



County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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Memorial Day is Monday, May 27, and a time to remember those who died while serving our country. Their sacrifice and the price of freedom must never be forgotten.

Please see below for Memorial Day events scheduled in Harford County and other news from my administration.

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HARFORD COUNTY FY 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET ANNOUNCED

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget - No tax increases

My recommended fiscal year 2025 budget has no increase in tax rates and no overall increase in government spending. Major investments in public safety and education are paid for through efficiency and the prudent use of accumulated savings, also known as fund balance. [Click here for details.](#)



HARFORD COUNTY

2025 COUNTYWIDE ZONING REVIEW

2024/2025 Comprehensive Zoning Review

A comprehensive zoning review is required by the Harford County Code every eight years and allows property owners to request a change in their property's zoning designation. Zoning determines a property's permitted uses and includes agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial classifications. This year-long review is about to begin, and my administration is committed to a fair and transparent process. [Visit our website for details](#) and see the story below for more.



WATCH HarfordTV's "Inside Harford County" May 15 - Planning & Zoning

Please join me and Shane Grimm, Harford County's director of planning & zoning, along with host, Mark Vernarelli, this month on "Inside Harford County." We'll be talking about the required comprehensive zoning review beginning next month and our approach to responsible planning. We'll also take your questions during the live program at 410-638-3894 from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. "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.



Free household hazardous waste collection & paper shredding Saturday, May 11

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



Veterans Corner - Military Appreciation Month

May is National Military Appreciation Month and an opportunity to honor all those who serve and have served in the armed forces. National Armed Forces Day, May 18, celebrates members for their service in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard, and Reserves. On Memorial Day, May 27, we remember those who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military. Whichever way you commemorate these days, please join me in showing appreciation for the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of those who protect our freedoms, and take time to share this important lesson with your children and grandchildren. To find local Memorial Day ceremonies and events, visit the [Harford County Veterans Commission webpage](#) and [Facebook page](#).



Celebrating Historic Preservation Month

May is also National Historic Preservation Month, and you're invited to join our social media campaign celebrating Harford's historic places. Simply [download and print our "Harford Loves Historic Preservation" graphic from the county website](#) and take a photo of yourself and your friends holding the signs in front of your favorite historic site. Share your photo on social media with the hashtag #HarfordLovesHistoricPreservation and send it to us to share. Together we can raise awareness and preserve Harford's historic treasures for future generations.



Opioid restitution funds - Public input sessions May 14 & 21

My administration is hosting public listening sessions on May 14 and 21 to gather input on the best use of opioid restitution funds in our community. These funds are being distributed to local jurisdictions by the state of Maryland and they come from settlement payments following legal actions against pharmaceutical companies and pharmacies that contributed to the opioid epidemic. Opioid addiction has destroyed too many lives throughout our county, our state, and the nation. Please share your ideas to prevent further harm and bring healing to those who are affected. [Click here for times and locations.](#)



Bike to Work Day May 17

Bike to Work Day celebrates biking as a healthy, low cost transportation option. Join us in the parking lot at our building at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 17 for a bike parade, food, music, prizes and vendors. [Click here to register and get a free T-shirt.](#) We hope to see you there!



Harford Public Works earns statewide paving award

Congratulations to our Harford County Department of Public Works for earning the 2023 Excellence in Paving Award from the Maryland Asphalt Association and Maryland State Highway Administration. Our team was recognized for their work to repair and resurface 21 streets in Joppatowne's Rumsey Island community. The judges looked for workmanship, smoothness, joints, texture, and tie-ins with other pavements in determining the winning projects. I am proud of them, and all our dedicated DPW employees, who do their best to keep nearly 1,100 miles of county roads maintained for the traveling public.

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