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Meet the Bel Air officer who is on duty for Town students each day

Eleven elementary-aged Girl Scouts recently took a tour of the Bel Air Police Department (BAPD) headquarters on a winter's evening. After discussing with them how to call 911, the danger of strangers and the process of fingerprinting, Officer Rick Krause ushered them into a jail cell. Once everyone agreed that he would close the door to show what it feels like to be locked up, he did so. As expected, there was a burst of screaming and giggling.

As BAPD's School Resource Officer, Krause balances community outreach, education and mentoring with onsite patrol and incident response for the public and private schools located within the Town of Bel Air.



Girl Scout Troop #007 surrounds BAPD School Resource Officer Rick Krause.

On most school days, his patrol car is parked front and center at Bel Air High School. Though some passersby may think it is a sign of trouble, Krause believes that his visibility on school property is an important part of security. (Cont. p. 3)

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is the season for rebirth, renewal and regrowth!

The future of Bel Air depends on you and now is the time to participate in the Town Comprehensive Plan Update. Come to the public meeting on March 23 at 6:00 p.m. and talk to the staff about your ideas for Community Facilities, Historic Preservation, Housing, Environmental Sensitive Areas, Transportation and Water.

Cannot attend? We'd love to hear from you online. Visit the Town website at www.belairmd.org and click on "Community Voice." Some of your neighbors have already suggested great ideas such as "Use Armory Park for small weddings," "Improve transportation for seniors," and "Provide more housing that appeals to first time homebuyers and empty-nesters." This is your town and we want to hear your voice about how to make good things happen.

Spring season also brings the Bel Air Farmers' Market which opens Saturday, April 9th. It is located on the Mary Risteau Courthouse parking lot on Bond Street. Bigger and better with each year. It is open every Saturday from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Folks of all ages stroll the market aisles and meet the people behind fresh produce, fruit, flowers, beef, dairy, eggs and numerous specialty products. This includes homemade hummus, chocolate milk, local honey and handmade dog treats.



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Healthy, Fresh & Locally Grown Foods**

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GO TO WWW.BELAIRFARMERSMARKET.COM

**Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 7am to 11am
and every Saturday till December 17th
located at Bond Street & Thomas Street**

VEGETABLES . FRUITS . WINE . BEEF . PORK . CHICKEN
FLOWERS . BREAD . SPICES . MILK . HUMMUS . PET TREATS
ICE CREAM . PLANTS . JELLIES . HONEY . EDGE SHARPENING
SOAP . PASTRIES . COFFEE . EGGS . HERBS . CHEESE . LAMB
. OILS . KETTLE KORN . SALSA . CAKES . JAMS
LIVE MUSIC

April 9 will feature giveaways including free seedlings in celebration
of Arbor Day and sports towels and coloring books.

The opening day of the Market also kicks off local art month and there will be live local music and Extreme Family Entertainment for the children. The Town of Bel Air's Tree Committee will offer a variety of free tree seedlings donated by the Harford Forest Conservancy District Board and grown at the Maryland State Forestry Nursery. The seedlings include instructions and advice from Master Gardeners. After shopping, stop on Main Street for a spring breakfast at one of our hometown restaurants or cafés.

Take a look at our event calendar since there's no better place to enjoy a spring day than in your own town!

Sincerely,
Mayor Susan Burdette



ON THE COVER: The Town of Bel Air's 2016 music season is ready to launch. As always, these concerts are free (including the upcoming Spring Fling pictured on the cover) thanks to a number of supporters.

The Summer Concert Series is sponsored by the Town of Bel Air through the Bel Air Recreation Committee. Lunchtime concerts take place on Fridays in May and are sponsored by the Town of Bel Air, the Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Harford County Public Library, and the Maryland State Arts Council. Both the Spring and Fall Flings feature live jazz music and dancing and are sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and Bel Air Community Band.



