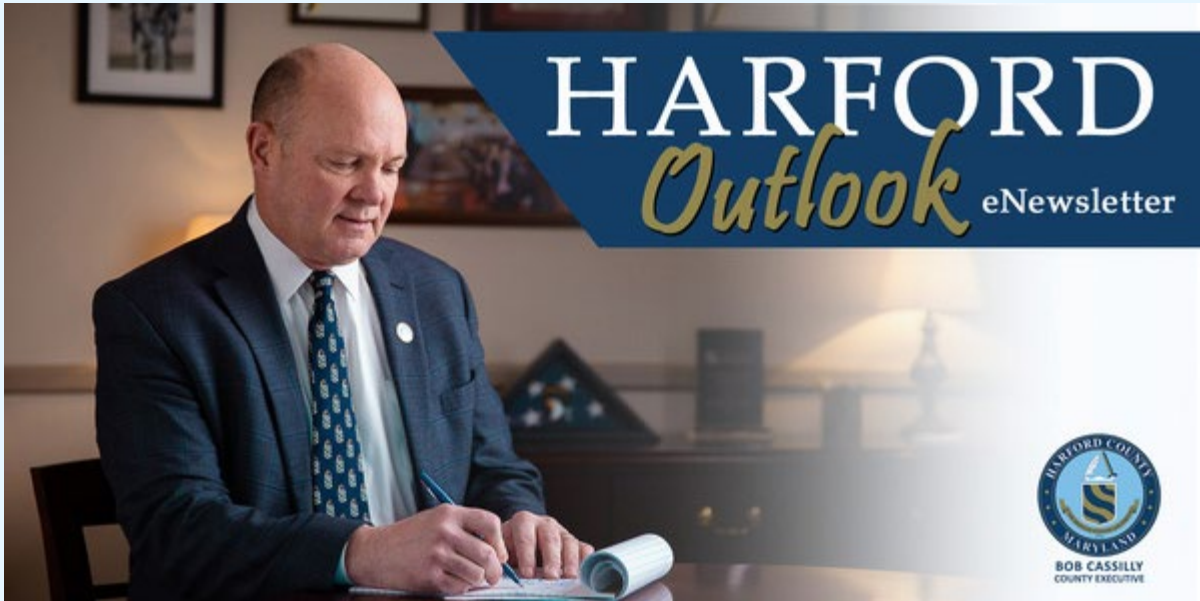




County Executive Bob Cassilly eNewsletter

September 2025

Harford County's 4H participants did an outstanding job at the [Maryland State Fair](#), and you still have time to enjoy all the fair has to offer from September 4 - 7. Fair photos are below, along with the latest news from my administration.

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Traffic safety & stopped school buses

More than 2,500 times last school year, drivers in Harford County risked student safety and faced fines for violating [Maryland law](#) on stopped school buses. Now that the new school year is underway, please do not attempt to drive around a school bus when the stop arm is extended and red lights are flashing. Remember that vehicles traveling in both directions must stop on roadways with two or more lanes, unless there's a median barrier separating multiple lanes of traffic. In that case, only those vehicles traveling in the opposite direction of the bus may proceed with caution.



Put solar farms in their proper place

Due to recent state legislation, Harford County must allow 5,500 acres of viable farmland - the equivalent of over 4,000 football fields - to be covered by solar panels before county government and the citizens we serve can have a say in how and where these projects are developed. The result is that farmland with the best quality soils for food production is being sacrificed to the highest bidder for solar farms. Every Maryland county is headed down this troubled path unless we pass new legislation in the 2026 General Assembly. Harford is working with state legislators on exactly that - to protect viable farmland and put solar farms in their proper place. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Hello Harford: Italian festival & fall fun

Hello Harford, the county's new tourism marketing organization, is successfully using data and building relationships to help local businesses attract visitors and boost our local economy. As county residents, we know there's so much to enjoy here, including the Galbani Maryland Italian Festival being held this year from September 26 to 28 in a new location at Ripken Stadium's parking lot. [Click here for festival tickets and details.](#)

[Click here to find other fun events this fall.](#)



Veterans Corner: "We All Serve" Hike Sept. 8

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, we're promoting healthy connections for veterans, military, and their families and friends with a "We All Serve" Hike on Saturday, September 6. 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 SGT Alfred B. Hilton Memorial American Legion Post 55 and the Harford County Commission on Veterans' Affairs, the event is free and all are welcome. [Click here for more information.](#)



Remembering 9/11

At 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, we will be gathering 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 terrible day.



Commercializing APG technology

Aberdeen Proving Ground is a key contributor to our national security and a critical economic engine in our region. At a recent summit we co-hosted with APG, 97 business leaders learned about amazing developments with commercialization potential, like the use of lasers to cut and mold metal in a single process untouched by human hands to make complex circuit boards among other applications. Our goal is to help businesses leverage Army-funded research investments and bring innovative technologies to market through tech transfer.



September is Recovery Month; Wear purple Sept. 19

Recovery Month is a time to appreciate the strength of those on the path of recovery and to recognize the families, providers, and communities who support them. My administration and other local organizations are illuminating our buildings in purple during the month, and residents are encouraged to wear purple on Friday, September 19 to show their support for those in recovery. [Click here to learn about our recovery symposium.](#)



Free recycling at Community Collection Day event Saturday, Sept. 20

Drop off your unwanted household items for reuse/recycling for free at the Harford County Community Collection Day event from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Bel Air High School parking lot. Acceptable items include bikes, cellphones, clothing, home décor and textiles, but no furniture, please. Free paper shredding will be available. Air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and minifridges may qualify for a \$50 BGE incentive check. For details, call 410-638-4109 x1806.



Excitement on the first day of school

[Smiles were all around on the first day of school](#) at North Harford Middle School. Best wishes to all Harford County students, teachers and staff for a successful school year!



Harford County at the Maryland State Fair

Click the image above to view photos from the Maryland State Fair.

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