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Honor our forefathers and veterans: Vote in November election

by Jesse Bane, Town Administrator

One of our greatest freedoms is our right to vote. To take this right away from us would cause us to take up arms. Yet, it is one of the most abused of all our freedoms.

I say that because history has shown that our showings at the polls in election years are very poor. I have often said that if everyone who is eligible to vote did so, and if they educated themselves on the issues and the candidates, many of our elections may have ended differently. Who knows if that would have been good or bad; but at least we would not have allowed the minority to decide for us who our leaders would be and the direction they would take our country (and our town).

Once again, we are about to discover if the residents of Bel Air will take an active part in this year's election for town commissioners on November 3. If history repeats itself, we can expect these scenarios: little

choice of candidates, low voter turnout and victories that could be determined by fewer than 10 votes.

There are those who would argue (and they have done so with me already) that this may be due to an electorate that is pleased and satisfied with our leadership and the direction they are taking our town.

While this may be a valid point, is this the reputation we really want? And does it set a good example for our children as we teach them the values of our democracy and the importance of our votes?

I think not. (Cont. on p. 4)



**Bel Air Town
Commissioners**

Dear neighbors:

I'm writing this letter to you just a few hours after attending the memorial service for Bel Air Police Chief Leo Matrangola. As you'll read in a more detailed tribute in this edition, Chief Leo lost his battle with leukemia on July 12, 2015.

I had the honor and privilege of working with Leo the past eight years. Very early in my tenure on the Board, it became apparent that "Chief Leo" was a dedicated public servant who was passionate about the Town of Bel Air. He worked tirelessly over the past 24 years in assembling the finest group of men and women he could find into a highly respected and professional police department. He was always looking to make improvements in any way he could, whether that was in upgrading to more modern equipment, or increasing patrols when needed. As Chief of Police, he made sure that no stone went unturned to assure the safety of the citizenry that he swore to protect and serve.

One of the aspects of the job that I know that he thoroughly enjoyed was educating the youth of our community about the role that police play in our society. He knew that the earlier that a young person could understand that an officer of the law was someone who was there to help and assist, and not an opposing authoritative figure that was always there to scold and punish, the better the chances would be that youngster would grow to respect the law.

Chief Leo was genuine and authentic in both his words and deeds. I was told that his goal and dream was to become the Chief of Police for his boyhood home of Bel Air. Well, he was one of the lucky few who got to fulfill a dream.

I'll leave you with a philosophical adage that he followed with regards to the life of a police officer.

If you do this job properly, there is nothing more noble you will do with your life.

Well, Chief, we'll be forever grateful for your noble years of service, and a job well done.

**Dr. Robert J. Reier
Mayor of Bel Air**



**Dr. Robert J. Reier
Mayor**



Susan Burdette



Eddie Hopkins



Robert M. Preston



Patrick T. Richards



ON THE COVER:

Motorists heading south on Bond Street and across Bus. Rt. 1 may not realize that the oldest structure in the Town of Bel Air sits off to their right (in front of Bel Air High School.)

A tour of the Hays House, offered twice a month, gives a glimpse into another century. The Historical Society of Harford County, which operates and maintains the house, celebrates the past with a variety of living history programs. See page 4.

Chief Leo Matrangola leaves lasting legacy in Bel Air and beyond

by Kathi Santora

Bel Air Police Chief Leo Matrangola loved details. His uniform was tack-sharp, no matter the time of day. Precisely stacked paperwork on his desk usually included information about training programs and equipment designed to enhance skills of his police force. When needed, his hand would hover over a bulging Rolodex and land on just the right person for the situation.



He also understood the importance of image in law enforcement, says Deputy Chief of Police Richard Peschek, who recalls with a smile the year that Chief Leo arrived at the Bel Air Holiday Parade with one of his family horses: "He threw a police blanket and saddle on his horse and joined the parade. People thought we had a mounted unit."

Bel Air Police Chief Leo Matrangola's memorial service took place at the Bel Air High School auditorium on August 22, 2015 because no church in town could hold the number of colleagues, friends and residents who came to pay their respects.



