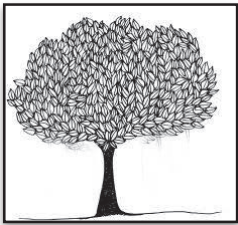


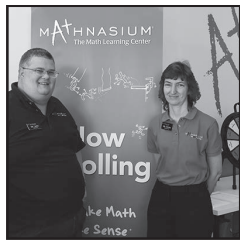


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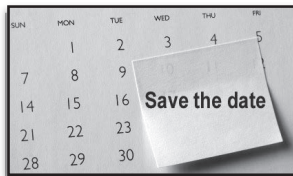
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BEL AIR

## Bel Air's historic properties combine a sense of past with today's lifestyles

It was 1983 and Steve and Karen Chizmar, engaged to be married, sat in the back of a real estate agent's high-end car while house hunting. The couple, both Bel Air natives, recall that friends were buying sparkling new homes in Bel Air and Abingdon's newest suburban developments. Somehow, though, those neighborhoods didn't speak to them.

Instead, Karen's mother told them about the 1926 house located on the street known as Broadway within the Town of Bel Air boundaries. The windows were broken, there was graffiti on the walls and a piece of plywood covered a hole in the porch where previous tenants had started a fire with a hibachi. Still, the street was quiet and tree-shaded (Broadway was still a dead-end at the time) and surrounded by unique homes. The couple saw their future.



Karen and Steve Chizmar

Today, the Chizmars' home, one of the jewels of the street, is among about 50 designated historic properties by the Town of Bel Air's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The five members of the HPC meet monthly to recommend historic designation of eligible homes or businesses. They also review proposed plans for renovation, additions or demolition of designated historic sites. **(Cont. P. 3)**

Dear Neighbors:

Town Commissioners couldn't have known at the time, but the partnership agreement they signed in 2014 designating Narva, Estonia as our sister city propelled Bel Air onto the world stage. In late May, our town was in the spotlight when Narva's Mayor and Deputy Mayor visited Bel Air.

Having come to Washington, D.C., to attend a conference of the Joint Baltic American National Council, Mayor Tarmo Tammiste and Deputy Mayor Slava Konovalov included Bel Air in their itinerary. Their three-day visit continued the exchange of ideas, culture, technology, medicine and education. Bel Air officials accompanied the dignitaries on a whirlwind tour of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, Harford Community College, Harford Artists Association, Liriodendron and the Bel Air branch of the Harford County Public Library.

On Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bel Air hosted a reception as dignitaries from the State, the Military and Harford County gathered at Rockfield Manor to welcome them. Later, a crowd gathered at Harford Community College to enjoy a panel discussion of *Life on the Russian Border* that included a dialogue with our guests as well as representatives from the Estonian Embassy and the Joint Baltic American National Committee.

Upon his return to Estonia, the Mayor quickly thanked us for the hospitality. He could not have been more complimentary of our Town and its people.

We are excited for the future of our Town as we continue to grow this partnership. I want to thank the Bel Air-Narva Sister City Partnership Committee for the hard work that went into making all this possible. Here is yet another opportunity for anyone who is interested in volunteering for the Town. There is much work still to be done. If interested, drop us a line or visit us at Town Hall.



**Susan Burdette, Mayor of Bel Air**

Over 100 local dignitaries welcomed the visitors from Narva with gifts and proclamations. Left to right: Brendan Hopkins (Commissioner), Susan Burdette (Mayor), Tarmo Tammiste (Mayor of Narva), Slava Konovalov (Deputy Mayor of Narva), Dr. Rob Reier (former Mayor of Bel Air) and Eddie Hopkins (former Commissioner of Bel Air). Photo by Sergeant Jim Lockard, Bel Air Police Department



**Board of Town Commissioners**



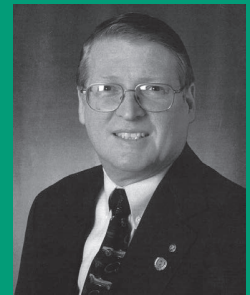
**Susan U. Burdette**



**Philip L. Einhorn**



**Brendan P. Hopkins**



**Robert M. Preston**



**Patrick T. Richards**

**On the cover:**

The Historical Society of Harford County continues the work of restoring its headquarters (the former Bel Air US Post Office) to its original 1936 design.

