



November 2017



November is the month for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving and a good time to count our many blessings. As you plan to gather with family and friends, please help us remember the men and women who have defended our country, some of whom now need our help.

In gratitude for their service we will be collecting shaving supplies and other toiletries for our annual "No Shave November" donation drive. Please see the story below for more information.

Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Barry Glassman
County Executive

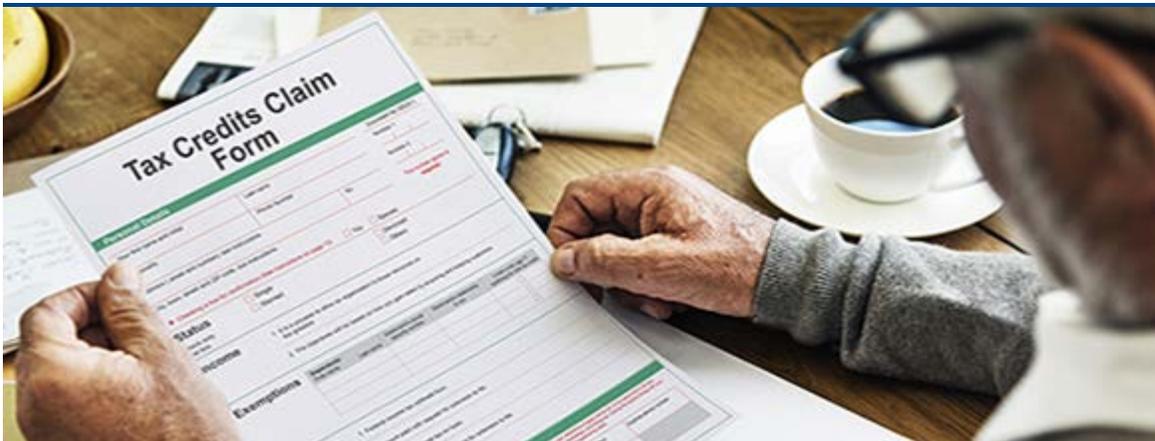
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No Shave November - Grow It, Show It, Support Cancer Awareness

No Shave November is a national campaign encouraging men to skip shaving for the month to "Grow it. Show it. Support Cancer Awareness." Harford County will join the campaign by collecting new shaving supplies and other toiletries to support local veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness. The Harford County Veterans Affairs Commission will distribute donations to Perry Point VA Medical Center. Donations will also support our annual Project Homeless Connect. Click on the image above to learn more.



Tax Relief for Eligible Seniors, Retired Veterans

Following the requirements in state enabling legislation, I have proposed a 20% residential property tax credit for senior citizens 65 and older who have lived in the same dwelling for 40 years. The credit would also be available to retired veterans 65 and older. This tax relief would apply only for homes with a maximum assessed value of \$400,000. If approved by the County Council, the tax credit would save an average of \$550 per year for eligible homeowners and would replace an existing discount for early tax payments made by all property tax payers, averaging \$21 per year. For more information, [please follow this link to the legislation.](#)

Join the 2nd Annual Harford County
Night of Conversation
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15, 2017



Tips for Parents:

- Turn off all electronics.
- Sit down to eat dinner.
- Prepare to listen more than you speak.
- Do not overreact. Do not lecture.



Need help starting the conversation?

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!
Take a brief survey about your experience
and you could win a \$250 Visa Gift Card!

Deadline November 21, 2017

Night of Conversation about Drugs & Alcohol: Wednesday, November 15

Wednesday, November 15, is a night set aside for parents and caregivers to have dinner with their families and talk to their children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Our second annual "Night of Conversation" for children in pre-school through high school is an opportunity to help kids practice refusal skills and make plans to escape difficult situations. [Click here for more info](#), including age-appropriate conversation starters developed by our Office of Drug Control Policy.

Online Story Maps Tell Unique Stories of Harford County Communities

Through vivid images and engaging text, our new online "story maps" tell unique stories of Harford County's vibrant communities. Separate story maps feature community gardens, historic places, rare habitats, agriculturally preserved land, and more. These imaginative and informative maps were created in-house by our Dept. of Planning & Zoning, and are accessible on the county website. [Take a virtual tour today](#) and discover some of the people and places that make Harford County special.





First County-Owned Bus Shelter Opens at Aberdeen MARC Train Station

The first county-owned bus shelter is now open at the Aberdeen MARC Train Station, launching our plan to install shelters at key bus stops in the county's bus transportation system. The shelters will protect citizens from the elements, enhancing safety and comfort for riders within the countywide Harford Transit LINK network. The network serves commuters and other travelers in Harford County and into Cecil County, with connections to regional rail and bus systems and interstate travel. [Learn more here.](#)

Harford Gem: Swan Harbor Farm Wedding Expo Nov. 4

Swan Harbor Farm, Harford County Parks & Rec's wedding and event facility, will host a Wedding Expo this Saturday, November 4 from 12 - 3 p.m. at 401 Oakington Road in Havre de Grace. Tour this historic farmhouse with breathtaking views overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, and meet with more than 40 vendors including caterers, florists, photographers, DJ's and travel agents. The expo is free; for more information, please call Swan Harbor Farm at 410-939-6767 or [visit the website here.](#)





Carlos L. Smith Earns Maryland Engineers' Award; Saved Harford County \$600K

Please join me in congratulating our own Carlos L. Smith, a civil engineer and project manager with the Harford County Department of Public Works, for earning the County Engineers Association of Maryland Service Award for 2017. Carlos was honored his 30+ years of service, his work ethic, and his working relationships with peers, contractors, and the public. Most recently, he saved Harford County an estimated \$600,000 in utility relocation costs on the reconstruction of Moores Mill Road. [Read more here.](#)



National Traffic Incident Response Week: "Slow Down, Move Over"

At roadside incidents nationwide, dozens of first responders and tow operators are killed each year by passing drivers, while hundreds suffer near misses. November 13 – 19 is National Traffic Incident Response Week with the message to "Slow Down, Move Over." It's the law, and it's a reminder from our Dept. of Emergency Services to help save the lives of highway crews, and law enforcement, emergency medical services providers and other first responders who save the lives of others.

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