**Board of Town
Commissioners**



Susan U. Burdette



Philip L. Einhorn



Brendan P. Hopkins



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(Officer Krause, cont. from p. 1)

“It’s piece of mind,” he says. “When you drop off your kids at school, they see the (patrol) car, they know someone is watching them. Who knows, maybe one day when my car was parked at the school, someone drove by and thought about doing harm and then thought ‘Maybe not today.’”



For Krause, the desire to protect and serve came naturally. His father was a Baltimore City career police officer: “I wanted to follow in his footsteps.” Like his father, he joined the army after high school graduation and served as a military police officer for five years. When assigned to a post in Panama, he learned enough Spanish “just by hanging out

with the Panamanians” that he is now one of three BAPD officers who converse comfortably in Spanish with the public. He was hired in 2004 and worked shift patrol before volunteering for the school assignment five years ago. Krause lives in Joppatowne with his wife and two children.

He recalls that partnerships between local law enforcement and schools grew stronger in response to requests for tighter school security after the 1999 Columbine shootings. However, Krause, like many school resource officers, sees his role as much broader than simply providing an onsite patrol car and uniformed officer.

“My role is to build relationships with the kids and develop a trust factor. I want them to walk away and say ‘Wow, police officers do care,’ even if we don’t have the answers.”

When he sees students on grounds and around town smoking, in fights or otherwise causing trouble, he’s prone to have a sidewalk conversation or promise a call to a parent before issuing a ticket. “I don’t treat them like knuckleheads; they are kids.”

At the same time, fellow BAPD officers who arrive at serious situations such as domestic calls and drug arrests often radio for Krause when they realize that a student is involved. “Often, I already have relationships with kids who break the rules.”

In addition to his presence and patrols at school properties, community events and BAPD tours, Krause also leads the 28-member Police Explorer squad. Many of the group of young men and women between ages 14 – 21 aspire to join the police force or the military. They learn some law enforcement procedures such as arrest procedures, handcuffing, clearing a building and how to conduct a traffic stop.



The BAPD dispatch room is one stop on community tours for Bel Air youth.

He doesn’t flinch when students ask about the recent tragedy at the Harford County Sheriff’s Office. He reminds aspiring officers and other young people how important it is to understand the level of commitment that police officers must show each moment in the face of a sometimes dangerous job.

Krause believes that police protecting and mentoring young people is a job that is just right for him: “I was raised with courage and integrity. I want to be the person who is strong. I want to be the person who is there to help. I have the ability to do these things and I don’t want to waste it.”

Dust off the lawn chairs and get the picnic cooler out of storage. The 2016 Summer Concert series is in sight.

Stretch out on the grass in Shamrock Park for military bands, classical orchestras, jazz and more. Rain or high heat? No problem. All concerts (except on Sunday June 5th) will then move to the acoustically- lovely Bel Air High School Auditorium.



Bel Air Jazz Band

After summer ends, more entertainment is on tap at the Bel Air Armory throughout the fall and holiday season. Check www.belairmd.org for details throughout the 2016 season.

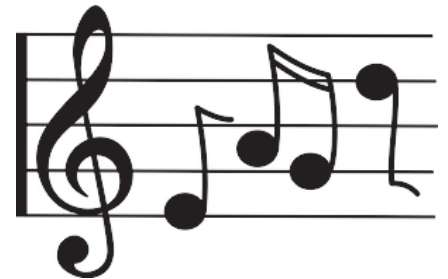
Fourth Annual
Spring Fling
A Night of Big Band Dancing
at the Bel Air Armory
Saturday, April 23rd, 2016
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
410.638.5323

FREE!!!
Admission

Live Music by the
Bel Air Community
Band Jazz Ensemble

Food and beverages
will be available from
Sterling Caterers

Sponsored by the
Town of Bel Air, the
Maryland State Arts Council, & the
Harford County Cultural Arts Board



Spring 2016
FREE Lunchtime Concerts
12 Noon on Office St. in Bel Air

May 6 Matt Kineke 

May 13 The Favorites

May 20 Regents of Jazz 

May 27 Dennis Schocket

Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air, the HCCAB through the HCPL, and the MD State Arts Council.