Thanks to grants from the Main Street Facade Improvement program (administered by the Town of Bel Air and the Bel Air Downtown Alliance) and Preservation Maryland's Heritage Fund, contractors are restoring wood trim and removing the deteriorating and non-historic airlock that covered the front door. This exposes the original Palladian-style arch window above the front door. The Bel Air Community Foundation also contributed funds, which will be used toward the eventual restoration of the building's windows.

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“Some people may be apprehensive about the role of a historic preservation committee,” says Karen. “But our experience is that the HPC is helpful and flexible. There is a lot of knowledge on that committee.”

Jennifer Mainster-Hanna, a real estate appraiser and the current HPC chairperson, agrees. “All of the members either live in a historic house or work in a historic building. They have been architects, appraisers, historic preservationists, real estate attorneys, real estate industry specialists and construction experts.”

While acknowledging the value of the land underneath any historic property, Mainster-Hanna and the HPC see them as more than just outmoded buildings. “Taking down buildings without looking at their significance causes a town to lose its sense of history and culture.”

Mainster-Hanna adds that, as opposed to some of the country’s designated historic areas, HPC oversight is confined to the exterior of the building’s street view side, though the committee’s experts are happy to help owners with advice for interior and exterior updates. In addition, part of the committee’s responsibility is to approve Town tax credits for exterior improvements and updates.

Homes and buildings that are 50 years old and located in Town are eligible for consideration as historic properties. Most homes in the Howard Park neighborhood are at or near this age, bringing into focus a new generation of housing styles for consideration.

Mainster-Hanna notes that many Howard Park homes have already undergone renovations: “The neighborhood itself is significant because it was constructed in response to the World War II housing shortage.”

For people who love old houses as the Chizmars do, preserving that sense of past is the reward for untold hours spent scraping, demolishing and repositioning walls, restoring original windows and the countless other tasks that have filled their time over the past 34 years.

Even with the advantage of tax credits, the Chizmars note that restoring old structures can seem expensive to new owners. “Vinyl siding is cheaper than wood siding, no doubt,” says Steve. “However, if you are going to be in a house for the long run, you will probably have to replace windows and siding more than once. Houses from the earlier part of the century were constructed with high quality wood that can often be restored, rather than replaced over and over again.”

Over the years, the house with hibachi-burned porch that they saw in 1983 has become their lifetime home. Their children are almost grown, but the couple has no plans to “downsize” as do many in their generation. Their neighbors have become as important to them as the house.

“People who renovate houses tend to be outside a lot,” says Steve. “A real sense of neighborhood develops.”



The Chizmar's home in 1983

## Community Collection

FOR A CAUSE

**9am to 1pm, Saturday, September 23**  
at the Bel Air High School Parking Lot

Find a new home for your unwanted things and do your part to help save resources for the next generation. Contributors are invited to bring a single car load consisting only of items outlined below for recycling, refurbishment or reuse

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|----------|-------------|---------------|
| Bicycles | Textiles    | Sporting Gear |
| Books    | Eye Glasses | Electronics   |
| Shoes    | Toys        | Cell Phones   |

ALSO DOCUMENT SHREDDING!!!

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## Count on Mathnasium when math gets tough

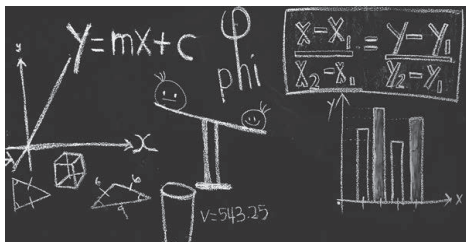
There is a reason why Mathnasium, the name of the mathematics tutoring center that recently opened in Bel Air Town Center, sounds so much like the word “gymnasium,” says its director, John Cole.

“There are a lot of similarities to a gym in the way we operate,” he says. “Our membership is an open one. Families pay a flat monthly fee and children can attend as much as they want for an hour at a time.” What’s more, he adds that each child will get a personalized assessment and remediation plan focused on the mental muscles that need training, much in the way of a personal trainer at a gym.

Mathnasium, a nationwide franchise that Cole and his wife, Donna, opened in April, provides individualized and small group tutoring for children in kindergarten through high school. Cole says that his center has already attracted students with a wide range of ages and abilities.



Enrollment is building at Mathnasium, a learning center operated by John & Donna Cole in Bel Air Town Center.



“Most students come because they are behind or needing help. However, we also have students in enrichment classes who want to do better or get into a parochial school or elite college,” he says.

Fractions, decimals and word problems are the three areas that challenge students, say the couple. “We get a lot of middle school students,” says Cole. “They are coming up on Algebra, which is a combination of all of those concepts.”

