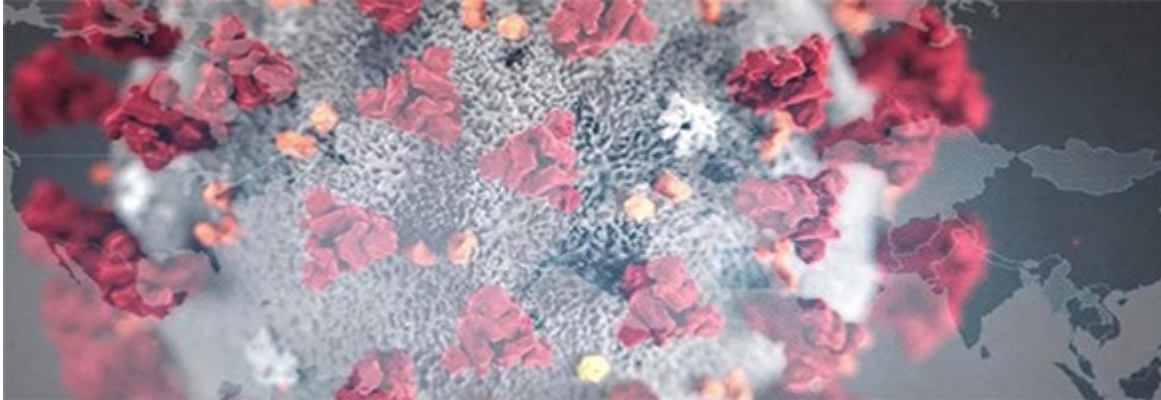
As the COVID-19 pandemic wears on, it's worth remembering that our nation has overcome great challenges in the past and we will do so again.

I am proud of Harford County residents for taking action to slow the spread and for looking after one another. Especially in these difficult times, thank you for being kind to every kind.

Barry Glassman
County Executive

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COVID-19 update; free testing August 11

My administration continues to work closely with the Health Department as we monitor COVID-19 cases in Harford County. As of yesterday, August 4, the Maryland Department of Health reported a total of 1,863 cases, 65 deaths and 3 probable deaths among county residents. A rise in new cases is to be expected with increased testing and the lifting of some restrictions by Gov. Hogan. Fortunately, our metrics continue to meet benchmarks. Harford's positivity rate is a reported 4.47%, which remains below the 5% level recommended by public health officials, and our testing rate is 12.3%, above the 10% goal set by Gov. Hogan.

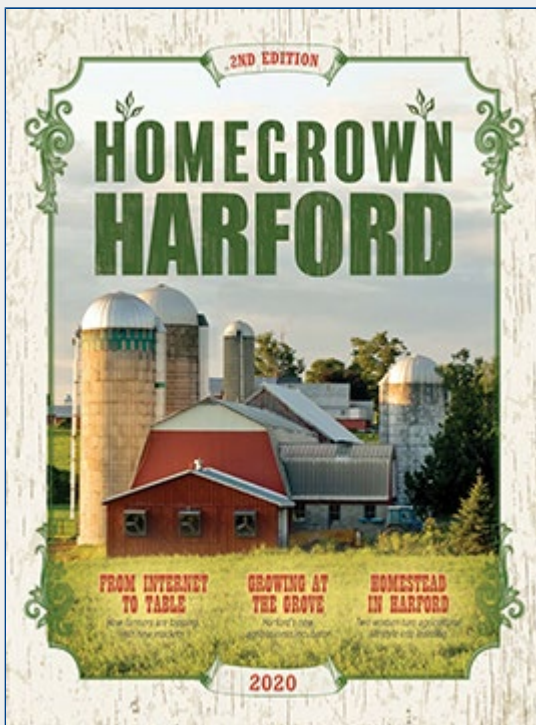
To further our progress, a free, drive-thru testing event will be held by appointment only on Tuesday, August 11 at Ripken Stadium. A doctor's note is not required, but you must schedule your appointment at [harfordcountyhealth.com](https://www.harfordcountyhealth.com).

Also remember to follow CDC guidelines for your safety and those around you. This includes social distancing, [wearing face masks where required](#), and handwashing for at least 20 seconds. Visit our [COVID-19 resource page](#) for more information, and the [Maryland COVID-19 website for daily metrics](#).



BG5K Run/Walk for Recovery - Rescheduled!

My seventh annual BG5K Run/Walk for Recovery - previously scheduled for May 9 - is now set for Sunday, November 8 on the beautiful campus of Harford Community College. Please join me for this fundraiser to support individuals in recovery and end homelessness in Harford County. Since 2015 the BG5K, held in partnership with Harford United Charities, has raised over \$85,000. Proceeds this year will support Harford Family House, Mason-Dixon Community Services, Addiction Connections Resource and Homecoming Project. The race starts at 8 a.m. and a hot breakfast will be served immediately afterwards. [Register here](#). I hope to see you there!