The Bel Air Community Band will host Maryland Band Day on Sunday June 12, 2016 at Shamrock Park. Hear the region's best instrumental music right here in Bel Air!

1:00 PM Chesapeake Concert Band
2:00 PM Montgomery Village Band
3:00 PM Olney Community Band
4:00 PM Williamsport Community Band
5:00 PM Rockville Concert Band
6:00 PM Columbia Concert Band
7:00 PM Bel Air Community Band

<http://www.belaircommunityband.org>



Sheldon Bair conducting the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra at the Humbert Amphitheater in Shamrock Park.
Photo: Dave Gigliotti

THE MUSIC MEN

Bel Air's music season comes together each year with the coordination of an untold list of details: schedule the appearances, advertise the season, tune up the sound system, enlist the support of onsite volunteers and arrange for the essential set up and tear down by the Department of Public Works.

So let's sing the praises for Armory Facility Manager Dave Gigliotti (l) and volunteer Bob Veidt, President of the Bel Air Community Band.



MARCH

Saturday 26
ROCKFIELD MANOR'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
 501 E. Churchville Road, 11:00 a.m.
 Grab a basket and get to Rockfield Manor for this fun family event. Free parking; \$5 per family

APRIL

Saturday 2
SPRING FASHION SHOW: IN YOUR EASTER BONNET
 Historical Society of Harford County, Inc., 143 N. Main Street, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 A unique fashion show at the newly refurbished Historical Society, featuring spring fashions from several local boutiques including *Tiger Lily*, *Joseph's Department Store*, *K & B Bridal* and *Urban Pearl*. Admission \$20 includes refreshments. 410-838-7691

Sunday 10
HERBS AND PLANTS USED IN COLONIAL MEDICINE WITH DOCTOR BARTON TABBS
 Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Avenue, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 A portrayal by history interpreter Gary DePaolo. Visitors will learn about medicinal herbs and plants used in the 18th century. Admission: Adults - \$5; Students & Seniors - \$3; Children under 4: free. Sponsor: Historical Society of Harford County. 410-838-7691

Sunday 10
ROCKFIELD MANOR'S CELEBRATION OPEN HOUSE
 501 E. Churchville Road
 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Planning a wedding or a celebration? Join us as we open our doors so you can enjoy beautiful Rockfield Manor. Open to the public. Admission: Free.

Tuesday 12
BROWN BAG LUNCH
 Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 Learn about the art of spinning and caring for cherished gowns, clothes and materials. Free. 410-838-7691

Thursday 14 – Saturday 16
BEL AIR HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL: *The Little Mermaid*
 100 Heighe Street. All show times are 7:00 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on the 16th. Tickets are \$10 in advance at www.belairdrama.org or \$12 at the door.

Saturday 16
KITE FESTIVAL
 Rockfield Park ball fields, E. Churchville Road and S. Shamrock Road, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Kite flying for kids of all ages. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and APG Federal Credit Union. Free. Rain Date: Sunday April 17. 410-638-4550

Saturday 16
12TH ANNUAL A NIGHT IN PARADISE
 Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street. 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm.
 Enjoy live music, shrimp feast and bull roast. All proceeds benefit the community. Sponsor: The Greater Bel Air Community Foundation, Inc. The Foundation raises funds for capital improvement projects in the Bel Air community. For tickets and information on how to support the Foundation, visit www.gbacf.com or call 410-879-9292 or 410-836-6366

Saturday 23
3rd ANNUAL SPRING FLING BIG BAND DANCE
 Bel Air Armory, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 Live big band dance music by the Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble. Food and beverages available for sale. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air, Harford County Cultural Arts Board and the Maryland State Arts Council. 410-638-5323

Sunday 24
HAYS HOUSE MUSEUM
 324 Kenmore Avenue,
 Open 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 410-838-7691