John and Donna Cole, who live in Dundalk, bring complementing skills to Mathnasium. John worked for a communications company in sales and marketing; Donna worked for 30 years as a tutor for the Community College of Baltimore. They chose Bel Air due to its small-town atmosphere and close proximity to a range of schools.

Mathnasium is open all year. Fees depend on the school level of the child and range from about \$249 - \$349 a month, depending on the payment plan selected.

An advertisement for the CarFit program. It features a photo of two elderly people in a car. Text includes: "Let us help you discover your PERFECT FIT.", "CARFit Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit", and "ALSO REGISTER FOR A FREE CHILD CAR SEAT FITTING. CALL HEALTHLINK 1-800-515-0044". It lists benefits like reaching shoulder harness, getting in/out of the vehicle, and safe distance from air bags.

 An advertisement for Harford County's "Healthy Parks Healthy People 2017" initiative. It lists several events:
 

- MAY 6, SATURDAY KIDS KICKOFF**: Annie's Playground - Fallston, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- JUNE 13, TUESDAY CARIBBEAN VIBES**: Mariner Point Park - Joppa, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- JULY 11, TUESDAY BRAIN STRENGTH**: Veterans Park - Havre de Grace, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- AUGUST 8, TUESDAY BIKING**: Susquehanna State Park - Havre de Grace, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- SEPTEMBER 30, SATURDAY NATURE**: Anita Leight Estuary Center - Abingdon, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- OCTOBER 7, SATURDAY RUNNING**: Cedar Lane Park - Bel Air, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

 Logos for Harford County, University of Maryland, and Public Health are included.

## Bel Air Police Department Corporal Gullion combines law enforcement skills and compassion

The Bel Air Moose Family Center recently honored Bel Air Police Department Corporal Matthew Gullion for exceptional performance throughout his 15-year career with the Bel Air Police Department.

“Corporal Gullion has made many important arrests, especially in several high-visibility shoplifting and theft cases,” said Police Chief Charles Moore. “However, during his career with us, he has also developed very essential critical intervention techniques. He is the go-to officer when a compassionate response is needed for both officers as well as residents who have experienced tragedies.”

Guillion assisted with interventions with first responders and witnesses of the shooting deaths of Harford County Deputy Sheriffs Patrick Daily and Mark Logsdon and after a fatal car accident that took place in the Town of Bel Air.

“Corporal Gullion’s ability is not limited solely to psychological well-being,” adds Moore. “Throughout 2016, Gullion was the highest producing patrol corporal in the Department. He issued more than 100 citations, warnings and safety equipment repair orders. When appropriate, he uses citations, which reflect his commitment to fair, but firm, traffic safety oversight.”

Corporal Gullion’s quick response also saved the life of an individual who had a medical emergency during an arrest. He recognized the symptoms of a life-threatening incident and performed cardio pulmonary resuscitation.

In September 2016, Corporal Gullion was transferred to the BAPD Criminal Investigation Section, based on his superior performances and excellent communication skills. Shortly after that, he became the primary investigator of a shoplifting ring and his efforts resulted in multiple arrests.

Corporal Gullian and his wife, Tamara, have three daughters. In addition to his policing duties, Corporal Gullion is earning a Masters of Divinity in Leadership Studies at the Capital Seminary/Graduate School in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He plans to apply these additional skills to his law enforcement career.



**Top photo:** Those honored by the Moose Family Center were: (Left to right) Harford County Emergency Operations Center Public Safety Dispatcher Britney Kane; Maryland Department Natural Resources Police (assigned to Harford County) Officer First Class Veronica Bruns; Harford County Sheriff’s Office Senior Deputy Khalid Mitchell; Maryland State Police (Bel Air Barrack) Trooper First Class Eric Spessato; Maryland Transportation Authority Police (assigned to Hatem Bridge, Havre de Grace) Officer First Class George Grossnickle; Bel Air Police Department Corporal Matthew Gullion.

**Bottom photo:** Bel Air Police Department Corporal Matthew Gullion with his wife Tamara and children

Each year, the Bel Air Moose Family Center #1952 sponsors Public Safety Recognition Night and honors local first responders who have demonstrated high caliber performance and/or meritorious actions. The center is located at 310 E. Jarrettsville Road in Forest Hill.

