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At the time of this writing, the Harford County flag remains lowered as together we grieve the line-of-duty deaths of Harford County Sheriff's Office Senior Deputy Patrick Dailey and DFC Mark Logsdon. Despite this terrible loss, our community's outpouring of love and support for these men and their families is a reminder of all that is good about the people of our county. We know that healing will come with time, and the service and sacrifice of our fallen heroes will not be forgotten.

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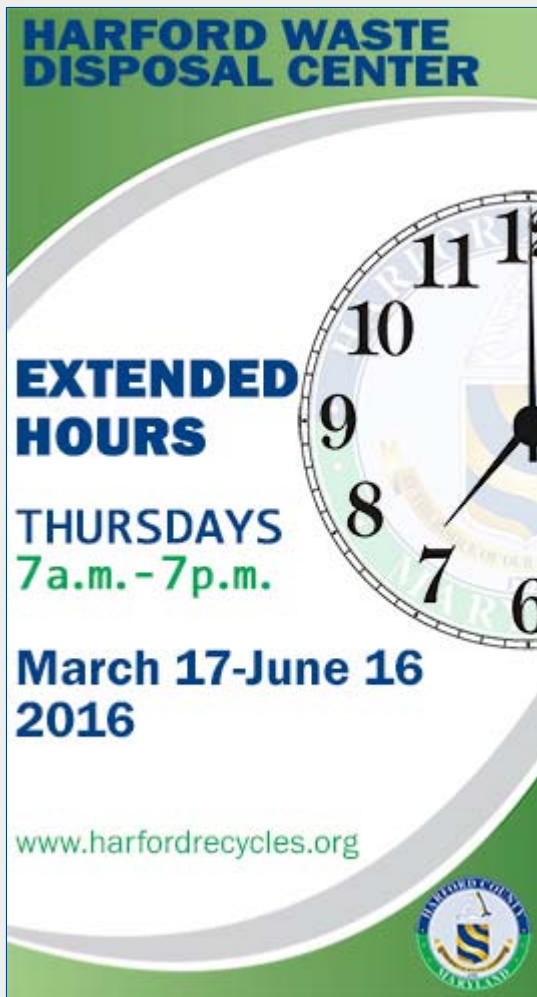
Barry Glassman
County Executive



HarfordNEXT countywide master plan released for public comment

Aspiring to improve the quality of life in Harford County, my administration has released a first draft of the countywide master plan known as HarfordNEXT – A Master Plan for the Next Generation. The draft is a visionary document outlining broad goals, big ideas, and actionable recommendations to guide county planning decisions through the year 2040 on land use, transportation, environmental stewardship, agricultural and historic preservation, economic prosperity and healthy communities. Opportunities for public feedback include 24/7 access to an innovative online tool called "Open Comment", which allows users to comment on any line of the draft document, and view comments made by others. HarfordNEXT reflects a modern, flexible approach to planning. It has also been written in plain English, making it easier for everyone to read and consider how the plan will touch their lives and the next generation. Public comments are due by March 23.

Follow this link to review and comment on the draft
<http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/660/HarfordNEXT>



Harford County Waste Disposal Center extending service hours for residential customers

The Harford County Waste Disposal Center will extend its hours of operation until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays from March 17 through June 16, 2016, to improve service and reduce Saturday traffic at the landfill. I am pleased that my administration is able to add these service hours for the convenience of our citizens without increasing fees. The extended Thursday hours are only for residential customers disposing of household waste or recycling at the homeowner drop-off area of the facility located in Street, Md. Operating hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday will remain from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information:

<http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1049>.

Harford County honors Dr. Percy V. Williams for Black History Month

In case you missed it, please watch this video tribute to Dr. Percy V. Williams for Black History Month.





Pictured L to R: Kathy Wajer, procurement specialist, Maryland Procurement Technical Assistance Program; Cheryl Mezzadia, owner of Core Construction; and John Sullivan, business navigator.

Our business navigator is your business problem-solver

The Harford County Office of Economic Development's business navigator is your direct link to the right people and services for assisting your business. If you need guidance working with state or local agencies, navigating regulatory requirements, finding new space, revising your business plan, or hosting a ribbon-cutting, business navigator John Sullivan is here to help.

Contact him today at 410-638-3059 or cjsullivan@harfordcountymd.gov.

Harford Gem: Anita C. Leight Estuary Center

The Chesapeake Bay is a large "estuary", where rivers meet the sea and the mix of salt and fresh water creates a unique ecosystem of plants and wildlife. The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center in Abingdon is our hometown estuary, offering fun and educational experiences for all ages. Programs run year round and include art and photography classes, guest speakers, research opportunities and more. Coming in March, look for hiking, craft programs and campfires. April is the start of boat season with kayak, canoe and pontoon boat programs to enjoy spring through fall.

For more information about this Harford County Parks & Rec facility, visit <http://www.otterpointcreek.org/>.





Pictured L to R: Rick Pemas, Deputy Treasurer; Barry Glassman, County Executive; Robbie Sandlass, Treasurer; Anne Gessner, Chief, Bureau of Accounting

Harford County Treasury Department earns Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 31st consecutive year

I am very proud of our Treasury Department for earning this prestigious award for the 31st consecutive year for transparent, accountable and accessible financial reporting. We are honored to be among the top 16% of counties nationwide to be recognized with this Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada.

Nominations sought for 2016 Harford County Historic Preservation Awards

Celebrating efforts to protect Harford County's heritage, our Department of Planning and Zoning and the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission are now seeking nominations for the 2016 Historic Preservation Awards. These annual awards are given to individuals and organizations whose contributions within Harford County demonstrate outstanding achievements in historic preservation. The deadline to submit nominations is Thursday, March 31, 2016. Anyone may submit a nomination. The awards will be presented in May in recognition of National Historic Preservation Month.



For more information:

<http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1044>



Heroin's true impact reflected in free performances of "Addicted"; ABC2News special highlights Harford County's efforts

Spotlighting heroin's impact on our community, our Office of Drug Control Policy is presenting free performances of the original play "Addicted." Written and directed by North Harford High School psychologist Christle Henzel, "Addicted" takes an honest look at the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on individuals, their relationships and family members. This powerful drama performed by North Harford H.S. students and alumni will be presented Friday, March 11, and Saturday, March 12, at Mt. Zion Church, 1643 E. Churchville Road in Bel Air. All performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. Parental discretion is advised for children under 13. Watch the ABC2News Special featuring our efforts to combat heroin in Harford at <http://www.abc2news.com/news/region/harford-county/harford-county-executive-discusses-heroin-education-efforts>

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