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from

**Barry Glassman**  
Harford County Executive



Harford's COVID-19 metrics have improved after the winter surge and [county facilities have reopened to the public](#), but we still have to be vigilant.

Keep taking precautions as I continue advocating for more vaccines and we will get through this crisis together.

Thanks & be safe,

**Barry Glassman**  
County Executive

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# CONGRATULATIONS HARFORD COUNTY! AAA BOND RATING

Proactive Management & Fiscal Policy

BARRY GLASSMAN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## AGAIN 2016-2021

### AAA rating saves taxpayer money

Harford County retained our AAA bond rating again this year, which allowed us to borrow funds for capital projects at the lowest interest rate in county history. In February we sold \$55 million in bonds at a 1.2% interest rate, with more than half of the proceeds dedicated to pay for school projects. Other proceeds will fund stormwater and wastewater projects, the Harford County Courthouse renovation, and county roads and bridges. A complete list of funded projects is [online here](#).

**IT'S YOUR  
Lucky Day  
at THE GROVE**  
HARFORD'S AGRIBUSINESS INCUBATOR  
**PROMOTIONS & SALES ALL DAY!**

**Saturday  
March 13  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
3519 Conowingo Road  
Street, MD 21114

**HARFORD  
COUNTY**

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE GROVE UPDATES!  
[www.HarfordCountyMD.gov/TheGrove](http://www.HarfordCountyMD.gov/TheGrove)

**Vendor List (from clover leaves):**  
The Nut Barbers  
Three Oaks Farm Alpaca  
Southern Charm Candle Co.  
Henry's Dream Hobby Farm  
Breezy Hill Woodworks  
Rust Family Farm

### March 13: Your lucky day for shopping at The Grove

The Grove is Harford County's agribusiness incubator and your opportunity to buy homegrown and handmade products from local farms. Save a bit of green on Saturday, March 13 with vendors planning special sales and promotions on everything from pickles and ground beef to handmade woodworks and knits made from alpaca fiber. [Check for store hours](#), take a scenic drive to The Grove at 3519 Conowingo Road in Street and remember to buy local!

## Ag symposium for all ages Saturday, March 20

This year's ag symposium is virtual, which means you can enjoy this unique Harford County event from the safety and convenience of home. Join us for demonstrations on healthy cooking, community gardening, hydroponics, soil analysis and the history of Harford County as the birthplace of sustainable agriculture. Giveaways and fun activities for kids are also planned. Special guests include Steve Rouse, farmer and former radio personality, and MPT producer Sarah Sampson. Register today [here](#) and watch it live on Harford County government's Facebook and YouTube pages.



**Farmers & Community PARTNERSHIP**  
HARFORD COUNTY, MD

# ROOTED IN AGRICULTURE

*A FREE virtual event for everyone!*

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**  
9 a.m. - Noon

**Program Highlights**

- A Native American Blessing
- Harford County - Birthplace of Sustainable Agriculture
- It's Not Just Dirt - Soil Pit Demo
- Hydroponics - Farming without Soil
- Community Gardening Trends
- Healthy Cooking Demo with Local Farm Products
- Ask a Farmer - Live Q&A

**Special Guest Hosts:**  
Steve Rouse, farmer & former local radio personality  
Sarah Sampson, producer, Maryland Public Television

**Register here**  
<https://bit.ly/3Sc2vL1>

**Watch it here:**  
Youtube: HarfordCountyMD  
Facebook: @HarfordCountyMD

**Ag Ventures - Activities for Kids of All Ages!**  
*Register to Win Prizes!*

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**for transitioning youth**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**

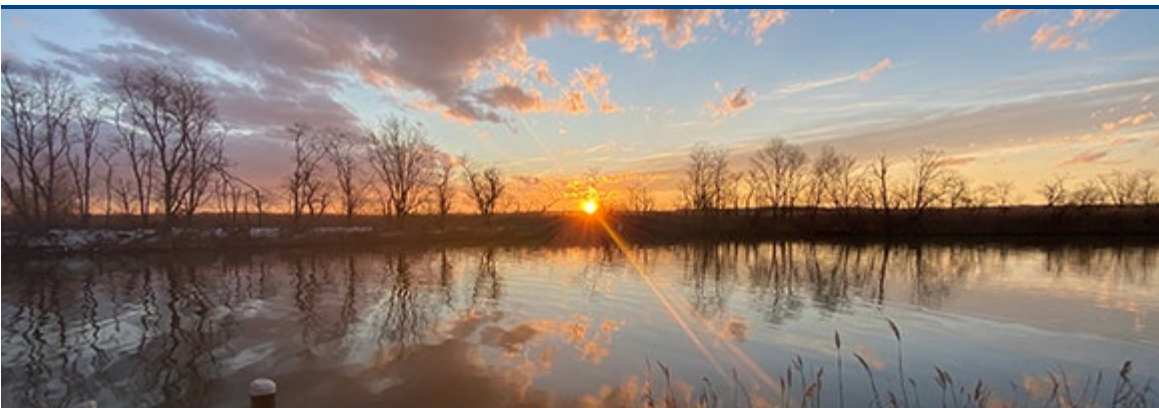
## Register for Harford's Expo for Transitioning Youth

Our 2021 Virtual Expo for Transitioning Youth, featuring keynote speakers John and Mark X. Cronin from John's Crazy Socks, will be held Saturday, April 24. This free, all-day conference helps teens and young adults with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 Plans transition successfully from high school to adulthood. The expo is open to young people, families, educators and other professionals, and will include online workshops and information from local exhibitors, vendors, agencies, organizations and support groups. [Registration is online](#) for attendees and exhibitors.



### **Funding for tourism nonprofits**

Local nonprofits are invited to apply for funding to promote tourism and related activities in fiscal year 2022. Our competitive funding program reinvests revenue from the hotel/lodging fee in cultural, historical, museum, eco-tourism, and sports-tourism activities. These attractions benefit local residents and draw visitors from outside the county, generating economic benefits through admissions, dining and potential overnight stays. In 2019, the tourism industry's economic impact in Harford County was \$402 million. Interested applicants should email their name, agency, and telephone number to [commdev@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:commdev@harfordcountymd.gov) for more information. Applications are due by March 19 and are [posted on the county website](#).



### **Mariner Point Park**

Mariner Point Park is a Harford gem along the Gunpowder River in Joppatowne. At any time of year come enjoy the waterfront or walk the 1.1-mile loop around the point. Take photos of the countless species of birds and spectacular views; play volleyball or horseshoes, and bring the kids to the playground. Uncover Harford's history as you read about Gilmer's Raid and the burning of the Gunpowder River Bridge back in 1864. At the end of the day, watch the sunset as it slips below the horizon.



### Women's History Month video

This year for Women's History Month, we're celebrating Edna Goldberg, a tough reporter who kept an eye on Harford County government for nearly 20 years. When Edna went after a story, nothing stopped her

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