Frequently visited venues

**Bel Air Armory**  
37 N. Main St.

**Harford County Public Library, Bel Air**  
100 E. Pennsylvania Ave.

**Harford Artists Gallery at Armory**  
Marketplace  
37 N. Main St. Suite #104

**Humbert Amphitheater**  
Shamrock Park at Lee & Hickory Avenues

**Hays House Museum**  
324 Kenmore Ave.

**Historical Society of Harford County**  
143 N. Main St.

**Liriodendron Gallery**  
502 W Gordon St.

**Rockfield Manor**  
501 E. Churchville Rd.

JUNE

Through July 12  
**AN EXHIBIT OF HOPI INDIAN STYLE KACHINA DOLLS**  
Liriodendron Gallery  
Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and  
Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.,  
410-879-4424

Through Sunday July 16  
**THE SPIRIT OF PLACE: A COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS PAST AND PRESENT**  
Liriodendron Gallery  
John Sauers' watercolors and drawings depict Harford County and his original home in Whitetop, Virginia.  
Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and  
Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.,  
410-879-4424

Saturday 24  
**ANNUAL YARD SALE**  
The Historical Society of Harford County,  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Hunt for bargains: furniture, books, clothing, kitchen items and artwork.  
410-838-7691

Sunday 25  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Baltimore Symphonic Band**  
Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Wednesday 28  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: U.S. Navy Band Commodores**  
Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Thursday 29 - Sunday August 27  
**HARFORD COUNTY SCENES**  
Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace  
Gallery show by local artists. Reception July 8, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. [www.artinharford.org](http://www.artinharford.org). 410-420-9499

JULY

Sunday 2  
**THE BELLE AIRE MARKET**  
Office Street. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
A seasonal open air market that evokes feelings of a Parisian bazaar.  
[www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

Sunday 2  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble**  
Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Tuesday 4  
**FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN THE TOWN OF BEL AIR**  
An all-day old-fashioned patriotic celebration with fun, patriotic and participatory events for the whole family. The day begins with flag-raising at 6:45 a.m. at Bel Air High School followed by a pancake breakfast. There will be horseshoe pitching, watermelon eating, costume contests, Uncle Sam Says games and more. Bicycle rodeo takes place at Bel Air Elementary School.

The **GRAND PARADE** starts at 6:00 p.m. on Main Street, followed by fireworks over Rockfield Park at about 9:30 p.m. All events open to the public and free, except pancake breakfast. Souvenirs and vendors available throughout the day. Sponsor: Bel Air Independence Day Committee, Inc., [www.belairjuly4.org](http://www.belairjuly4.org). 410-893-4444

Tuesday 4  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY OPEN HOUSE**  
Hays House, 324 Kenmore Avenue  
9:00 a.m. – Noon  
Tour the 1788 house with costumed reenactors. Music by Catherine Street Consort. Free. 410-838-7691

Wednesday 5  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: 229th National Guard Band**  
Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

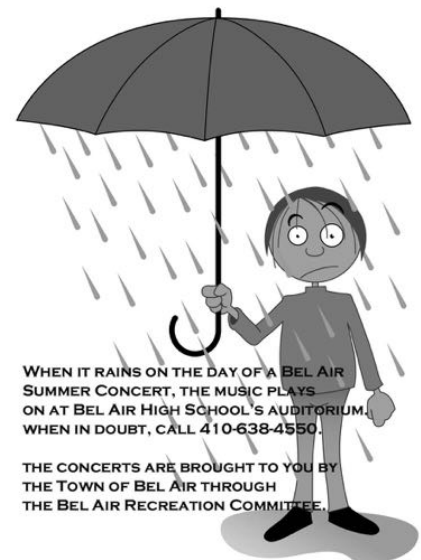
Friday 7  
**FIRST FRIDAY**  
Downtown Parking Lot (north of County Sheriff's Office), 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Harford County's best block party. Local live music, beer and wine and food vendors. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com).

Sunday 9  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Upper Chesapeake Chorus**  
Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Tuesday 11  
**BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: WINERIES OF HARFORD**  
Historical Society of Harford County,  
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Bring lunch and enjoy the story of Harford County's wine industry from its early days to now. Free. 410-838-7691

Wednesday 12  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Blues in the Night Big Band**  
Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Friday 14  
**SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: Minions**  
Shamrock Park (Lee Street and Hickory Avenue) 7:15 p.m. (movie at sunset.) A fun and free movie night under the stars. Pre-movie entertainment provided by Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission.  
[www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)



Sunday 16  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Wednesday 19  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: The Borowsky Family and Intermuse Festival**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Sunday 23  
**ARCHAEOLOGY DISPLAY & DEMONSTRATION**  
 Hays House, 324 Kenmore Avenue  
 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Display and demonstration by the Northern Chesapeake Archaeology Society. Adults \$5, Seniors & Students \$3; Under 4 Free. 410-838-7691

