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County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

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Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, and 4-H members who made this year's Farm Fair a great event for our community. I enjoyed meeting many of you and celebrating your hard work and accomplishments.

Later this month teachers are reporting for duty, so let's wish all Harford County students, teachers, and staff a successful school year!



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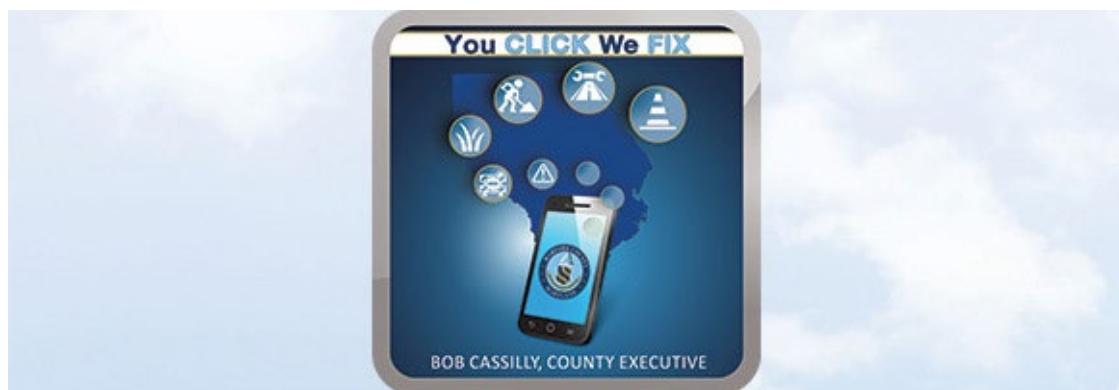
Harford County EMERGENCY ALERTS

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Sign up for Harford County emergency alerts

To keep you safe and informed, my administration has upgraded to a faster and more reliable system to send emergency notifications to your phone or inbox. The new system, HarfordCoMD Alerts, will send real-time notifications about severe weather, infrastructure outages, major traffic disruptions, evacuations/shelter-in-place orders and more. You can also register to receive non-emergency information about hydrant flushing, street sweeping, and other public events. If you were receiving emergency alerts under our old system, your phone number has already been transferred to the new one, but it's still a good idea to register to make sure your email address and other critical information are accurate. [Registration is quick, easy and free.](#)



How can we help you? We have an app for that!

The fastest way to reach us is through our [You CLICK We FIX app](#), where you can report quality-of-life concerns, like potholes, trash dumping, and overgrown vegetation, from your smartphone. Simply snap a photo of the problem, send it to us through the app, and you'll hear back from us within 24 hours. The free app also lets you monitor the status of requests and shows when problems are fixed.

Or you can give us a call at 410-638-3420 or email citizensaffairs@harfordcountymd.gov. We're here to help!



Homegrown Harford magazine

Homegrown Harford, our free magazine celebrating local farms, farmers and ag businesses, is available now online or in print. Our seventh annual edition highlights the history of local farms and how innovations in science and technology are shaping their future. I would like to thank everyone who shared their stories with us, so we could share them with you. View [Homegrown Harford 2025 online](#) or pick up a copy at county offices and any library branch or call 410-638-3059.



Registration opens Aug. 7 for fall parks & rec programs

Harford County Parks & Recreation has many wonderful programs countywide for all ages and abilities and registration will open tomorrow for the fall. Mark your calendar for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, to sign up for a wide range of offerings including pickleball, preschooler soccer, nature programs, kayaking and therapeutic recreation. [Sign up through our online portal](#) and enjoy healthy and fun activities this September, October and November.

Looking for late summer fun? [Join in Harford Streams Summer Adventure](#), which runs through Labor Day. Visit local streams, take selfies and send them to us to earn a free T-shirt and become eligible for other exciting prizes.



“Level Up” for small businesses

To support Harford's small businesses, our Department of Economic Development is launching “Level Up,” a year-long series of workshops to help entrepreneurs and business owners start and grow their companies. Topics will vary each month, beginning this month with Doing Business with the Federal Government - A Comprehensive Guide for Contractors on Tuesday, August 26 at 10 a.m. at the CONVERGE Innovation Center in Aberdeen. Participants will learn how to identify contracts and prime contractors, why SAM.gov is essential to the process, the significance of NAICS codes, and more. This event is free, but [registration](#) is required.



Veterans Corner - Guard your DD-214

Last week alone, our veterans' affairs coordinator was contacted by three local families who were struggling to access VA burial benefits because they didn't have their deceased service member's DD214. The Certificate of Discharge from Active Duty, or DD-214, summarizes a military service member's active duty and is required to access many VA benefits.

DD-214 copies and other military service records can be obtained, free of cost, through the [National Archives](#). To safeguard your DD-214, consider recording it with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County (1-800-989-8296) and make sure your family knows where it's located. If you have questions, contact vetcommission@harfordcountymd.gov.



Celebrating agriculture

Visit (and follow) our Facebook page for great photos, like the ones from this year's **Farm Fair** and watch the brief video above with a message from young members of our ag community.

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