



April is budget time for Harford County government and my administration is working on our operating and capital budgets for the new fiscal year beginning in July. I want to thank those citizens who assisted us by providing their budget priorities through our second annual virtual town hall meeting in January.

According to our estimates, county revenues for next year are expected to be flat, or up by about 2 - 3%. My recommended budget will live within our means by finding efficiencies and holding the line on debt, allowing us to make vital investments in public safety and education. In my first budget as county executive, we began this new path forward. In my next budget, I will continue to lead Harford County on our chosen path as Maryland's new center of opportunity.

Look for my formal budget recommendation to be presented on April 15 to the County Council. In the meantime, read on for more news about county services and resources brought to you by my administration and our valued county employees.

Barry Glassman
County Executive

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Online ePERMIT CENTER provides real-time status on permits, plans & inspections

The real-time status of permits, plans, and inspections in Harford County can now be viewed online at our new "ePERMIT CENTER". This new service will free citizens from having to come to our offices for information and will allow us to serve more customers in less time.

Users can now search for residential, commercial, and other types of permits with a permit number or property address and track a permit's progress from issuance to completion. Users can also check on the daily schedule and status of county inspections, and search the status of plans submitted to the Dept. of Planning & Zoning for proposed developments. The service is accessible from the homepage of the county website www.harfordcountymd.gov or directly at <http://epermitcenter.harfordcountymd.gov>.



Former NBA star Chris Herren brings his story of addiction and recovery to Bel Air on May 18

As a high school basketball star turned point guard for the Boston Celtics, Chris Herren's dreams of playing in the NBA had seemingly come true. In reality, Chris was trapped in a nightmare of addiction to alcohol, cocaine, OxyContin and heroin. Chris Herren's descent into addiction, the loss of his career and his miraculous recovery is the subject of his free presentation entitled "Rebound" planned for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, at The John Carrol School, 703 Churchville Road in Bel Air. Space is limited and registration is strongly encouraged to ensure available seating. To register, email odcp@harfordcountymd.gov or call 410-638-3389.

Go to <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1063> for more information.

Saving taxpayers some "green"

My administration looks for ways large and small to be more efficient with available resources. For example, staff in our Procurement Department invited all county departments, along with the Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney and the County Council, to bring gently-used or no longer needed office supplies to a St. Patrick's Day treasure swap. The idea was simple: drop off what you don't need, pick up what you do, so nothing goes to waste. Items were then recycled among government departments. Some departments found supplies that they would have ordered new, and leftovers were donated to local nonprofits. Thanks to my Director of Procurement Karen Myers and her staff for their idea to save taxpayers some "green" this St. Patrick's Day.





April 30th
Main Street Oyster House
Parking Lot, Bel Air MD

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Walk A Mile in Her Shoes for domestic abuse awareness Saturday, April 30

I am proud to be the honorary chair and a sponsor of the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes campaign in Harford County. This international opportunity for men to raise awareness about domestic violence and abuse is organized locally by SARC and will be held this year on Saturday, April 30 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Bel Air. Click on the image to see my video with a question for the men of Harford County.

Harford Gem: Schucks Road Regional Sports Complex

April means it's time to play ball at the Schucks Road Regional Sports Complex in Bel Air. Opened for the first time last year, our newest park has five ball diamonds, one multi-purpose field, playground, picnic areas, a walking track, and a beautiful gazebo. This Harford County Parks & Rec facility is also home to activities for the Emmorton, Forest Hill and Hickory/Fountain Green recreation councils. Bring the family and come see for yourself at 301 Schucks Road, Bel Air, MD 21015.



Go to <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Schucks-Regional-Park-92> for more information.



2016 BG5K Run/Walk

Please join me and the Harford United Charities for my 3rd annual Run for Recovery on Saturday, May 7, at Harford Community College.

We'll be running to raise awareness about addiction and to end homelessness in Harford County. All proceeds will go to Harford Family House, Mason Dixon Community Services and Addiction Connections Resource.

Let's run for change. Thanks and go to <http://eliteracemanagement.com/bg2016/> to register today.



In case you missed it: Harford County salutes Mary Risteau for Women's History Month

You may know Mary Risteau from her namesake state office building in Bel Air. But Mary Risteau was a trailblazing woman who achieved a remarkable number of firsts in her lifetime. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPiOBhGWj6E> to learn more in this video tribute.

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