Before his appointment to the Bel Air Police Department, Chief Leo had completed a 21-year career as a lieutenant and supervisor of the Baltimore County Police Department narcotics unit. In 1991, at the age of 39, he started a second career as the Police Chief of Bel Air, his hometown. The Chief's arrival coincided with one of the most dramatic economic and population growths ever seen here.

According to Deputy Chief Peschek, a 35-year-veteran of the Bel Air Police Department, Chief Leo set out to make sure that his police department was up to the challenge.

Over the years, Chief Leo advocated for changes that would build a solid police force: technical training, better pay and retirement benefits, up-to-date uniforms, comprehensive manuals, state-of-the-art vehicles and participation in a multi-jurisdiction SWAT Team.

He was quick to brag about his officers and their accomplishments and slow to self-promotion. He was usually on hand for community presentations and summer police camp graduations.

The majority of personnel on today's police force reflect his values. "Leo was very selective in the people he hired," says Deputy Chief Peschek. "We have an excellent staff of officers here and he hired most of them."

Deputy Chief of Police Peschek is Acting Chief until a replacement is hired. "Since I have been in this position, I have a deeper respect for what he did. A lot of police chief work is behind the scenes and people may not understand that."



(Jesse Bane Election message cont. from p.1)

As your town administrator, I value your opinion. One way I assess that is measured by the level of participation in our government and your response to the candidates and the issues. I would urge each of you, if you are not registered to vote, please register. And, if you are eligible to vote, please vote. I will look forward to seeing you on November 3 at Town Hall and will certainly take the time to share any concerns you may have about our town.

Let's show the town and the county that we care about Bel Air. Let's exercise our right to vote. Those who have gone before us paid a great price to guarantee that right. If we choose to stay at home, their sacrifice means very little and we just may find that one day our apathy may cost us one of our most precious freedoms.

**ELECTION FOR TOWN OF BEL AIR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
What you need to know**

The Town of Bel Air Municipal Election for the Board of Town Commissioners will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015** at Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, Maryland. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The Town is using the Maryland State Board of Elections certified Diebold Premium Accu-Vote TS Voting System.

CANDIDATE FILING

Anyone who desires to file as a candidate for Commissioner of the Town of Bel Air must have resided in the Town for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the election and shall be a registered voter of the State of Maryland. Candidates must file in person at Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, and complete a written certificate of candidacy and code of ethics financial disclosure statement with the Town Clerk of their intention to run for the office of Commissioner on or before **October 2, 2015** at 7:00 p.m. The filing fee is \$25.00. Should you have any questions relative to the status of your voter registration, contact the Harford County Board of Elections at (410) 638-3565.

VOTER REGISTRATION

All eligible residents of the Town of Bel Air who desire to vote in the Town Election on November 3, 2015 must be a registered voter of the State of Maryland. If you are not registered, or have any questions regarding your registration, contact the Harford County Board of Elections on or before the voter registration deadline of **October 13, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. Applications for registration are available at the Harford County Elections Office located at 133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill; the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles at 501 W. MacPhail Road, Bel Air; Bel Air Town Hall; or on line at www.harfordvotes.info, or call (410) 638-3565 for more information.

Every person who meets all of the following qualifications may vote: 1) is a citizen of the United States; 2) is eighteen (18) years of age or older by the date of the election; 3) is a registered voter in the State of MD and has resided within the Town of Bel Air for at least twenty-one days preceding the Town election; and 4) is not constitutionally regulated or disqualified to be a registered voter pursuant to Election Law § 3-102 (b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at the Harford County Board of Elections, 133 Industry Lane, Forest Hill, MD 21050 or by calling (410) 638-3565. The deadline for receipt of Absentee Ballot Applications by the Harford County Board of Elections is **October 27, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. by mail, or 11:59 p.m. by fax to (410) 638-3310 or email to elections@harfordcountymd.gov; in order to receive your ballot by mail. After this deadline applications and ballots must be picked up in person at the Harford County Board of Elections. Ballots must be received and stamped at the Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Avenue, Bel Air, on or before the close of the polls (8:00 PM) on Election Day.

