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Memorial Day later this month is the unofficial start of summer, but it's also a reminder that the freedom we cherish came from the men and women who gave their lives to protect our nation.

As you celebrate the long weekend, I hope you'll take time to remember their sacrifice and teach our next generation about this precious gift.

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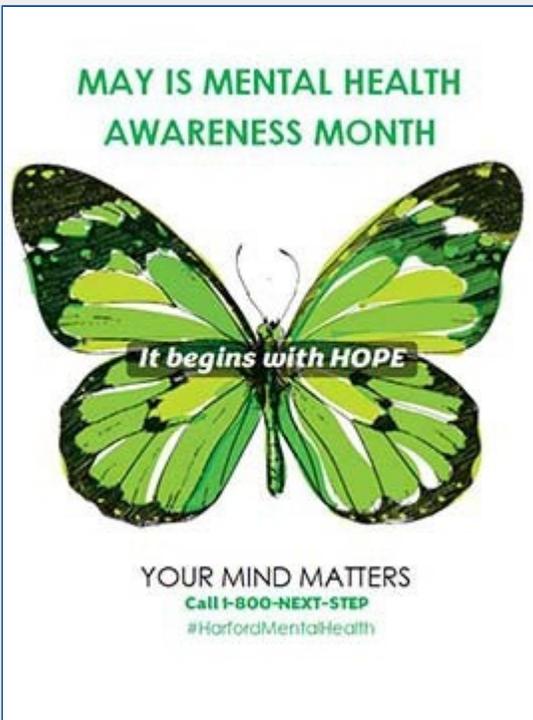
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Historic tax cut, full funding for public safety & education

On April 15, I released my proposed budget for next year, which includes a 5-cent cut in the county property tax rate - the largest in county history. It also fully funds the school board's operating budget request for the third consecutive year and makes record-level investments in public safety. This is my last budget as county executive and it marks the culmination of seven years of innovation and efficiency, resulting in the most significant economic progress in Harford's history. I would like to thank our dedicated county employees who have made this progress possible. [Watch our video for FY23 budget highlights.](#)



Mental wellness

Mental health is as important as your physical health, and we're working with the Core Service Agency of Harford County to bring you programs to support mental wellness during Mental Health Awareness Month in May. Free activities include a family wellness night at Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, an outdoor movie screening of the documentary "The Power of Expression" in Bel Air and training for anyone ages 14 and older on suicide prevention at Mt. Zion Church on Churchville Road. For more information, visit the [Core Service website](#) or call us at 410-638-3333.



New Ma & Pa Trail segment opens in Bel Air

A new segment of The Ma & Pa Trail is officially open! The 1.2-mile segment runs through Bel Air between the Williams Street trailhead and a new parking lot at North Avenue. The segment extends the existing section of the trail that begins at Annie's Playground to a total of 4.5 miles and brings us a step closer to finally connecting the Fallston and Forest Hill sections. Once completed in 2024, the trail will total eight miles to bike, walk, or run. [Watch our video for aerial views.](#)



New ag-themed playground, walking trails at The Grove

Outdoor activities are growing at The Grove! Bring the kids to our new ag-themed playground and take a walk on the trail's one-mile and half-mile loops, open daily from dawn to dusk. On Saturdays and Sundays through September, The Grove is open for shopping. That's where you'll find farmers selling a range of locally-sourced products, from meats to sweets to decorative items. And don't forget our next Fourth Fridays event from 4 – 7 p.m. on May 27, with live music, food trucks, craft beverages and, of course, shopping. Visit often and thanks for supporting Harford's family farms.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Historic preservation social media campaign

May is National Historic Preservation Month and we're celebrating with a social media campaign to highlight local history. It's easy to join the campaign by printing our #HarfordLovesHistoricPreservation sign, taking selfies at historic landmarks, and posting them on social media. Send us your photos and we'll post them on our social media pages too. We hope you'll visit and learn about our historic sites to build support for preserving these treasures for future generations. [Click here for more information and to download the sign.](#)



Free household hazardous waste collection, paper shredding Saturday, May 7

Harford County residents can drop off household hazardous waste and get up to four boxes of documents shredded for free on Saturday, May 7 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.



HARFORD COUNTY DPW WORKS!

National Public Works Week May 15 - 21

We may take our infrastructure for granted when we turn on the tap or drive along county roads. But the Harford County Department of Public Works employees who build this infrastructure, keep it in good repair, and help protect our environment are on the job day and night through weekdays, weekends, and holidays. May 15 - 21 is National Public Works Week and an opportunity to say thanks for all they do to keep us healthy and safe.

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