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Later this month I'll announce my recommended budget for next year, which will be my last after two terms as county executive. My final budget for FY23 will provide historic levels of funding for education and public safety, and additional relief for taxpayers.

Look for my [budget announcement here](#) on the county website on Friday afternoon, April 15.

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NEW SEGMENT OF THE MA & PA HERITAGE TRAIL



Ma & Pa Trail: New segment opening April 23

We're excited to announce the completion of a new segment of the Ma & Pa Trail connection! The new segment runs from the trail crossing on Main Street to North Avenue in Bel Air and will have an official opening on Saturday, April 23. Join us for a brief ceremony at 1 p.m. when we'll cut a ribbon at the Williams Street trailhead then walk across Main Street onto the 2.4-mile loop to North Avenue and back. Be among the first to try out this new segment as we get closer to connecting the Ma & Pa trail all the way from Fallston to Forest Hill.

A banner for a ribbon cutting and meet & greet event. The background is dark blue with a red and white American flag on the left. The text is white and red. It says 'NEW' in a red box, 'RIBBON CUTTING AND MEET & GREET' in large white letters, 'APRIL 19, 2022' in large white letters, and '2021-G Pulaski Highway · Havre de Grace, MD 21078' in smaller white letters. On the right, there is a logo for 'MID-ATLANTIC VBOC' with 'VBOC' in large blue letters and 'MID-ATLANTIC' in red above it. Below the logo, it says 'VETERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTERS' and 'A one-stop shop for military veterans and their families interested in starting or expanding a small business.'

NEW

**RIBBON CUTTING
AND MEET & GREET**

APRIL 19, 2022

2021-G Pulaski Highway · Havre de Grace, MD 21078

**MID-ATLANTIC
VBOC**

**VETERANS BUSINESS
OUTREACH CENTERS**

*A one-stop shop for military veterans and their families
interested in starting or expanding a small business.*

Business outreach center open to help veteran-owned companies grow

Veterans who want to start or grow a business have a new resource in Harford County. The Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) in Havre de Grace provides business and entrepreneurial support services to active-duty personnel, veterans, service members transitioning out of the military, reservists, and military spouses. Services include training, counseling, mentorship, referrals, and educational opportunities like the Boots to Business program: a training course that gives veterans and their spouses an overview of the steps to business ownership. The VBOC is open to eligible Harford County residents by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Ryan del Gallo at rdelgallo@carrollcc.edu or 443-373-3377.



OPEN WEEKENDS
APRIL - DECEMBER
SATURDAYS 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.
SUNDAYS 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

The Grove is open on weekends April - December

The Grove has opened for the season! Harford County's agribusiness incubator on Conowingo Road in Street is where you'll find local farmers selling a range of locally-sourced products, from meats to sweets to decorative items. Open on weekends from April to December, The Grove will again be hosting our popular Fourth Fridays events starting April 22 with live music, food trucks and craft beverages. By early summer, The Grove's new walking trails and playground will be open for everyone to enjoy. I hope you'll stop by often and support Harford County's family farms.



Bike camp for citizens with differing abilities; volunteers needed

Registration is open for our summer camp for people with differing abilities, ages 8 and older, to learn and experience the thrill of bike riding. We're also looking for volunteer spotters to assist instructors and serve each rider on a specially adapted bike; no experience is necessary. Harford County's iCan Bike Camp will be held Monday, June 27, through Friday, July 1 at the Churchville Recreation Center, Level Building, 3023 Level Road. Participants and volunteers alike have found the camp to be a joyful experience. [Click here for details.](#)



Harford County recognizes outstanding women during Women's History Month

Each year we recognize young women in Harford County who excel academically and help others in our community. This year's awards ceremony was held in late March for Women's History Month, and we honored 32 nominees. We also celebrated the late Mazie Rose Taylor as the 2022 Woman of the Past. Keynote speaker, Robin Tomechko, was recognized as the Woman of the Present. This year's award winners were Bethany Davies for grades 7 – 8; Chamiere Roberts for grades 9 – 10; and Nina Grafton for grades 11 – 12. Our future is in good hands with these outstanding young women!



Fleet maintenance facility saves taxpayer money

Citizens rely on public vehicles like ambulances, school buses, police cars, and even snowplows. To keep them in good repair, my administration has built a new fleet maintenance facility that we are sharing with Harford County Public Schools. The joint-use facility replaced two dilapidated maintenance buildings - one that we owned and the other owned by the school system. Now both agencies' vehicles are serviced under one roof, avoiding duplication, and saving taxpayers' money as we work to keep essential vehicles on the road.



Video: Planting trees on April 15 to celebrate Arbor Day

After a pause during the pandemic, our annual Arbor Day celebrations are back. This year we'll be planting 230 trees at the Harford County Waste Disposal Center in Street. Volunteers are needed to help with the plantings on Friday, April 15 beginning at 10 a.m. Families, civic organizations, school groups, and Scouts are welcome. Everyone will receive a free tree to take home. [Click the image above to watch our video](#) and [visit the county website](#) for details. For more video updates from my administration, [visit our YouTube page](#).

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