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### “How Can We Help You?”

These words are printed on the wall near my office as a reminder that my administration serves you, the citizens of Harford County. That’s why I’m pleased to welcome you to the first issue of my e-newsletter. I hope it provides news you can use from county government, and makes it easier to enjoy living in Harford County - Maryland’s New Center of Opportunity.

Each issue will include information about county services, and ways you can participate in decisions that affect you. Just for fun, we’ll also highlight a Harford gem - a county attraction or landmark to enjoy with family and friends.

Thanks for taking a look.

**Barry Glassman**  
County Executive

P.S. Invite your family and friends to [subscribe](#) – it’s free!

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## New online information about where you live, work and play

My administration's new online tools deliver a world of useful information about Harford County to your computer, cellphone or mobile device. "Track-it" lets you track development proposals in your area. "Maps & Apps" include searchable Geographic Information System (GIS) data on local parks, roadways, and topography. "HarfordNEXT" is our public forum for creating a shared vision of Harford County's future. Click on the images below and give them a try.



### Starting or growing your own business? Free help is here!

We can help make your business concept a reality by connecting you to free, expert advice, plus grant opportunities and ways to collaborate with other entrepreneurs. Looking for attractive, modern office space at competitive rates? Contact our Office of Economic Development.

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### Are you up to it?

Enjoy outdoor fun and adventure for youth and adults in the Harford County Parks & Rec program, Above and Beyond, which includes a climbing wall and ropes course. For more information about this Harford gem, call 410-836-0558 or email [hcaboveandbeyond@gmail.com](mailto:hcaboveandbeyond@gmail.com).

[Learn More](#)



## Talking trash

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You may have heard that the county's landfill and recycling operations have been outsourced to improve efficiency and customer service. The new operator, Maryland Environmental Service (MES), has already begun conducting on-site surveys to find ways to serve you better. MES is a not-for-profit, independent state agency with a successful track record of more than 700 projects throughout the region. The county's outsourcing agreement with MES does not change prices or limit existing services, and my administration will retain full oversight of these vital functions. With our assistance, all of the county employees seeking jobs due to the outsourcing were able to find other positions, either with MES or in critical-need areas of county government arising from an earlier retirement incentive. Click below for a complete copy of the outsourcing agreement.

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## "Project Patches"

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Watch this bittersweet story from ABC2 News about our county employees and how their idea for "Project Patches" answered a call to help local veterans in need.

[Watch Video](#)



Coming soon...

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Doing business with Harford County government is about to get easier. We're opening a new Permit Center that will offer more personalized service and save you time and legwork when applying for a permit or license. The new workspace is also geared to streamlining application reviews and approvals. Look for the Permit Center on the first floor of our Administrative Building at 220 S. Main St. in Bel Air. We hope to see you there!

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