



County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

April 2025

My budget team and I are finalizing the county budget for next year, which we will deliver to the County Council on Tuesday, April 15. Later that day, [look for the FY 26 budget to be posted here on our website](#) and please see below for more news from my administration.

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## **What you need to know about the state budget**

In these final days of the 2025 Maryland General Assembly, it appears that the governor and a majority of legislators will be balancing the state budget for next year by raising state taxes, going deeper into debt, and pushing costs onto the counties. For Harford, the state's cost shift will require us to provide an additional \$6.2M for a larger share of teachers' pensions plus assuming other costs that should be state responsibilities. While I am disappointed by the state's actions, my administration and I will continue our commitment to careful fiscal management and holding the line on tax rates in Harford County.

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## **Planting trees for Arbor Day April 18**

Since 2003, Harford County has planted 33,000 trees at our annual Arbor Day event, organized by our Department of Planning & Zoning. Volunteers are needed for this year's planting on Friday, April 18 at Chapel Road Park in Havre de Grace. Join us and receive a free native tree. Bring a hammer, shovel and work gloves if you have them. For more information call 410-638-3103 x 1380. We hope to see you there!

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## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day April 26

Help us keep prescription drugs from falling into the wrong hands or harming the environment by dropping off your unwanted medications for safe disposal from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. Drive-through drop-off locations will be open throughout Harford County, including our parking lot at 220 S. Main Street in Bel Air. [Click here for a complete list of Harford County drug take back locations.](#)



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## Earth Day Celebration April 26

Also on April 26, we'll be hosting a family-friendly Earth Day event featuring 25 environmental and agricultural demonstrations, master gardener presentations, a nature walk, live animals from the Harford County 4-H Stockyard Club, children's activities including crafts and a scavenger hunt, and compost bin and rain barrel raffles (you must be present to win). Pit beef/ham will be available for purchase, with proceeds to benefit Darlington/Dublin VFW Post 10146. 4-H Makers Market will be selling homemade baked goods and ice cream from Broom's Bloom Dairy, with proceeds to benefit their 4-H program. Join us from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Poplar Grove Park, 3519 Conowingo Road in Street.



## Registration open for Prepare Because You Care safety class

Are you prepared to keep yourself and your loved ones safe in an emergency? Prepare Because You Care is Harford County's hands-on safety preparedness class for citizens to learn fire safety and crime prevention, and life-saving skills like CPR, Stop the Bleed, and how to use an AED. The next four-week program will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. every Wednesday from May 7 - 28. The program is free, but space is limited. [Learn more about our public safety training and reserve your spot today.](#)



## Veterans Corner: Navigating the VA benefits process April 30

Harford County veterans and caregivers are invited to attend our upcoming workshop to learn about VA benefits and claims, Social Security, Medicare, and local resources including employment and adaptive sports. Attendees can see presentations, meet one-on-one with presenters, and gather resources to help support their wellbeing. A box lunch will be provided. This free event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30 at American Legion Post 17, 415 Edgewood Road (MD Route 755) in Edgewood. [Registration is required for this veteran workshop.](#)

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# Hello Harford County MD

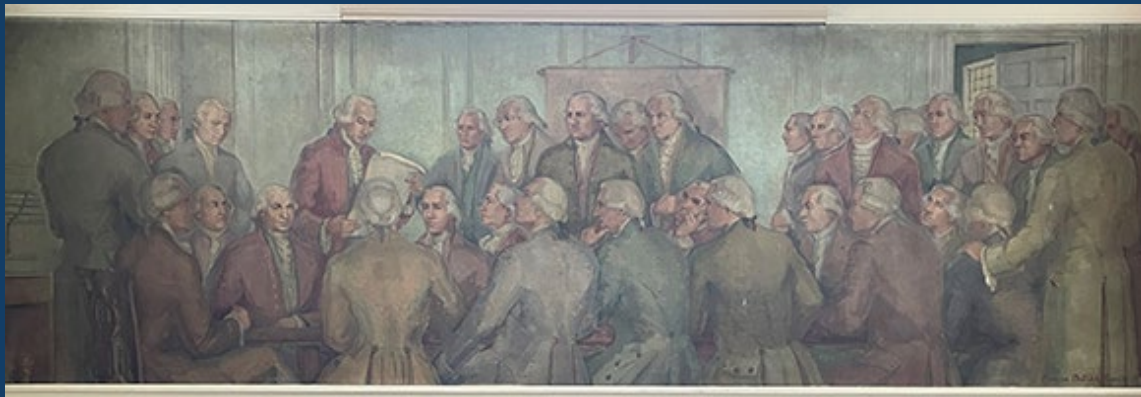
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## Hello Harford

Looking for fun things to do in Harford County? Visit our new [“Hello Harford” website](#) for tourism marketing under our Department of Economic Development. You’ll find family-friendly events like the Bel Air Kite Festival on April 12 and unique sporting contests, like the Big 10 Collegiate Women’s Tournament coming to Bulle Rock Golf Course April 18 - 20. Details are also listed for local farmers markets, festivals, museums and other attractions, restaurants, hotels, and more. The website was designed for visitors from outside the county and state, but residents can discover (or rediscover) exciting opportunities in our own backyard. To learn more about our overall plans for tourism marketing, contact Tourism Manager [Jodi Marschhauser](#).

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## Celebrating Bush 250

I would like to thank Dr. Sandra Wallis, Chris Potts, and all the volunteers at the Historical Society of Harford County and the Hereditary Order of the Signers of the Bush Declaration for an outstanding 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. This historic document was the first declaration signed by elected representatives in support of what became the American Revolution. [Click here to view photos of the celebratory events March 21 - 23.](#)

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