Please Join Us For
The Bel Air Armory's
100th Anniversary Celebration



Saturday, November 14th
7 - 10 pm
37 N. Main St. Bel Air, MD 21034
410.638.5323

Open House - Guest Speakers - Music

Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air, the MD State Arts Council
and the Harford County Public Library through the HCCAB.

History lives in our own backyard, at Hays House Museum



The Hays House Museum, the oldest structure in town, is next door to Bel Air High School, architecturally one of the most modern-buildings in town. On two Sundays each month, as well as during special historical events, visitors may step inside, escape the traffic din on Kenmore Avenue and learn how Thomas Archer Hays shaped Bel Air.

Like many accomplished men of the time, Hays somehow managed multiple livelihoods: attorney, farmer, dabbler in real estate, shopkeeper and landlord. He owned 15 of the original 42 lots in Bel Air and 4,000 acres in nearby areas.



His home sat on Main Street, about where Looney's Pub stands today. Hays owned the house from 1813 until his death in 1861. It then passed through several generations of his extended family until 1957.

In 1959, Mrs. Anna McCleary informed the Historical Society of Harford County that she was selling the land on which the house stood for commercial use and offered the house for preservation. The society had just one month to figure out how and where to move it.

As the bulldozers moved closer to clearing the property for the Safeway grocery store, two locals stepped in. Mrs. Sharpless Ewing persuaded demolition workers to hold off on bulldozing the property until the house could be moved. John Baumgardner, a local house mover, delayed moving his own home to move the structure to its present location at 324 S. Kenmore Avenue.

Today, the house holds period furniture, though only Thomas Hays' office chair remains of the original furnishings. Volunteer docents provide tours and a glimpse into life in Bel Air for a prosperous, but not ostentatiously wealthy, family.

The Hays House Museum offers tours on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Upcoming events include Ben Franklin Speaks (September 27); Children's Colonial Games (October 11); The Art of Hearth Cooking (November 8) and Christmas Open House and Greens Sale (December 5 & 6).

Interested in becoming a Hays House Museum docent or volunteer? Contact Betsy Lehmann at 410-592-8693.

For event information, call 410-838-7691 or visit www.HarfordHistory.org.



Top: Hays House Museum volunteers (l to r): Sandy Matthai, Jeanne Bayer and Betsy Lehmann.

Middle: The Hays House offers events and school programming for children.

Bottom: Get to know Ben Franklin at the Hays House on September 27.

The volunteer *Just Having Fun Singers* made their debut this summer. The group, with about 15 members, has a simple set of goals, says Kathy Kelly, a Fallston resident and one of the organizers: “We visit assisted living facilities, lead them in sing-alongs, with a touch of humor and trivia games thrown in.”

Their song selections bring smiles and help the residents recall happy memories, leading them in songs from the past, such as *Silvery Moon*, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* and *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*. The group throws in a few corny jokes for good measure! All supplies, rehearsal site rental fees, etc., are paid for by volunteers.

Anyone interested in joining or scheduling a sing-along, please contact Phil at Philip.pace@opm.gov or Kathy at sweet1singer@verizon.net. Photo: (l to r) Kathy Kelly, Phil Pace and Carol Schatz.





**TOWN OF BEL AIR
FILM FESTIVAL**

**Don't Miss Bel Air's
Very Own Film Festival!**



Join us in celebrating the art of filmmaking. We are proud to present fascinating, high caliber films, followed by open discussion.

Tickets include a soda and popcorn. Comfortable table seating is provided.

October 15-17, 2015 Showtimes:
 at the Bel Air Armory Thursday 7:30pm
 37 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD Friday 8:00pm
 Saturday 4:00pm & 7:30pm

For more information and this year's lineup, visit our website or call
410-838-0584
www.TownofBelAirFilmFestival.com

Bel Air Comprehensive Plan



**Help shape the character & quality of
development in the Town for future generations!**



Visit belairmd.org and register to receive updates
and notifications of public meetings by selecting
the *notify me* button.