Sunday 24
HANDS ACROSS THE SEA
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1200 Churchville Road, 3:00 p.m.
 Journey with the Harford Choral Society to explore choral “cross-pollination” between the U.S. and the British Isles. Hear *Alice in Wonderland* set by an American, Walt Whitman heard through British ears, an Australian-American's gorgeous version of *Danny Boy* and much more. Admission: \$25 adult, \$20 senior, \$10 student, under 12 free. Prices discounted for online and pre-concert purchase. www.harfordchoralsociety.org 410-734-7974

Sunday 24 – Sunday June 5 (Sundays only)
NAUTICAL AND AEROSPACE ILLUSTRATIONS BY NATE OSTROW
 Liriodendron Gallery, 502 W. Gordon Street, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Nautical paintings of U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard ships along with aerospace artwork of military aircraft. Admission: Free. 410-879-4424

Friday April 29 – Sunday June 26
DWELLINGS
 Harford Artists Gallery, 503 E. Churchville Road (located in the cottage next to Rockfield Manor) Friday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Local paintings, photography, pottery and jewelry, Reception Saturday May 14th, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
www.artinharford.org, 410-420-9499

MAY

Sunday 1
BEL AIR COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
 Bel Air High School, 100 Heighe Street, 3:00 p.m. Popular seasonal music by our own 85-member concert band. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Admission: Free

Thursdays 5, 12, 19 & 26
ROCKING CHAIR STORY TIME
 Rockfield Manor, 501 E. Churchville Road, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 Each Thursday, local officials and celebrities will read stories to children age 5 and under. Admission: Free. Registration required. www.rockfieldmanor.com/events or call



BEL AIR garden mart

Friday, May 6, 2016
 9am to 1pm
 Courthouse Square

• Plants • Baked Goods • Crafts •
 Matt Kincke, Singer & Acoustic Guitar

The Garden Mart dates to 1927 when the first 'Flower' Mart earned 134 dollars with most donated to the library for beautification. Harford County and Bel Air have been helped through the generosity of various local garden clubs through this event sponsored by:

Town of Bel Air Appearance & Beautification Committee
 Country Garden Club
 Evergreen Garden Club
 Friendship Garden Club

Friday 6

FIRST FRIDAY

Downtown Parking Lot (next to Main Street Tower Restaurant), 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Harford County's best block party with local live music, beer and wine, food vendors and more!

www.downtownbelair.com for details all season.

Saturday 7

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES

Bel Air Armory, 11:00 a.m. Cultural performances, ethnic foods, artisans and more. 6:00 p.m. Latin Dance. This family-oriented event celebrates the various cultures/ethnicities that call Harford County home. Share traditions through music, dance, youth/family activities and crafts. Sponsor: Harford County Department of Community Services' Human Relations Commission. Most of the activities of the day are free. 410-836-0333

Tuesday 10

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Betsy Lehmann and Kathy Scholl will show how to care for cherished gowns, clothes and materials. Free. 410-838-7691

Friday 13

LUNCHTIME CONCERT: The Favorites

Office Street near the Courthouse
Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunchtime concert with food vendors available and tables and chairs provided. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. www.belairmd.org. 410-638-4550

Friday 20

LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Regents of Jazz

Office Street near the Courthouse. Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunchtime concert with food vendors available and tables and chairs provided. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. www.belairmd.org. 410-638-4550

May 22

RECREATING THE 1814 KITCHEN

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

Join retired builder Vic Miller to learn the mysteries of restoring and preserving historic buildings as he describes the process and research involved in recreating the Hays House kitchen.

