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Harford County Executive



On Tuesday, February 1, I lifted the temporary mask requirement in county government buildings as our post-holiday surge in [COVID-19 metrics](#) continues to subside along with statewide trends.

However, I still encourage citizens and county employees to manage their personal risk, get tested if they have symptoms, and get the vaccine and booster as the best way to avoid serious illness.

Thanks & be safe,

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County Executive

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Harford County Day of Remembrance



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Day of Remembrance February 10

We join Baltimore City in mourning the loss of three firefighters whose funerals are being held today. Harford County also continues to honor the sacrifice of our local heroes, Senior Deputy Patrick Dailey and Deputy First Class Mark Logsdon, who were killed in the line of duty six years ago. In their memory, I will again order the Harford County flag lowered and the county administration to be lit in blue for our annual Day of Remembrance. Please join me and our county employees outside our administration building at 220 S. Main Street at 12 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, or take a private moment of silence wherever you may be. Together we will remember Pat and Mark, their families, and all those who risk their lives for us.



CONGRATULATIONS HARFORD COUNTY!

AAA BOND RATING

Proactive Management & Fiscal Policy

BARRY GLASSMAN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

AGAIN 2016-2022

AAA rating saves taxpayer money

Harford County retained our AAA bond-rating again this year, which allows us to borrow funds for capital projects at low interest rates. On February 1, we sold \$75 million of new bonds with more than half of that amount for education projects, including Havre de Grace Middle/High and Joppatowne High. The new bonds will also fund roads and bridges, and stormwater and wastewater projects. We received an interest rate of 2.1% on these bonds, which represents the eighth consecutive year that the county has been able to borrow at under 3%. We also refunded \$29 million of bonds originally issued in 2012, for a savings of \$2.6 million over ten years.



TAX CREDIT

for qualifying seniors & veterans

Tax credit for qualifying seniors & veterans

Harford County's senior tax credit allows eligible seniors and retired veterans to receive a 20% credit on their county property taxes for the next fiscal year. To qualify, residents must be at least 65 years old; own a home in the county with an assessed value of \$400,000 or less and must meet one of the following conditions: They must have lived in the same home for at least 40 years, or have retired from the U.S. uniformed services, or be the surviving spouse of a qualifying retired veteran. [Applications are posted online](#) and due by April 1, 2022.



February Diaper Drive

With prices on the rise, low-income parents must often choose between buying diapers and buying food. Diapers can cost up to \$100 month and safety-net programs, like WIC, food stamps and Medicaid, do not pay for them. To help send some love to Harford's babies, my administration is collecting new diapers and wipes during February in our first annual Diaper Drive. Drop off boxes are in county government buildings and library branches. [Visit the county website](#) for details.



In case you missed it ...

In my eighth and final annual State of the County address, I reported on Harford County's fiscal turnaround in my two terms. I am proud that we have reduced debt levels, our fund balance is strong, and we have restored salary increases for teachers, law enforcement and other public employees without raising taxes. Moving forward, I announced several initiatives as we plan to finish Harford Strong. [Click here to read or watch the address.](#)



Black History Month 2022

This year for Black History Month, we're telling the story of a little-known event that helped spark the Civil War and led to freedom for four million Americans. The story begins at Belle Vue Farm in Havre de Grace ...

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