



County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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Thanks to the Farm Fair's many dedicated volunteers for another successful annual event! Once again, 4-H members did an outstanding job with their exhibits and animal shows, and visitors got an up-close look at the importance of farming in Harford County.

[Click here for Farm Fair photos](#) and enjoy the rest of your summer.

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## Abingdon Woods development abandoned

My administration has secured an agreement for development plans to be abandoned on 327 acres known as Abingdon Woods and for the developer to stabilize and reforest the site. This project was planned to include more than 2 million square feet of warehouses near residences. A portion of the property will now return to forested land. Harford County welcomes appropriate development that brings well-paying jobs, boosts economic activity, protects the environment and enhances our quality of life. That means proposals must fully comply with development requirements before they can move forward. Please [click here for our news release](#).

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## Video: Security cameras on the Ma & Pa Trail

Following the horrific murder of Rachel Morin on the Ma & Pa Trail, my administration installed state-of-the-art cameras on the trail with AI features to deter crime and support public safety. Please watch the video for more information.

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## **Riverside Fire Station groundbreaking in Belcamp**

A new fire station is on the way in Belcamp to serve area residents and businesses. This county-funded project off MD 543 with easy access to I-95 and Rt. 40 serves an important need in this heavily trafficked corridor. It will have three bays for fire and EMS units and be an additional location for Abington Fire Company. Our volunteer fire companies are a tremendous asset to Harford County and more volunteers are always needed for a variety of tasks, including administrative support. To learn how you can make a difference in your community, visit [www.harfordvolunteer.com](http://www.harfordvolunteer.com).

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## **Prescription Drug Takeback Aug. 24**

You can help keep prescription drugs from falling into the wrong hands or harming the environment by dropping off your unwanted medications for safe disposal, no questions asked, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 24 at the Edgewood Recreation & Community Center parking lot at 1980 Brookside Drive. Thank you in advance for supporting this important public safety initiative.

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## Veterans Corner: Guard your DD-214

One of the most important documents a veteran owns is their Certificate of Discharge from Active Duty, or DD-214. This report of separation that summarizes a military service member's active duty is needed when filing a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claim. It's also often required when applying for other VA benefits and assistance. Veterans can obtain DD-214 copies, as well as other military service records, through the National Archives at no cost, <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>. To safeguard this valuable document, consider recording your DD-214 with the Clerk of the Circuit Court (1-800-989-8296) for Harford County. If you have questions or need more information, contact the Harford County Veterans Commission at [vetcommission@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:vetcommission@harfordcountymd.gov).

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## Hot summer safety

This summer has been unusually hot and brings an opportunity to review some basic safety tips. When you're outdoors, wear a hat and light-colored clothing, stay in the shade, and drink lots of water even when you don't feel thirsty. Indoors, stay in air-conditioning, pull down your shades and close curtains to keep cool. If you don't have air conditioning, use a fan and take breaks by visiting your [local library branch](#) or shopping center. Remember to keep pets indoors and please check in on your neighbors, especially the elderly.



## Keep Harford beautiful: Adopt a road

Our highways crews work hard to keep Harford clean by collecting litter and recyclables along more than 1,000 miles of county roads. Families, businesses and community groups can help by [joining our Adopt-a-Road program](#). We'll post a sign with your name along your adopted stretch of road and provide vests and bags for you to pick up litter at least four times a year. When you're done, simply leave the trash you've collected next to your sign, and we'll come pick it up. For more information, visit our webpage, and thanks for helping us keep Harford beautiful.



## WATCH HarfordTV's "Inside Harford County" - Italian Festival

Maryland's Largest Italian Festival is coming back to Harford County this September 27 - 29 with live national entertainment, carnival rides, vendors, cooking & wine demos, Bocce tournaments, and of course, great food! Join festival organizers Elio Scaccio, Larry Noto, and Tony DiPaula, with host Mark Vernarelli this month on "Inside Harford County" for all you need to know about this exciting event at our Equestrian Center in Bel Air. Watch this month's episode live at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7 and replayed on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. throughout the month. "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.

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