Homegrown Harford magazine

Homegrown Harford magazine was developed last year by my Office of Community & Economic Development to celebrate and promote our local agribusinesses. The 2020 edition, created before the COVID-19 pandemic, is now online with stories about unique farm products, turning a farm-based hobby into a business, and creative ways farmers can use social media and the internet to grow their customer base. Homegrown Harford is also your guide to farm fresh products, breweries, wineries and more. [Take a look here](#) and remember to buy local!

Help first-responders find you

Especially if you're spending more time at home, it's important to help first-responders find you in an emergency by making sure your property address numbers are visible day and night. Our Department of Emergency Services recommends house numbers that are large enough to be quickly identified, and free from obstruction by trees or other objects. If your home isn't visible from the street, use reflective numbers on both sides of your mailbox and at your driveway entrance. Saving even a few seconds in an emergency can make all the difference to you and your loved ones.

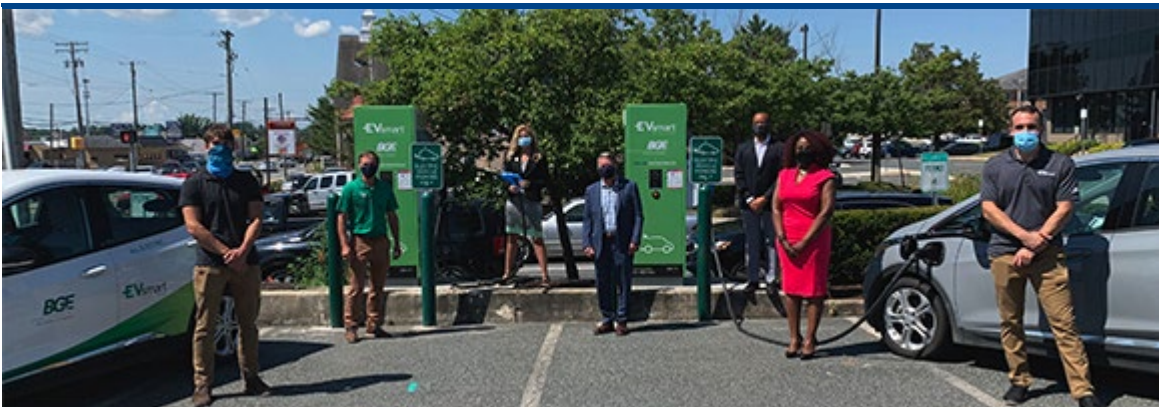


Synthetic turf field replacements

During the downtime this spring brought on by COVID-19, our Department of Parks & Recreation got an early start on replacing the synthetic turf field at Bel Air High School and is moving forward with other planned replacements at the Fallston Recreation Complex and Cedar Lane Park. All three fields were due for the upgrades, which will include a shock pad that reduces the "G-max" rating to improve safety for all users. Lower G-max ratings are associated with fewer injuries, especially head and neck injuries, including concussions. Bel Air's replacement began May 20 with completion expected in August. Fallston's replacement began July 20 for completion in September, and Cedar Lane's replacement began this week and should be completed in October.

Deadline extended 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 the COVID-19 crisis, or someone who performs everyday acts of kindness in our community. Each year we search for local residents of any age who selflessly assist others, and we honor their volunteer service with Harford's Most Beautiful People Awards. This year's deadline has been extended to Monday, Aug. 31 for the 2020 awards. [Qualifications and nomination forms](#) are listed online or call 410-638-3389 for more information.



Get a Charge Out of Harford County: BGE Installs Electric Vehicle Charging Stations on County Properties

BGE has installed [six electric vehicle charging stations on county properties](#) to provide drivers with 24-hour-a-day access to them, seven days a week. BGE owns, services and monitors the stations at no cost to county government. Two of the charging stations are at the county government building at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air, and four are at the Veronica "Roni" Chenoweth Activity Center in Fallston. We're proud to join the network of charging stations for EV drivers in Harford County and support clean energy solutions to protect our environment.



2020 Census

Nearly 3 in 10 Harford County households haven't been counted in the 2020 Census. If yours is one of them, I'm asking you to respond today. The census helps communities get a fair share of federal dollars for public safety, schools, social services & more. This amounts to \$1,821 for every county resident - every year. But we can lose that amount for everyone who isn't counted. The census is easy to fill out and it's safe. By law, identifiable information about you can't be shared with any other government agencies. Take the census online at www.2020census.gov, or call 1-844-330-2020. Thanks in advance for making sure everyone counts in Harford County.

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