Sunday 23 – Sunday September 3  
**ARTISTIC INFLUENCE: A RETROSPECTIVE LOOK AT THE WORK OF THE LATE CAROL WOLOSIK AND THE FAMILY ARTISTS SHE INSPIRED**  
 The Liriodendron Gallery  
 Enjoy the mixed media work of the late Carol Wolosik, daughter, Heather Lee Wolosik Braun and granddaughter, Lydia Wolosik Braun. Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 410-879-4424

Sunday 23  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Duke Thompson & Friends**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Monday 24 – Saturday 29  
**30th ANNUAL HARFORD COUNTY FARM FAIR**  
 Harford County Equestrian Center  
 The Farm Fair celebrates Harford County agriculture and highlights 4-H and FFA programs as well as the community's skills and talents.

Includes animal exhibits, children's games, a carnival, truck and tractor pulls, the Artisans Village with local crafters. Many commercial and civic vendors. 410-838-8663 or [www.farmfair.org](http://www.farmfair.org).

Wednesday 26  
**HARFORD YOUTH JAZZ ENSEMBLE**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Friday 28  
**SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: Storks**  
 Shamrock Park (Lee Street and Hickory Avenue) 7:15 p.m. (movie starts at sunset.) A fun and free movie night under the stars. Pre-movie entertainment provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com).

Sunday 30  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Maryland Defense Force Band**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

**AUGUST**

Wednesday 2  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Regents of Jazz**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Friday 4  
**FIRST FRIDAY**  
 Downtown Parking Lot (north of County Sheriff's Office), 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
 Harford County's best block party. Local live music, beer and wine and food vendors. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com).

Sunday 6  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Don McAvoy & the Great Whatever**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Tuesday 8  
**BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES – ARCHEOLOGY IN THE NORTHERN CHESAPEAKE**  
 Historical Society of Harford County,  
 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
 Bring lunch and learn about the amazing archeological digs in Harford County, their treasures and stories. Artifacts from prehistoric days to colonial times will be on display. Free. 410-838-7691

Wednesday 9  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Friday 11  
**ROLL OUT THE BARREL**  
 143 Thomas St. 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 A premium bourbon and cigar event in conjunction with the MD State BBQ Bash. *Roll Out the Barrel* is an exclusive tasting event featuring prestigious bourbons from over a dozen distillers and a catered dinner by One Eleven Main. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com).

Friday 11 – Saturday 12  
**16th ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE BBQ BASH**  
 Bond and Thomas Streets. Friday 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Saturday Noon – 10:00 p.m. The BBQ Bash, brought to you by *Visit Harford*, features top quality BBQ, live music, sponsor displays, crafters, vendors, a Farmers Market, children's entertainment as well as Harford County's biggest and best beer and wine garden. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com).

Sunday 13  
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Philadelphia Freedom Chorus**  
 Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park,  
 7:00 p.m. Free. 410-638-4550

Thursday 17  
**GIRLS NIGHT OUT**  
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
 A night of shopping, discounts, food and drink specials in downtown Bel Air. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

Friday 18  
**SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: The Lego Batman Movie**  
 Shamrock Park (Lee Street and Hickory Avenue) 7:15 p.m. (movie starts at sunset.) A fun and free movie night under the stars. Pre-movie entertainment provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

Sunday 20  
**THE BELLE AIRE MARKET**  
 Office Street. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 A seasonal open air market that evokes feelings of a Parisian bazaar. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

Friday 25  
**SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: Finding Dory**  
 Shamrock Park (Lee Street and Hickory Avenue) 7:15 p.m. (movie starts at sunset.) A fun and free movie night under the stars. Pre-movie entertainment provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com).



Thursday 31 - Sunday October 29  
**PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION**  
 Harford Artists Gallery at Armory  
 Marketplace  
 Regional juried art show with awards.  
 Reception and awards September 9  
 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Gallery open  
 Thursday – Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00  
 p.m. www.artinharford.org,  
 410-420-9499

**SEPTEMBER**

Friday 1  
**LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Matt Kineke**  
 Office Street near the Courthouse.  
 Noon – 1:00 pm. Lunchtime concert with  
 food vendors available. Tables and  
 chairs provided. Sponsor: Town of Bel  
 Air. Free. www.belairmd.org  
 410-638-4550

Friday 1  
**FIRST FRIDAY**  
 Downtown Parking Lot (north of County  
 Sheriff's Office), 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
 Harford County's best block party. Local  
 live music, beer and wine and food  
 vendors. www.downtownbelair.com.