Admission: Adults - \$5, Students & Seniors - \$3, Children under 4; Free. Sponsor: Historical Society of Harford County. 410-838-7691

Friday 27

LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Dennis Schocket

Office Street near the Courthouse. Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunchtime concert with food vendors available and tables and chairs provided. Admission: Free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. www.belairmd.org. 410-638-4550

Monday 30

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Shamrock Park Band Shell, Lee Way and Hickory Avenue, 10:30 a.m. Ceremony honoring deceased veterans. Free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and American Legion Harford Post #39. Free. 410-303-8138

JUNE

Friday 3

FIRST FRIDAY

Downtown Parking Lot (next to Main Street Tower Restaurant), 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Harford County's best block party is Bel Air Downtown Alliance's First Fridays with local live music, beer and wine, food vendors and more! Follow them on Twitter and Facebook for up-to-the-minute information. Visit www.downtownbelair.com for details all season.

Saturday 4

FLAG DAY

Shamrock Park (behind Town Hall), 8:00 a.m. Join us for our annual tradition of commemorating the American Flag. Along with an inspiring keynote speaker and Color Guard presentation, enjoy patriotic music in honor of everything our flag represents. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. 410-638-4550

Saturday 4

BEACH BUM BOOK SALE

Bel Air Library, 100 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Children's and paperback books. Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library. 410-838-3151

Saturday 4

SUMMER LECTURE AND TEA

The Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street, 2:00 p.m.

Learn about people in Bel Air, past and present, who have memorable stories and accomplishments. Presented by *Legendary Locals of Bel Air* authors Carol Deibel and Kathi Santora. 410-838-7691

Sunday 5

36TH ANNUAL BEL AIR TOWN RUN

Downtown Bel Air, 8:00 a.m. A 5K foot race and a 1-mile walk through the town starting on Main Street and ending at Shamrock Park, behind Town Hall. Sponsor: RASAC. See www.belairtownrun.com for more information. 410-652-9974

Sunday 5

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra
Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park, 7:00 p.m. Outdoor concerts in Shamrock Park, featuring outstanding local musicians. Bring a picnic dinner and chair or blanket. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air through the Bel Air Recreation Committee. No rain date for this performance. Admission: Free. 410-803-9784

Sunday 5

THE STORY OF SALT GLAZE POTTERY

Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Avenue, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Expert and collector Kim Little will describe the development of salt glaze pottery and share the highlights of her collection. Admission: Adults - \$5, Students & Seniors - \$3, Children under 4; Free. Sponsor: Historical Society of Harford County. 410-838-7691



For up-to-the-minute details on all events, visit www.belairmd.org.

The sign above the front door at the Bel Air Colored High School historical site reads: "In memory of the Hannah E. Moore Family." How many who walk or drive by know the important role that Hannah Moore played in Bel Air?

The fact that Hannah Moore was a business owner, landlord, community icon and education trailblazer in the early 20th century was all the more remarkable because she was an African American woman with a grade school education.

Hannah and Stephen Moore, Sr. owned a general store on Bond Street (roughly where Courtland Hardware is now located) at a time when Bel Air's African Americans had few shopping options. The store was such a fundamental piece of the community that it may not have had a formal name. Later, seeing that neighbors had few places to socialize outside of home and church, the couple built an adjacent restaurant that came to be known as "Hannah Moore's Beer Garden" or, to regulars, "The Place."

Hannah was a formidable force, says her grandson Stephen Moore III, who recalls her as savvy, smart, gruff, generous and hard-working. Few knew that she quietly stashed away a good portion of her profits. Hannah understood that both land ownership and education were keys to a sound future. She purchased land and properties surrounding her businesses. Concerned that African American children had no educational options after eighth grade, she approached School Superintendent C. Milton Wright with an offer: she would donate land to start the Bel Air Colored High School. The Rosenwald Fund, a national philanthropic group dedicated to furthering education for African Americans, matched her donation. Today, the Historic Bel Air Colored High School remains at 205 Hays Street and is the current home for Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna.

All of Hannah and Stephen Moore's six children attended higher education and pursued professional careers. With little fanfare, Hannah left a remarkable legacy that exists to this day.

There are historical sites throughout Bel Air. A free booklet that guides you on two Bel Air driving or walking tours is available at Town Hall, the Armory Visitors Center or at the Planning Department at 705 E. Churchville Rd.



