



December 2015



The holidays are a time to count our many blessings. As I look back on my first year in office, I feel blessed to be serving as your county executive and grateful to our county employees who work hard each day for you, the citizens of Harford County. I am also thankful to everyone who donated to our Thanksgiving food drive and our “No Shave November” program to support local veterans, and individuals experiencing homelessness.

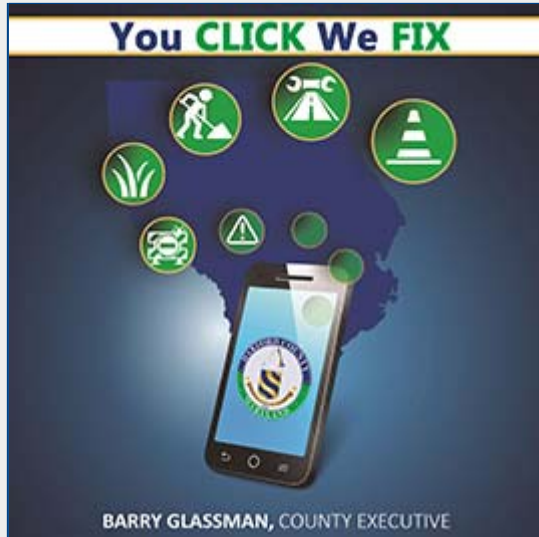
As you prepare to gather with family and friends for the December holidays, I hope you’ll have many blessings to count, and continue to help our neighbors in need.

With best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year,

Barry Glassman
County Executive

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Easy new app for Harford County: You CLICK We FIX

You can help my administration keep Harford County safe, well-maintained and looking its best, with “You CLICK We FIX”. This new online app is the fastest, easiest way yet for you to report quality of life concerns like potholes, trash dumping, and overgrown vegetation, and for us to report back when problems are fixed. Available on the county website and via a free mobile app, you can also monitor the status of issues reported by others, from first notification through final resolution. [Take a look and let us know what you think.](#)



Giving newborns the best chance for a healthy life

To protect our youngest citizens from the nationwide heroin epidemic, my administration is initiating an innovative program to reduce drug addiction in newborn babies. “Project Healthy Delivery” is designed to help address the more than 300 babies born exposed to drugs and/or alcohol in Harford County in the last four years alone. By reducing substance abuse and offering addiction treatment to expectant mothers, we hope to give newborns the best chance for a healthy life. This project is also an investment in education, as studies have shown that babies born to drug and alcohol addiction are at an increased risk of learning disabilities and developmental delays. [Click here for more information.](#)



Feel the holiday spirit

Especially during this holiday season, I hope we can all lend a hand so that no one in Harford County goes to bed hungry or without a warm place to sleep. We've made it easy to connect with opportunities for giving and volunteering in Harford County, with a comprehensive list posted on the county website. [Click here for the listing.](#)

Harford gem: Breathtaking Swan Harbor Farm

With its breathtaking views of the Chesapeake Bay, historic Swan Harbor Farm provides a one-of-a-kind backdrop for weddings, corporate functions and special events. Situated on over 530 acres just off Route 40 in Havre de Grace, Swan Harbor Farm is ready to host your next gathering. For more details and booking, please contact Cindy Rahl in our Department of Parks & Rec at 410-939-6767 or go directly to [visit them online.](#)



In case you missed it ...



Click the image above to watch my holiday greetings video with some special friends and a reminder to support our local Christmas tree farmers. [Click here for an interactive map of our local tree farms.](#)

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