Friday 8  
**LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Regents of  
 Jazz**  
 Office Street near the Courthouse.  
 Noon – 1:00 pm.  
 Lunchtime concert with food vendors  
 available and tables and chairs provided.  
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Free.  
 www.belairmd.org. 410-638-4550

Friday 8 – Saturday 9  
**9th ANNUAL HOPE IN HANDBAGS**  
 Bel Air Armory  
 Friday, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., sneak  
 preview for first choice of handbags and  
 door prizes, plus complimentary food  
 and drink; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00  
 p.m. Silent purse auction and retail sale.  
 All donations & proceeds benefit Harford  
 Family House and assist families in  
 crises. 410-273-6700.

Friday, 15  
**BASKET BINGO**  
 Bel Air Armory  
 Join the Harford County Crime Solvers'  
 Annual Basket Bingo featuring  
 Longaberger Baskets. Food and drinks  
 available for purchase and, if available,  
 tickets can be purchased at the door.  
 Door prizes, special games and raffles.  
 Benefits Harford County Crime Solvers.  
 Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; games start at  
 7:00 p.m. For advance tickets, call  
 410-322-7994.

Friday 8 – Sunday 17  
**BEL AIR BEER WEEK**  
 A celebration of craft beer and brewing.  
 Local bars, restaurants, bottle shops,  
 and beer enthusiasts are working  
 together to support small breweries from  
 across the country, as well as our own  
 backyard, in an effort to involve and  
 educate members of our community.  
 www.downtownbelair.com for a list of  
 scheduled events.

Sunday 10  
**THE BELLE AIRE MARKET**  
 A seasonal open air market that evokes  
 feelings of a Parisian bazaar.  
 www.downtownbelair.com

Sunday 10 – Sunday October 15  
**REALISTIC ART: WORK BY  
 STUDENTS OF ARTIST CAROL LEE  
 THOMPSON**  
 The Liriodendron Gallery  
 This show of realistic art features the  
 work of over thirty students of artist Carol  
 Lee Thompson. Ranging from beginner  
 to advanced, the group meets weekly at  
 the Zoll Studio of Fine Art. Subjects are  
 predominately landscape and animals  
 done in oil. Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00  
 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. – 7:00  
 p.m. 410-879-4424

Friday 15  
**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.  
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Free.  
 www.belairmd.org. 410-638-4550

Sunday 17  
**BEL AIR FESTIVAL FOR THE ARTS**  
 Shamrock Park, 39 N. Hickory Avenue,  
 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 Over 350 artists, photographers, and  
 craftsmen from Maryland and nine other  
 states display hand-made arts,  
 photography and crafts. Continuous live  
 entertainment on the bandshell stage, as  
 well as roving entertainment. A wide  
 array of festival food will be available.

Proceeds of concession sales benefit  
 Bel Air Parks and Recreation. FREE  
 shuttle bus from MVA parking lot on Rt.  
 24 to the festival site from 9:30 a.m. –  
 5:30 p.m. Rain or shine. Sponsor: Bel Air  
 Parks and Recreation and Town of Bel  
 Air. Free. 443-616-6708

Monday 18  
**16th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC.**  
 Maryland Golf & Country Club  
 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
 Play golf and help The Greater Bel Air  
 Community Foundation, Inc. raise  
 money for improvements to standing  
 structures and playground renovations.  
 All proceeds benefit the community.  
 Sponsor: The Greater Bel Air Community  
 Foundation, Inc. For information on fees  
 and sponsorships, visit www.gbacf.com  
 or call 410-879-9292.



Friday 22  
**LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Bel Air High  
 School Jazz Ensemble**  
 Office Street near the Courthouse  
 Noon – 1:00 p.m.  
 Lunchtime concert with food vendors  
 available and tables and chairs provided.  
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Free.  
 www.belairmd.org. 410-638-4550

Sunday 24  
**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 early days of  
 our country. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Adults \$5, Students & Seniors \$3,  
 Children under 4 are Free.  
 410-838-7691

Saturday 30  
**12th ANNUAL HARFORD COUNTY  
 WINE FESTIVAL**  
 Rockfield Manor  
 Enjoy wines from around the world, food,  
 crafts and live entertainment. Quench  
 your thirst and hoist your stein in the  
 Oktoberfest Beer Garden. VIP area will  
 satisfy senses with samples of premium  
 wines and gourmet food from Pairings  
 Bistro. 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 www.harfordcountywinefest.com or  
 410-638-4565

Saturday 30  
**2nd ANNUAL HARFORD WOMEN'S  
 EXPO**  
 Bel Air Armory, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Live entertainment, speakers and  
 seminars, health and beauty, exercise  
 yoga and Zumba classes, food and  
 much more. Presented by Hardt  
 Promotions, Inc. of Bel Air.  
 410-688-4117.