Take a drive or walk through Bel Air history

Bel Air



Tour Map of Our Historic Town

BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOODS WALKING TOUR
BEL AIR NEIGHBORHOODS DRIVING TOUR

Though devastated, our community remains safe thanks to two police heroes

By Town Administrator Jesse Bane

What many of us thought would probably never really happen in quiet Harford County did happen. And it sent us reeling.

On Wednesday morning, February 10, two men put on the uniform of the Harford County Sheriff's Office as they prepared for "another day at the office." By day's end, all of Harford County mourned their deaths and their passing brought a proud and great county to its knees.

Pat Dailey and Mark Logsdon were not strangers to our Town. Both of them worked out of offices on our Main Street. And our Town officers knew them well, for the men and women of the Bel Air Police Department share a special bond with the men and women of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

I choose not to recount the events of February 10 that led to the deaths of Senior Deputy Pat Dailey and Deputy First Class (also Senior Deputy) Mark Logsdon. A great deal has already been written about that day.

Instead, I want to say that, because of their sacrifices, Bel Air is a better place, and we as a Town and a county are more united than we have ever been. How fortunate we are to be served by men like Pat and Mark. And how unfortunate it is that it took their deaths for us to even fully understand that they represent that thin blue line that separates us from total anarchy.



Photo courtesy of Bel Air Downtown Alliance

We now add two more names to our list of heroes. Their names will forever be etched in the history of this great Town and county. And we owe a debt of gratitude to the families of Pat and Mark. Their loss is even greater than ours. And, to the deputies and their families as they grieve the loss of their fallen brothers, we owe them a debt of gratitude, for it takes great courage and devotion to continue to wear the star and return to our mean streets, knowing even more today than ever, that one day they, too, may have to answer the final call to keep our Town and our county safe.

As I reflect on the events of those days, I am reminded of a line from a song of my youth: "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone . . ." It took the deaths of Patrick Dailey and Mark Logsdon for us to really realize how great and important it is to have men and women willing to sacrifice their lives to keep us and our families safe.

In closing, I thank the citizens and businesses of our Town and Harford County for their tremendous support of our law enforcement community, and for your expressions of gratitude and grief for the sacrifices of two of our finest. I doubt that you realize how comforting it is to those who wear the uniform at a time in our history when the respect for law enforcement officers has reached an all-time low.

Your expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness have let them know that you really do care.

Capital campaign, volunteers build today's Historical Society of Harford County



The Historical Society of Harford County is halfway to the goal of refurbishing its headquarters, the site of the former Bel Air Post Office, to its former period glory.

The original building was constructed in 1937 as part of the Works Progress Administration during the Depression. By 1963, the facility was in the very midst of surrounding population growth and suburbanization. At that time, a major expansion and modernization included a new boiler, air conditioning and lighting.

Time passed and the county continued to grow. In 1990, the Postal Service declared the Bel Air facility obsolete and eventually transferred the building to Harford County, who deeded the property to the Historical Society in 1994.

Since that time, only essential repairs have been made. By 2014, it became obvious that the Society could no longer use stopgap measures to maintain the building.

The Board of Trustees authorized a major capital campaign, recognizing that the cost to address the known issues would be a minimum of \$500,000.

To date, the Society has overseen masonry and roof repairs, asbestos removal, heating system replacement, upgraded electrical and lighting systems, painting, technology upgrades and increased accessibility in a restroom.

The most visible projects waiting for repair in the near future include on the outside: exterior scraping and painting, window restoration and a parking lot upgrade.

The Society has raised \$300,000 through cash donations, grants, a bond bill and special events.

Harford's history lovers can help with cash donations, including the Society in estate planning and by attending special events. Learn more at www.harfordhistory.net or call (410) 838-7691.