SEPTEMBER

Through Sunday October 25
PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION
 Harford Artists Gallery, 503 East Churchville Road
 Regional juried art. Gallery open Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday 17
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Grab your girlfriends for a night of discounts, food/drink specials and shopping in downtown restaurants and stores. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance.
www.downtownbelair.com;
 443-823-1797

Friday 18
LUNCHTIME CONCERT
Regents of Jazz
 Office Street near the Courthouse, Noon – 1:00 p.m. Tables and chairs provided. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Free. www.belairmd.org.
 410-638-4550

Sunday 20
BEL AIR FESTIVAL FOR THE ARTS
 Shamrock Park, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Celebrating its 50th year, see 350+ artists, photographers and craftsmen. Continuous live entertainment. Food vendors. Free shuttle from Rt. 24 MVA parking lot; Rain or shine. Sponsor: Bel Air Parks and Recreation & Town of Bel Air. Free admission. 443-616-6708



Thursday 24
HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2015 ANNUAL DINNER
 Maryland Golf & Country Club
 Angela Yau from the Steppingstone Museum portrays Minerva Rogers, wife of Commodore Rogers of Havre de Grace. Call for details/tickets: 410-838-7691

Friday 25
LUNCHTIME CONCERT
Bel Air High School Jazz Ensemble & Chorus
 Office Street near the Courthouse, Noon – 1:00 p.m. Tables and chairs provided. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Free. www.belairmd.org
 410-638-4550

Saturday 26
ANTIQUÉ & COLLECTIBLES APPRAISAL FAIR
 Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$10/item, limit three items. Sponsor: The Historical Society of Harford County.
 410-838-7691

Saturday 26
HEALTHY HARFORD DAY
 119 S. Hays St. (next to Farmers Market), 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Programs and information for improved health and wellness for all in Harford County

Saturday 26
4TH SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE
 Historical Society Headquarters, 143 N. Main Street.
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 410-838-7691

Saturday 26
10TH ANNUAL HARFORD COUNTY WINE FESTIVAL
 Rockfield Manor, 501 E. Churchville Road. Noon – 6:00 p.m. Enjoy wines from around the world, food, crafts and live entertainment! Hoist your stein in the new Oktoberfest Beer Garden. Sample premium wines and feast upon gourmet food in the VIP area. Tickets, information, call 410-638-4565 or www.harfordcountywinefest.com.

Sunday 27
ART EXHIBIT by RICHARD CHANDLER HOFF
 Liriodendron Gallery, 502 W. Gordon Street, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (This is the last day of the four week exhibit) Hoff illustrates life in America during the 1940s with graphite pencil on paper. 410-879-4424

Sunday 27
BEN FRANKLIN SPEAKS
 Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Avenue. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Visit with interpreter David Fisher as he portrays Ben Franklin in the days of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Adults \$5, Students & Seniors \$3, Children under 4, free. 410-838-7691

Monday 28
14TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
 Maryland Golf & Country Club
 The Greater Bel Air Community Foundation sponsors this annual event to raise funds for capital improvements to standing structures and playgrounds in the Bel Air community. For fees and sponsorships, visit www.gbacf.org or call 410-879-9292 or 410-836-6366.

OCTOBER
 Thursdays 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29



ROCKING CHAIR STORY TIME
 Rockfield Manor, 501 E. Churchville Road. 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Each Thursday, local officials and celebrities read stories to children 5 and under on the patio or by the manor fireside. A simple craft activity is included. On October 29th, there will be a “Not So Spooky” story time. Costumes welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Registration required. Visit www.rockfieldmanor.com/events or call 410-638-4565.

