



In my final budget of this term, I am recommending record-level funding for education, public safety, and libraries, without increasing tax rates. This is the fourth consecutive year that we have budgeted funding to restore salaries for teachers, law enforcement and our dedicated county employees.

Next year's budget also provides nearly \$1.2 million to keep our children safe in school and more than doubles county funds targeting the opioid epidemic, including the county's first 24-hour crisis center for mental health and addiction. As a sign of the recovering local real estate market, our local dedicated transfer tax will allow us to invest a record \$22 million for our local agricultural land preservation program, which protects land from future development.

On the capital side, we fund county road and bridge projects, stormwater remediation, priority repairs and life safety equipment requested by our volunteer fire companies, plus ongoing projects to connect the Ma & Pa Trail and build the new Havre de Grace Middle/High School. [Learn more about the FY 19 budget here.](#)

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Barry Glassman
County Executive



ICYMI: "Sensory Trail" open for citizens of all ages and abilities

We were proud to cut the ribbon last week on the region's first "Sensory Trail" for citizens of all ages and abilities, located at our Schucks Regional Park in Bel Air. This 1/10 mile trail has 10 interactive features that are wheelchair accessible and situated along a paved path. Visitors will experience sensory play that assists with brain development and provides an opportunity for outdoor fun. The park is located at 301 Schucks Road and is open to all from dawn until dusk. Bring the whole family!



Ag Center Open House May 5

Stop by our open house on Saturday, May 5 from 12 - 3 p.m. to see the new Harford County Agricultural Center at 3525 Conowingo Road in Street. Located in an existing building purchased and renovated by the county, the Ag Center consolidates local and state agencies under one roof. This will improve efficiencies for these organizations to better serve the farmers and residents of Harford County. While you're there, step across the parking lot to the historic Joesting-Gorsuch House where we will have artifacts on display reflecting our proud agricultural heritage.

Bike to Work Days in May

Harford County will celebrate May as National Clean Commute Month with Bike to Work Day "pit stops" promoting biking as a fun, healthy, and low-cost transportation option. The pit stops will be held at four locations on separate days in May, and feature bicycle checkups, special guests and a vendor exhibition area. All registrants to the pit stops will receive a free Bike to Work Day gift, light refreshments, and a chance to win giveaways from sponsors. [Click here](#) to learn more.



2018 Bike to Work Day

GIVEAWAYS • REFRESHMENTS • PRIZES • VENDORS
CYCLISTS PARADE • BIKE CHECKUPS • CYCLE CHALLENGE

REGISTER FOR FREE at www.Bike2WorkCentralMD.com

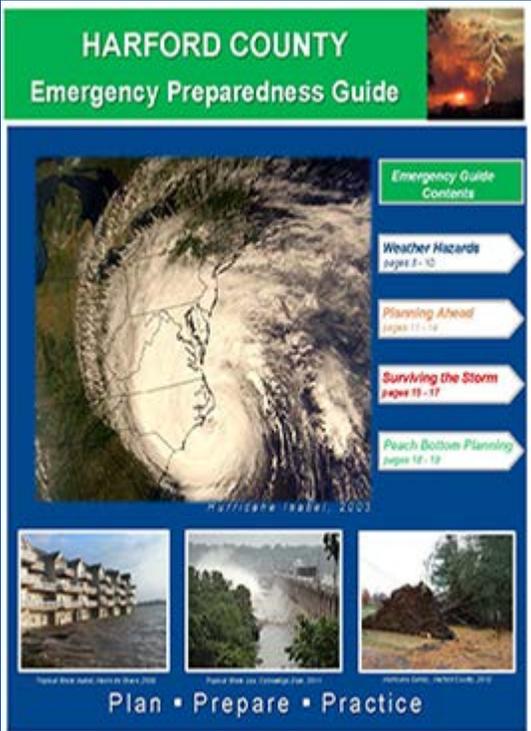
HAVRE DE GRACE Tuesday 5-15-18	APG NORTH Wednesday 5-16-18
BEL AIR Friday 5-18-18	APG SOUTH Tuesday 5-22-18

Information
www.Bike2WorkCentralMD.com
rideshare@harfordcountymd.gov
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HARFORD COUNTY
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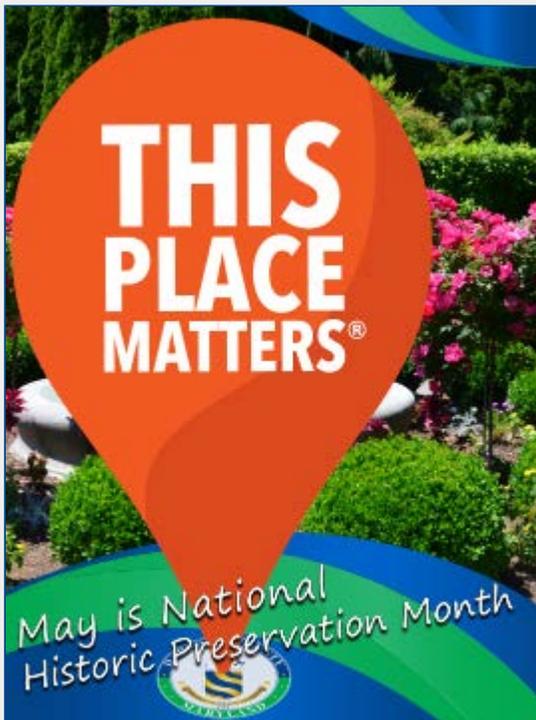
Plan • Prepare • Practice

Hurricane Preparedness Week May 6 - 12

As summer approaches so does the potential for hurricanes and tropical storms. Now is the time to prepare. Make sure you have an emergency plan, practice the plan and share it with visiting family members. Identify an appropriate shelter in your home, neighborhood and community, and know your emergency evacuation route. To help prevent power outages, trim back any trees that could take down power lines. Finally, be sure you are signed up for the County's emergency alert system. [Find more here](#) in our online guide.

Swan Harbor Farm Open House May 16

Nestled on 500 rolling acres overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, Swan Harbor Farm offers breathtaking views, lush gardens, a formal tented area, and a beautifully restored Victorian farmhouse. Swan Harbor Farm is a Harford County Parks & Rec facility available to rent for weddings, special events, and corporate gatherings. Join us for a free open house and tour Wednesday, May 16 from 4 - 7 p.m. Please RSVP by May 11 by email info@swanharborfarm.org or calling 410-939-6767. See more images on our website at www.swanharborfarm.org.



"This Place Matters" social media campaign

In recognition of May as National Historic Preservation Month, my administration and the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission are inviting residents to celebrate local places that matter. Based on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "This Place Matters" campaign, Harford County's month-long social media event aims to spark year-round conversations about preservation and the importance of place, historic or otherwise. Using "This Place Matters" signs available on the county website, it's easy to join the campaign and tell stories about local places that you can't live without. [Learn more here.](#)

Reminder: Running for Recovery on Saturday, May 19

Remember my fifth annual BG5K Run/Walk for Recovery is Saturday, May 19 on the beautiful campus of Harford Community College. This annual event, in partnership with Harford United Charities, raises funds to benefit homelessness and healing in Harford County. This year, proceeds will go to Harford Family House, Mason-Dixon Community Services, Addiction Connections Resource and Homecoming Project. Cash prizes and medals will be awarded to the top finishers and hot breakfast will be served after the race. [Register here now](#) and save.



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