On Saturday April 2, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. HSHC will partner with Tiger Lily, Urban Pearl, Olivia's consignment shop, Joseph's Department Store and K & B Bridals to present *In Your Easter Bonnet*, a fashion show of the latest in local clothing and accessories. Tickets are \$20.

On July 16, all are invited to the *Down Yonders Reunion and Blue Grass Festival*. The "Down Yonders" was the nickname given to all those people who migrated here from the South during the Depression era. Two buses a day ran between Harford County and Ashe County, N.C. in the 1930s. These families changed the complexion of Harford County. Many became highly successful in numerous endeavors. Follow the Society on Facebook or call for details as they evolve.

JOIN THE ALLIANCE!

AND CELEBRATE AT OUR MANY EVENTS

- MD State BBQ Bash
- First Fridays
- Outdoor Movies
- Chocolate & Candy Festival
- Girls Night Out
- Holidays on Main

\$15 FOR OUR 15TH YEAR

Friends & Family Memberships

Special Discounted Price
to Celebrate Our 15 Years

BE A PART OF IT!

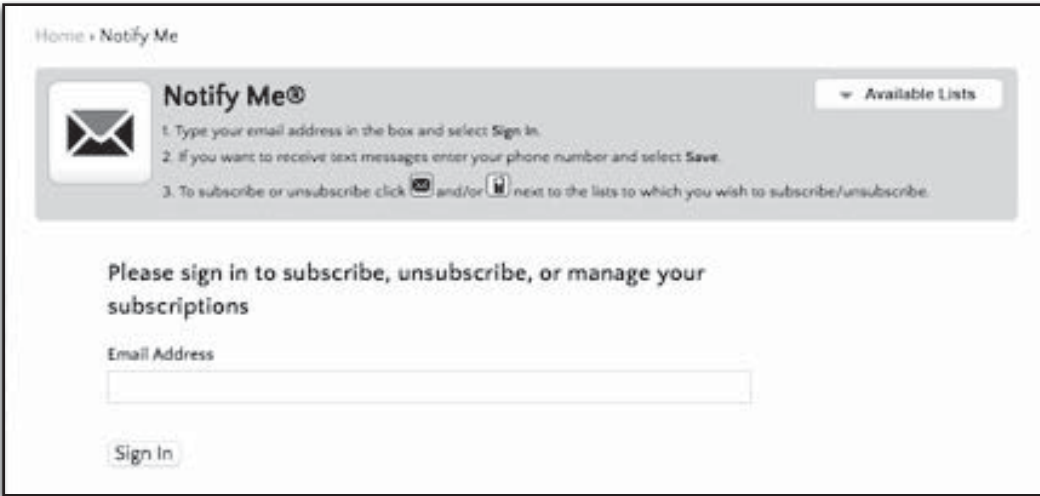


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WWW.DOWNTOWNBELAIR.COM





Whether it's a compliment, complaint or concern, one of the fastest ways to proceed is to go online to the Town of Bel Air web site. If you have yet to sign up, it's easy as shown in the image above.

Go to www.belairmd.org and click on "Notify Me." You can then select the types of Town notices that you prefer to receive.

From the home page, you can also click on "Submit a Request" and direct your comments to the department that handles the issue at hand.

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 Charles Moore, 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>



When you see the volunteers from the Town of Bel Air Appearance & Beautification Committee around Town this spring, give them a shout out. Because of them (and the ongoing watering and maintenance from the Department of Public Works), Bel Air will once again feature an array of lush hanging baskets and colorful sidewalk gardens.

The Committee members are (l to r): Peggy Lucas, Sue McCue, Sue Niewenhou, Christa Egerland, Bonnie Bailey, Reg Traband. Standing Steve Kline, Director of Public Works and Rob Preston, Board of Town Commissioners.

Let's hear from you

Please attend the
Town Comprehensive Plan Update



Suggestions, comments, concerns

Wednesday, March 23

6:00pm in the Town Hall

located at 39 N. Hickory Avenue next to the Bel Air Library

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