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This month brings No Shave November as a reminder about the importance of men's cancer screenings. My administration will also be collecting shaving supplies and other toiletries for veterans and those at risk of homelessness. Look for drop boxes in county buildings and thank you in advance for your support.

I hope we all find reasons to be thankful later this month as we gather for the holiday. My family and I wish you blessings and a Happy Thanksgiving.

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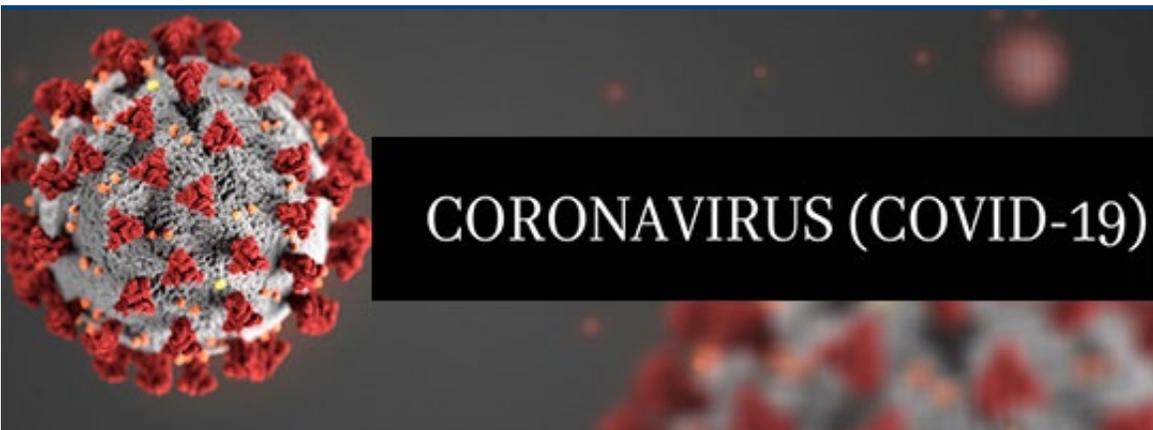
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## **Harford County Sheriff's Office Central Precinct & Training Academy - Coming in 2023**

Public safety is one of my top priorities and I am proud that we continue to invest in law enforcement. Because the need for services is growing, Sheriff Gahler and I recently announced plans for the Harford County Sheriff's Office Central Precinct & Training Academy.

Rather than break ground for a new building, my administration looked to redevelop an existing county asset. The former HEAT Center in Aberdeen was underutilized and has easy access to major roads, so it made sense as the new location. When construction is complete, it will enhance services for our citizens and prepare the next generation of law enforcement in our community.



### **COVID vaccines & boosters**

Harford County's positivity rate remains around 5% and I continue to encourage folks to talk to their doctors and get the vaccine. Currently, about 60% of our total population and 81% of adults are fully vaccinated. You can follow our progress on the [state's COVID-19 website](#) and last week, Gov. Hogan launched an online portal with information about booster shots. For details on eligibility and to find a vaccination clinic near you, visit <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>.



## Household hazardous waste collection & shred event Saturday, Nov. 6

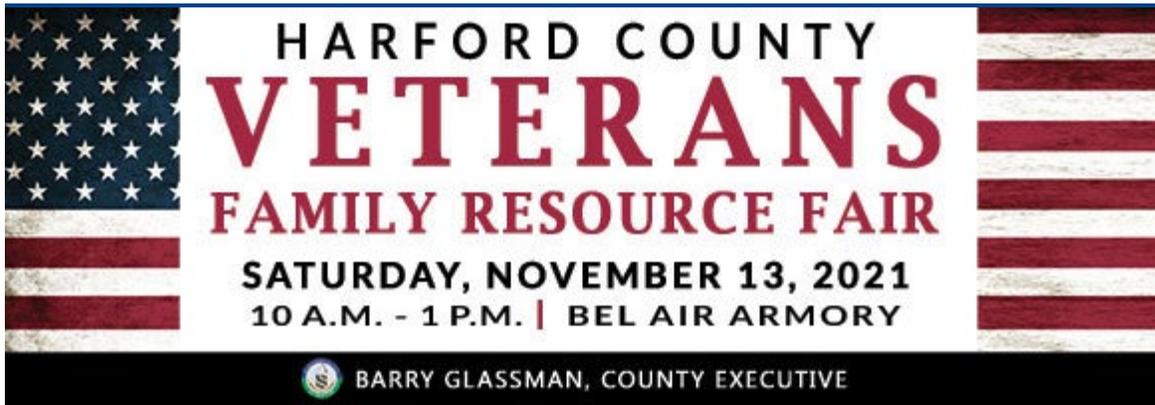
Harford County residents can drop off household hazardous waste and get up to four boxes of paper shredded for free on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Harford Mulch & Compost Facility. Household hazardous waste is any leftover material that is corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive. 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 facility is located at 3139 Scarboro Road in Street.

## VIRTUAL PHOTO GALLERY OF HONOR



### Help us honor local veterans

Our award-winning Photo Gallery of Honor is back this November to recognize veterans for their military service. The photo gallery will include veterans, living or deceased, and will be published every day this month in recognition of Veterans Day. Local veterans, and family members who want to honor them, are invited to submit a photo, preferably in uniform, and information about their service. Submission forms and instructions are posted on the [county website](#), and photos will be posted on [the veterans page of our website](#) and [Facebook](#). Thanks for helping to support Harford veterans!



### Veterans Resource Fair Saturday, Nov. 13

Harford County veterans, all military, and their families are welcome to this one-stop event for information about veterans' healthcare and benefits, printed guides to resources and local businesses that offer veteran discounts, and more. Harford County veterans can also enter a drawing for a big screen TV and one of three \$250 gift cards sponsored by APG Federal Credit Union. A grab-and-go lunch from Mission BBQ will be provided. Masks will be required indoors. The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 13 at the Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street. The theme of this year's fair is "Veterans Mental Health, From Awareness to Action." [Click here for details.](#)



### 6th Annual Night of Conversation Nov. 17

Wednesday, November 17, is a night we've set aside for Harford County parents and caregivers to have dinner with their families and talk to their children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Our sixth annual Night of Conversation for children in pre-school through high school is also an opportunity to help kids practice refusal skills and make plans to escape difficult situations. Look for resources and age-appropriate conversation starters on the [Harford Talks web page](#). Together we can help local kids stay safe and drug free.



## Be safe with natural gas

Following a recent incident in our community, our Department of Emergency Services offers these reminders when using natural gas as a source of power. If you're disconnecting or installing gas appliances, be sure to contact your gas company for information and assistance from a qualified professional. If you smell or hear a leak, leave the area immediately and call 911. Don't turn anything on or off and don't try to find the leak. Stay at least 1,000 feet away until the area is cleared by authorities. Thanks & be safe.

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