



County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11 and an opportunity to thank the 19,000 veterans who call Harford County home through your support for Operation Green Light.

Please see below for information on how you can join this effort and read more news from my administration.

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## Shine a Green Light for veterans Nov. 6 - 12

Harford County government, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Harford Community College, and other local organizations will be shining a green light to let our veterans know they are seen, heard, and supported. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to change at least one outside light to green from Monday, Nov. 6 - Sunday, Nov. 12 to show veterans their support and appreciation. Let's light up Harford County for those who have defended our nation and kept us free. For more information, contact [vetcommission@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:vetcommission@harfordcountymd.gov).



## Legislation limits warehouses to 250K sq. ft.

Our residents have made it clear they want responsible growth that contributes to the quality of life. After I proposed legislation limiting warehouses to 250K square feet, my administration understood that final passage would require cooperation and compromise among stakeholders. I would like to thank those council members who worked with us to bring this bill to passage by a 5-2 vote. I believe it more fairly balances the property rights of landowners seeking to develop their land and the property rights and interests of the surrounding community. [Click here for more information on our approach to business development in Harford County.](#)

*Photo: Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly, center, is joined by members of the Harford County Council who supported the recent warehouse legislation, from left, Jacob Bennett, Tony Giangordano, Council President Pat Vincenti and Dion Guthrie for a ceremonial bill signing Tuesday, October 17. Councilman James Reilly, not in photo, also supported the legislation.*

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## **Advocating for state road improvements in the Maryland General Assembly**

Many state roads run through our county and it's important that they be properly maintained and repaired. Harford Department of Public Works maintains more than 1,000 miles of county roads, but the numbered roads, such as MD Route 24 and US Route 40, are owned and managed by Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA). My administration meets regularly with SHA to advocate for our concerns and last week we met with the Harford Delegation ahead of the 2024 Maryland General Assembly to lend our voice to state budget decisions. If you have a service request for SHA, [you can contact them directly here](#).

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## Household hazardous waste collection & paper shredding Saturday, Nov. 11

Harford County residents can drop off household hazardous waste and get up to four boxes of paper shredded for free on Saturday, Nov. 11 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.



## Supporting Harford's fellow first-responders

The tragic line of duty deaths of two Baltimore City firefighters were felt throughout our region and especially in the first-responder community. It may not be widely known, but Harford County Emergency Services and our volunteer fire companies provided coverage for the Baltimore City Fire Department during the Oct. 27 funeral for EMT/firefighter Rodney W. Pitts III and will do so for the funeral for Lt. Dillon Rinaldo later this week. Thanks to everyone from Harford who provided backup so members of the BCFD could come together to grieve and honor these fallen heroes.



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## Helping our neighbors in need Nov. 1 - 17

Please help make this a happy Thanksgiving for everyone in Harford County. My administration, in cooperation with Harford Community Action Agency (HCAA) and Harford County Public Library, will be collecting non-perishable food items from Nov. 1 - 17 at various locations countywide. Donations will supplement the HCAA food bank and help bring healthy meals to our neighbors in need. [Click here for a list of most needed items and drop off locations.](#)

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## Harford earns clean audit for FY 23; highest possible opinion

Harford County government's [financial report for FY 23](#) has earned a clean opinion from the independent auditors at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The auditors found that our financial statements are accurate and contain no material misstatements; they had no management comments or findings. I am proud that external auditors recognized our commitment to accuracy and transparency, and I would like to thank Treasurer Robbie Sandlass and his team, as well as my entire leadership team, for achieving this highest possible opinion from one of the nation's top accounting firms.



## WATCH HarfordTV's "Inside Harford County" - Veterans Affairs Nov. 6

Please join me and Bob Brown, Harford County's first dedicated coordinator for veterans affairs, along with host, Mark Vernarelli, this month on "Inside Harford County." We'll talk about how we're connecting veterans with opportunities for fellowship and resources, and we'll take your questions during the live program. Call us at 410-638-3894 from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6. "Inside Harford County" is HarfordTV's half-hour community affairs program on Armstrong channel 7 & HD 101, Comcast channel 31 & HD 1084, and Verizon channel 31 and rebroadcast throughout the month.

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