Friday 2
FINAL FIRST FRIDAY OF 2015
Don't Stop
Nonprofit Partner: Chesapeake Cancer Alliance
 Bel Air downtown parking lot between Tower Restaurant & Harford County Sheriff's Office, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Harford County's BEST block party! Local live music, beer and wine, food vendors, face painting and more!
www.downtownbelair.com
 443-823-1797

Saturday 3
FALL FLING
 Bel Air Armory, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 An evening of FREE music and dancing; entertainment by Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air & Bel Air Community Band, 410-638-5323

Sunday 4 – Sunday November 1 (Sundays only)
ART EXHIBIT by JONATHAN WEST
 Liriodendron Gallery, 502 W. Gordon Street
 Sundays only 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Jonathan West, a Bel Air-based artist, says his paintings spur an empathetic reaction to the world's tragedies and human foibles.
 410-879-4424

Thursday 8
USED BOOK SALE
 Bel Air Library
 Members Only Night, 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Paperback, hardback and children's books. 410-638-3151

Friday 9 – Sunday 11
USED BOOK SALE
 Bel Air Library,
 Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:30 p.m. Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Paperback, hardback and children's books. Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library. 410-638-3151

Saturday 10
FAMILY ART FESTIVAL
 Harford Artists Gallery
 503 E. Churchville Rd.
 Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Art projects for all ages including button bracelets, pattern drawings, watercolors, mural painting and an interactive color station. Take your art home, it's free!
www.artinharford.org 410-420-9499

Saturday 10
SUSQUEHANNA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Friends & a Game of Cards
 Bel Air High School, 7:30 p.m.
www.ssorchestra.org

Thursday 15
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Grab your girlfriends for a night of discounts, food/drink specials and shopping in downtown restaurants and stores. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance.
www.downtownbelair.com;
 443-823-1797

Thursday 15 – Saturday 17
BEL AIR FILM FESTIVAL
 Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street.
 Unique-to-the-area films and celebrity guests. Thursday through Saturday. \$5 per film includes popcorn and drink.
www.townofbelairfilmfestival.com or
 410-838-0584.

Saturday 24
4TH SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE
 Historical Society Headquarters, 143 N. Main Street. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 410-838-7691

Friday 30 – Sunday December 20
ILLUMINATION
 Harford Artists' Gallery, 503 E. Churchville Road (located in the cottage next to Rockfield Manor). Gallery hours; Friday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Reception: Saturday, November 14, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. www.artinharford.org. 410-420-9499

NOVEMBER

Saturday 7
ARCHER LECTURE & TEA
 The Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main St. 2:00 p.m.

Walter Holloway, the author of two books on the Ma & Pa Railroad, will be the guest speaker. \$10.
 410-838-7691

Sunday 8 – December 6 (Sundays only)
COLORFUL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART BY DEBBI GRANRUTH
 Liriodendron Gallery, 502 W. Gordon Street, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 A photographic celebration of bright and saturated colors found in various cultures and everyday life. Free admission. 410-879-4424

Saturday 14
BEL AIR ARMORY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
 Bel Air Armory, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 Celebrate this milestone with your neighbors! Open House, music, guest speakers. Sponsors: Town of Bel Air, Maryland State Arts Council, Harford County Public Library through Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Free. 410-638-5323

Thursday 19
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Grab your girlfriends for a night of discounts, food/drink specials and shopping in downtown restaurants and stores. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance.
www.downtownbelair.com;
 443-823-1797

Friday 27
CHESAPEAKE CANCER ALLIANCE'S "WINE" DOWN SOCIAL
 Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street. 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a glass of wine and light hors d'oeuvres while listening to music and previewing this year's decorated trees.
www.uchfoundation.org

Saturday 28
4TH SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE
 Historical Society Headquarters, 143 N. Main Street. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Visit the archives and search for historic photos.
 410-838-7691

Saturday 28

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN DOWNTOWN BEL AIR

See all that downtown has to offer with special savings and incredible service at downtown businesses and restaurants. Be local, be a part of it and shop local.

www.downtownbelair.com

Saturday 28 – Sunday 29

CHESAPEAKE CANCER ALLIANCE'S FESTIVAL OF TREES

Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.;

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Beautifully decorated trees and wreaths fill the armory. Silent

auction of gingerbread houses. Gift boutiques, bake sale, fresh greens, children's crafts and entertainment.

Adult \$6. Children 12 and under, free. www.uchfoundation.org.