When Frank Lopez joined the Bel Air Tree Committee in 1999, he never expected it to become a 20-year commitment. However, Lopez, a state forester in the Maryland Department of Natural Resources who supervises Harford and Cecil Counties, is not complaining: "I love Bel Air and love to talk with people about how to work with trees on their property." The Board of Town Commissioners recently approved Lopez's current term on the committee.



Lopez is one of five members of the Bel Air Tree Committee, all of whom have professional backgrounds or a serious interest in trees and how they fit into an area of neighborhoods, businesses and streets.

"Bel Air would look a lot different if not for the Tree Committee," says Bob Syphard, Senior Planner for the town and the committee liaison. "They help make the public rights-of-way more beautiful and environmentally sound. They also are able to help Town residents who have questions about trees in their neighborhoods and yards."

Lopez grew up in Johnston, Pennsylvania where, he says, the woods and mountain are right next to town. He spent much of his youth exploring. He feels that it was an omen that his high school, St. Francis Seminary, was named after the patron saint of animals and ecology. His fascination with the outdoors has remained a central part of his life and career.

Lopez believes that with the right knowledge, any homeowner can create a natural habitat. He has more than 40 species planted on his quarter-acre lot. For those who wish to learn more, he recommends the book *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglas W. Tallamy.

Committees & Commissions	Contact Us <a href="http://www.belairmd.org">www.belairmd.org</a>	Town Government
<p><b>Board of Town Commissioners</b> 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Planning Commission</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Board of Appeals</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Economic &amp; Community Development Commission</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Historic Preservation Commission</b> 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Appearance &amp; Beautification Commission</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Cultural Arts Commission</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., Armory Marketplace, Suite 105</p> <p><b>Tree Committee</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> 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><b>Town Administrator</b> Jesse Bane 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711</p> <p><b>Administration Department</b> Michael L. Krantz, Director 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711</p> <p><b>Finance Department</b> Lisa M. Moody, Director 410.638.4555 or 410.879.2712</p> <p><b>Economic Development Department</b> Trish Heidenreich, Director 410.838.0584</p> <p><b>Police Department</b> Charles Moore, Chief of Police 410-638-4518 or 410.638.4500</p> <p><b>Planning Department</b> Kevin Small, Director 410.638.4540 or 410.879.9500</p> <p><b>Public Works Department</b> Stephen D. Kline, Director 410.638.4536 or 410.879.9507</p> <p><b>Bel Air Bond Editor</b> Kathi Santora, The Writing Studio ksantora@gmail.com; 443.695.3345</p>

## 2017 ELECTION FOR TOWN OF BEL AIR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Election Date:** November 7, 2017

**Voting Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Voting Location:** Bel Air Town Hall, 39 N. Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD 21014

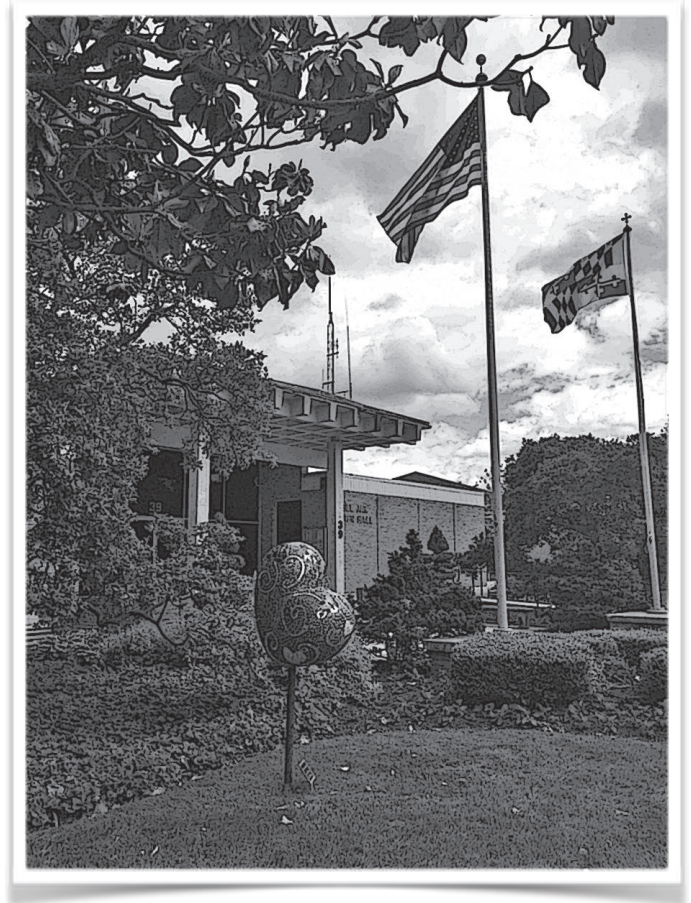
There are two seats on the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners that are up for election this year.

