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COVID-19 vaccines continue to roll out, but our current case rates are high. Please remember to avoid crowds, follow safety protocols, and [get a vaccine when you can](#). See below for good news about a mass vaccination site coming to Harford County.

Thanks & be safe,

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Drive-thru mass vaccination site at Ripken Stadium

The state has announced that Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium will become a mass vaccination site starting the week of April 19. The site is being planned as a drive-thru in the parking lot to administer about 3,000 shots a day, Tuesday – Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for an estimated three to six months. All Marylanders age 16 and older can now pre-register for an appointment by visiting covidvax.maryland.gov or calling 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829). During [pre-registration](#), you will be asked to choose your top two preferred sites.

I would like to thank Gov. Hogan for honoring our request for this site, which will help us in the race to get everyone vaccinated in Harford County and the region.



Free household hazardous waste collection, paper shredding May 1

Harford County residents can drop off household hazardous waste and get up to four boxes of documents shredded for free on Saturday, May 1 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Harford Waste Disposal Center. Household hazardous waste is any leftover material that is corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive. Examples include oil-based paints, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, drain cleaners, and pool chemicals. Visit the county website for a complete [list of acceptable items](#). Please note, this event is for residents only, no commercial businesses are allowed. The center is located at 3135 Scarboro Road in Street.



Fourth Fridays at The Grove

Enjoy live music, food and shopping every fourth Friday this spring and summer at The Grove, Harford County's agribusiness incubator in Street. There you'll find locally-produced meat and dairy products, delicious desserts, roasted nuts, handmade wood products, and more. A variety of popular food trucks and musicians will be on hand each month; events run from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. starting April 23 through August 27. Follow [The Grove at Harford on Facebook](#) for vendor photos and updates. We hope to see you there!

Drug Take Back Day April 24

On Saturday, April 24, Harford County will participate in the 20th National Drug Take Back Day. Help us keep drugs from being misused and keep them from harming the environment by dropping off your unused prescription and over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and even pet medicines for safe disposal from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at any one the following locations: Harford County Government Building at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air; Bel Air Police Department, 39 N. Hickory Avenue; Havre de Grace Police Department, 715 Pennington Avenue; and Wegmans, 21 Wegmans Boulevard in Abingdon.

The poster features the text 'NATIONAL Prescription Drug Take Back Day' in large green and blue letters. Below it, it says 'IN HARFORD COUNTY'. An illustration shows several medicine bottles. A central message reads 'CLEAN OUT YOUR MEDICINE CABINET!' with a note 'Liquids and sharps in proper containers accepted'. The event date and time are 'Saturday, April 24, 2021 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.'. A list of four drop-off locations is provided: 'Parking Lot of the County Office Building' (220 S. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014), 'Bel Air Police Department' (39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, MD 21014), 'Havre de Grace Police Station' (715 Pennington Avenue, Havre de Grace, MD 21078), and 'Wegmans' (21 Wegmans Boulevard, Abingdon, MD 21009). Logos for participating agencies are shown at the bottom, along with contact information: 'Information: 410.638.3333 or odcp@harfordcountymd.gov' and 'Office of Drug Control Policy, Harford County Department of Community Services, www.harfordcountymd.gov/services, 410.638.3333'.



Got college debt? Help is available for volunteer first responders

As high school graduations approach, I wanted to remind the Class of 2021 about our new program to help repay student loans for volunteer fire & EMS providers. Harford's NEXT GEN First Responder program offers up to \$5,000 per year for up to four years to ease the debt burden on these lifesaving volunteers. College students in any field of study, and anyone with student loans, are [eligible to apply](#) if they are a member of one of the county's 12 volunteer fire and ambulance companies. As a former volunteer EMT, I initiated this program to help recruit and retain the volunteers Harford County relies on for fire & EMS service. Find [details and applications](#) on the county website.



Harford Gem: Fox Meadows Complex

Fox Meadows Complex in Jarrettsville is a favorite among locals for its wide open space and woodland-themed playground. This 21-acre parks & recreation facility has lots of room to practice lacrosse and soccer moves on three large playing fields, a volleyball court, a paved trail for walking, bike riding and roller skating, and a picnic area under the pavilion. Kids will love the playground with a treehouse, a sliding pole and a friendly fox peeking out under the tree-trunk slide. This Harford gem is located at 3635 Fallston Road in Jarrettsville.



Harford's budget explained

Later this month I'll announce my recommended budget for the next fiscal year. What goes into the county budget and how does it get approved? [Watch our video](#) for a quick overview.

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