410-836-7226.

DECEMBER

Thursday 3

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

Rockfield Manor, 501 E. Churchville Road. 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Kick off

the holidays with Rockfield Manor's Christmas tree lighting and holly jolly happy hour. Enjoy the Manor's

festive décor while sipping warm

wassail, grazing on savory snacks

and listening to holiday carols. \$25

per person. www.rockfieldmanor.com or 410-638-4565.

Saturday 5

AUTHORS & ARTISTS HOLIDAY GIFT SALE

Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Meet and support local authors and artists from many different genres, and find one-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your list. Live

entertainment throughout the day.

Free admission. 410-638-5323

Saturday 5 – Sunday 6

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Harford Artists' Gallery, 503 E.

Churchville Road (located in the cottage next to Rockfield Manor).

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Paintings, photography, pottery and jewelry by local artists. www.artinharford.org, 410-420-9499

Saturday 5

SUSQUEHANNA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Friends & A Snowman

Bel Air High School, 7:30 p.m.

www.ssorchestra.org

Sunday 6

BEL AIR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Courtland Street Concert at 2:45

p.m. Parade begins at 3:30 p.m.,

Main Street at Churchville Road,

ending at Lee Way and Hickory

Avenue, with floats, marching bands,

Santa and more. Following the

parade, there will be seasonal music,

a bonfire, caroling, hot chocolate,

cookies and Santa Claus in

Shamrock Park, along with a tree

and menorah lighting. Sponsor: Town

of Bel Air. 410-838-0584

Sunday 6

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Avenue, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Lavishly decorated with fresh greens

and seasonal display. Music by the

Catherine Street Consort. Donations

appreciated. 410-838-7691

Sunday 6

BEL AIR COMMUNITY CHORUS WINTER CONCERT

There is Faint Music

Bel Air High School, 3:00 p.m.

Free.

Friday 11

HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Family

friendly movie begins at 7:30 p.m.

Bring your blankets for a family

movie night with free popcorn and

plenty of holiday cheer. Sponsor: Bel

Air Downtown Alliance.

443-823-1797

Sunday 13

BEL AIR COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

Bel Air High School, 100 Heighe Street. 3:00 p.m. Popular music for all ages, seasonal music, show tunes, Broadway musicals, marches and classical selections. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Free admission. 410-638-4550

Thursday 17

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grab your girlfriends for a night of

discounts, food/drink specials and

shopping in downtown restaurants

and stores. Sponsor: Bel Air

Downtown Alliance.

www.downtownbelair.com;

443-823-1797

Sunday 20

9TH ANNUAL MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS

Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street.

Registration 2:00 p.m.; Rehearsal

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.; Doors open at 4:30

p.m.; Performance 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Bring your tubas, euphoniums and

baritone horns. Registration: \$5;

Music cost, \$15 (unless you have

music from a previous Tuba

Christmas event). No admission fee

for the audience. Bring a music

stand, dress festively and decorate

your instrument. 410-391-7832





Presented by:
*The Historical Society of
Harford County, Inc.*

**2nd Annual
What's In Your Attic?
Antiques and Collectibles
Appraisal Event**

Saturday, September 26, 2015

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Bel Air Armory

37 N. Main Street

Bel Air

Free Parking



20+ professional appraisers

Cost: \$10.00 per item

Maximum three items per person



For more information:

410-838-7691

www.HarfordHistory.org

**Fourth Annual
Authors & Artists
Holiday Gift Sale**

**at the
Bel Air Armory**

Saturday, December 5th, 10am - 3pm

Live entertainment all day !!!!

Special holiday treats & eats too!

- * Meet Local Authors & Artists
- * Find Unique Gifts
- * Support the Local Arts Community



Info 410.638.5323

**30+
Local
Authors &
Artists**

The story of a not-forgotten Bel Air officer and first responder

By Carol Deibel

Recently, Michael Dixon, a historian and adjunct college professor at Harford Community College, brought a story to the Town Board that caused some amazement. In Dixon's research, he came across a newspaper article about Bailiff George Oliver Noonan, a Bel Air Police officer killed in the line of duty in 1920. On his gravestone in Whiteford is engraved the saying, "Gone but not forgotten."