### 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 6, 2017 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 7, 2017 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 17, 2017 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; online at [www.harfordvotes.info](http://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 Maryland 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 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. by mail, or 11:59 p.m. by fax to (410) 638-3310 or email to [elections@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto: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.

## Bag it, can it. Just don't use plastic for yard waste come September 2017

By Steve Kline, Director Department of Public Works

Starting September 1, 2017, Town of Bel Air residents will no longer be permitted to use plastic bags for their yard waste collection. The reason that plastic bags will no longer be permitted is that the bags get ground up when they arrive at Scarborough Landfill to begin the mulching process. Efforts are made to remove the plastic but the process is imperfect and pieces of plastic bag remain in the mulch. When the mulch is recycled and placed back around gardens and trees, the residual plastic left in the mulch does not break down quickly and is not good for the environment.

Residents will be permitted to use large paper bags or trash cans to discard their yard waste after September 1, 2017. Paper bags sold specifically for yard waste use can be purchased at almost all hardware and grocery stores.

The Department of Public Works encourages all residents to "Grasscycle". Grasscycling is the process of allowing the grass clippings to sit on top of grass as a natural fertilizer after mowing your lawn rather than bagging it.

- **It saves time.** Grasscycling reduces mowing time by 40 percent and eliminates time handling and bagging clippings.
- **It saves money.** When you let clippings lie, you no longer spend money on disposal – for bags or curbside yard waste programs.
- **It saves fertilizer.** Clippings can cover up to 25 percent of your lawn's fertilizer needs. One hundred pounds of clippings can produce 3–4 pounds of nitrogen, one-half to 1 pound of phosphorus, and 2–3 pounds of potassium (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium are the main components of lawn fertilizer) Information on how to Grasscycle can be found on the Town's Website under Bagged Leaves and Grass Collection. Also, take advantage of the Town's Curbside loose Leaf removal each fall rather than bag.



The Town will continue to accept plastic bags until September 1, but encourage citizens to start changing from plastic bags earlier if possible.



Bel Air's retail and restaurant economy remains healthy in downtown and Business Rt. 1. A number of expansions and openings are slated for this year, including (above) the Tower Restaurant on Main Street.

# The 2017 Bel Air Independence Day Celebration: ONE from MANY — CELEBRATING the CREATION of the UNITED STATES!

Tuesday, July 4th, 2017 • Bel Air, Maryland

For full details, registration times and more information, please call (410) 893-4444  
or visit our web site at [www.BelAirJuly4.org](http://www.BelAirJuly4.org).



### At Bel Air High School

6:45 am: Flag Raising Ceremony

7:00-11:30 am: Blueberry Pan-  
cake and Sausage Breakfast

### 6:00 pm: Bel Air INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

- Begins at Idlewild & S. Main — Ends at N. Main & Gordon!
- Reviewing Stand at the County Office Building!

### At Rockfield Ball Park

- 8:00 am: Flag Ceremony
- 8:30 am: Horseshoe Pitching

### At the Hays House

- 8:45 am: Flag Ceremony
- 9:00 am - noon: Tours; Activities; Colonial Era Music



9:30 pm (approx.):

### Bel Air JULY 4 FIREWORKS DISPLAY over Rockfield Ball Park



### At Shamrock Park - Family Fun Activities!

- 8:45 am: Flag Ceremony
- 9:00 am - 12 noon: Face Painting
- 9:00 am: Water Balloon Toss
- 10:00 am: Costume Contest
- 11:00 am: Uncle Sam Says
- 11:00 am: Bicycle Rodeo  
(at Bel Air Elementary School)
- 11:30 am: Watermelon Eating  
(at Shamrock Park)



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