



County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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The new school year has begun so please remember to follow the [rules of the road](#) around school buses and join me in wishing all students, families, teachers, and staff a safe and successful new school year.

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## **What to do if you smell gas**

You may have heard about the explosion following a reported gas leak that destroyed homes in Abingdon last month. If you smell gas, inside or outside, leave the area immediately and call 9-1-1. Do not turn anything on or off that could cause a spark. The 9-1-1 call-taker will ask you questions while dispatching the fire department.

Firefighters will try to find the source of the reported leak, using meters to detect dangerous substances in the air. If they are detected, firefighters will call for more help. The fire department may ask the 9-1-1 center to notify the appropriate utility to also respond. So if you smell gas, remember to call 9-1-1 to stay safe.



## **Remembering 9/11**

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, we will be gathering with Harford's volunteer fire companies and veterans' organizations to honor the first responders, military, and other innocent victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack. We will hold a brief wreath-laying ceremony outside the county's emergency services facility at 2220 Ady Road in Forest Hill and anyone is welcome to attend. Wherever you may be on September 11, please join us in remembering the lives lost and the survivors whose lives were changed forever on that tragic day.



## **Public Safety Open House Sept. 20**

Meet the people who keep you safe, try hands-on activities, and see exciting demonstrations including a car-fire rescue and state police helicopter landing at our upcoming Public Safety Open House. This free event for all ages will include rescue vehicles, police K-9 demonstrations, food trucks and more. Join us from 5 - 8 p.m. Friday, September 20 at the Equestrian Center, 608 N. Tollgate Road in Bel Air.



## **Drop off household items for reuse / recycling Sept. 21**

Harford County residents can drop off household items for reuse/recycling free of charge on Community Collection Day, Saturday, September 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot at Bel Air High School. Free paper shredding will be available and BGE is offering rebates to their customers on select items. [Be sure to click here for the list of acceptable items and rebate qualifications.](#)





## Maryland's Largest Italian Festival Sept. 27 - 29

Back again and better than ever, The Galbani Italian Festival will be held September 27 - 29 at the Equestrian Center, Harford County's parks & recreation facility in Bel Air. Mark your calendar for a fun-filled weekend with great food, carnival attractions, and national entertainment! [Click here for tickets and details.](#)



## Veterans Corner: "We All Served" Hike Sept. 21

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, we're promoting healthy connections for veterans, active military, and their families and friends with a "We All Served" Hike on Saturday, September 21. Join us for the scenic 1.2-mile hike on a crushed stone loop through woods and fields from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Poplar Grove Park, 3219 Conowingo Road in Street. We'll also have information from local veterans' groups, a DJ, giveaways, and refreshments. A farm-themed playground is on site for kids. Sponsored by Bel Air's American Legion Post 55, Maryland Federally Employed Women, and the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs, the event is free and all are welcome. [Click here for more information.](#)



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## **WATCH HarfordTV's "Inside Harford County": Licenses, Inspections & Permits**

Join me and Rich Truitt, Harford County's director of licenses, inspections & permits, along with our host, Mark Vernarelli, this month on "Inside Harford County." We'll be talking about the often-unseen ways these vital government services keep you safe. "Inside Harford County" is [HarfordTV's](#) half-hour community affairs program airing at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, this month starting on September 11, on Armstrong channel 7 & HD 101, Comcast channel 31 & HD 1084, and Verizon channel 31.



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## **Darlington Apple Festival Oct. 5; Vendor spots available**

Get ready for a day of apple-filled fun in the charming village of Darlington with music, artwork, crafts, and of course, tasty apple delights. Mark your calendar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. Proceeds support local nonprofits and a few vendor spots remain available in the following categories: farm, crafts, children, artists and public service. For more information, visit <https://www.darlingtonapplefestival.org/>.



## Low mow zones let it grow for good

Low mow zones in county parks are good for the environment and save taxpayer money. Watch the video for details.

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