Unfortunately, in researching further, it appears that Bailiff Noonan's death was forgotten as so often happens with time. The Town hopes to remedy this oversight in the future, but for now, we would like to share Noonan's story with Bel Air residents.

It was the summer of 1920 and a group of young men had been making "life miserable for Bel Air's quieter citizens by bombarding the town with torpedoes at all hours of the day and night" according to the *Aegis* (torpedoes being another name for firecrackers). The gang had even thrown them at the feet of ladies, causing them to avoid downtown. Many people still used horses to come to town then and the firecrackers were terrifying to these animals. This general nuisance went on for the week leading up to 4th of July celebrations.



Saturday night, the group accelerated its attacks and Bailiff Noonan decided it was time to crack down on these hoodlums and stop the boom from these high powered firecrackers.

When he confronted them with a warning to stop, someone lit the fuse on one and threw it at his feet. Noonan then confiscated several of the torpedoes resulting in one of the men, Billie Trundle, starting a scuffle.

Somehow, Noonan was thrown to the ground and the confiscated torpedoes exploded in his pocket. Severely burned and bruised, he stumbled into Richardson's Pharmacy.

He was assisted by Dr. Richardson and helped home but by the next day with his condition worsening he was taken to Church Home and Hospital where he died from his injuries the following day. Noonan was 34 years old.

Trundle was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer in the discharge of his duties. He pleaded guilty and his sentence was suspended.



The Town's Finance Department is excited to announce that, beginning November 1, 2015, your real estate and sewer bills can be paperless through an optional e-billing. Below are the advantages:

- Manage your real estate tax and sewer accounts online
- Simple to view bills online
- Receive bills, reminders, and receipts via email
- Personal and financial data is secure
- Access your account information 24/7 via the Town's website, www.belairmd.org
- Still have the option to pay online via credit card or e-check

Committees & Commissions	Contact Us www.belairmd.org	Town Government
<p>Board of Town Commissioners 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Planning Commission 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Board of Appeals 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Economic & Community Development Commission 2nd Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Armory</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Appearance & Beautification Commission 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Cultural Arts Commission 3rd Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., Armory</p> <p>Tree Committee 2nd Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., Planning Department</p>	<p>The offices of the Town Administrator, Human Resources, Police and Finance Departments are located in the Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Ave. The Department of Public Works and the Planning Department are located at 705 E. Churchville Rd. The Department of Economic Development and Visitors Center are in the Bel Air Armory at 37 N. Main St. The Police Department is open 24/7. Other office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays.</p> <p>There are many free publications at the Visitors Center, Town Hall and online. Topics include business assistance, historic preservation, parking guides, a walking tour and an event calendar.</p> <p>In addition to the Board of Town Commissioners meetings at 7:30 p.m. on first and third Mondays, the public may attend Commissioners' work sessions, held at 5:15 p.m. on the preceding Tuesdays. Direct questions/concerns to the Commissioners c/o Town Hall in writing or by phone: 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711.</p> <p>For sewer system, refuse collection, recycling, street light outages, call 410.638.4545. For sewer emergencies, call 410.638.4545 during business hours or 410.638.4500 at other times.</p>	<p>Town Administrator Jesse Bane 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711</p> <p>Administration Department Michael L. Krantz, Director 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711</p> <p>Finance Department Lisa M. Moody, Director 410.638.4555 or 410.879.2712</p> <p>Economic Development Department Trish Heidenreich, Director 410.838.0584</p> <p>Police Department Richard Peschek, Interim Chief of Police 410.638.4517 or 410.638.4500</p> <p>Planning Department Kevin Small, Director 410.638.4540 or 410.879.9500</p> <p>Public Works Department Stephen D. Kline, Director 410.638.4536 or 410.879.9507</p> <p>Bel Air Bond Editor Kathi Santora, The Writing Studio ksantora@gmail.com; 443.695.3345</p>

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