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Fly for free at Bel Air Kite Festival

One of the sure signs of spring, the Bel Air Kite Festival, takes place on Saturday, April 14 at Rockfield Park.

Allen Ault, 82 (at right with Evelyn Rossbach), helped establish the festival as a Town event in 2005. It is a day to share his life-long love of kite flying with Bel Air's residents and visitors.



His passion for the time-honored pastime seems to have caught on, based on growing attendance over the years.

"A small town of 10,000 people has about 1,500 people turn out for a kite fly," he says. Town officials say that there are close to 500 kites in the air throughout the day.

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Bel Air Kite Festival

Saturday, April 14
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Rockfield Park

Enjoy a day of family fun – free kites, great music and affordable food*

Rain date is April 15.
*While supplies last.

Dear neighbors:

Though each season brings something special to Bel Air, the springtime is an especially lovely time to be in town.

We start to see our neighbors outside, cleaning up their yards, porches and gardens. Talk turns to flowers and vegetables. If you don't have a planting space at home, consider renting a spot in the community garden at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. There are 70 sunny plots that are perfect for raising vegetables, herbs and fresh flowers.

If you don't have the time to garden, take heart. The Bel Air Farmers Market opens on Saturday, April 14, at its traditional location on the corner of Thomas and Bond Streets. The market has been a beloved part of Bel Air for 44 years. Vendors grow, raise or make everything on hand. In addition to fruits, produce and meats, there are bakers, cheese makers, wineries and pet specialties each week. It is a dog-friendly event, too!



Bel Air Farmers Market opens on April 14.

Spring and summer in Bel Air also bring an amazing collection of free concerts. Check the calendar for the dates and times of downtown lunchtime concerts, as well as the dates of our long-time Sunday concerts in Shamrock Park. Bring a picnic or treat yourself to lunch or dinner from our local restaurants.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The next time you pass the Bel Air Armory, take a moment and stop at the memorial to remember those who served and lost their lives. Those Harford County residents who served started their journey overseas right here in Bel Air at the MA & PA Railroad station, which was located on Main Street across from where the Mill of Bel Air currently sits. On Saturday, April 14, there will be a program at the Liriodendron that recalls how Dr. Howard Kelly, the mansion's owner, helped soldiers recover from their injuries.

Finally, make plans to honor our flag and our country at upcoming town events that include Memorial Day, Flag Day and, of course, our unforgettable July 4th celebration.

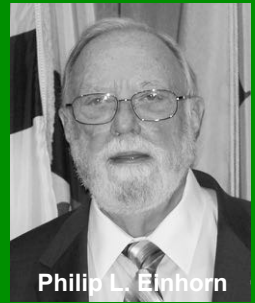
See you in town!

Mayor Susan Burdette

Board of Town Commissioners



Susan U. Burdette



Philip L. Einhorn



Brendan P. Hopkins



Amy Chmielewski



Patrick T. Richards

On the cover:

The Bel Air Kite Festival is one of many free family events that takes place in Town when the weather draws residents outdoors. Check the calendar of events for upcoming free concerts, outdoor movies and holiday events.



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APG Federal Credit Union provides free kites to all. “They are good quality kites,” says Allen, who notes that many families return with kites they received in previous years. “Similar ones sell in Ocean City for 15 dollars or more. For me, it is important that this event is always free to people who attend.” No one, he adds, should worry about age. “It’s for kids of all ages. People ask us if there is an upper age limit. Well . . . 95, how’s that? And I’m getting close!”

It is a day meant to celebrate the outdoors. Town of Bel Air Director of Administration, Michael Krantz, reserves Rockfield Park ball fields and coordinates food and refreshments. The Bel Air Police Department and Bel Air Police Explorer Post #9010 help with traffic control. Public Works does setup and cleanup. Wings Over Washington Kite Club provides music. Volunteers work the crowd to give personal attention to beginners

“Almost every child needs a little help,” says Allen. “Most think that the first thing to do is run. That is not what to do. Just stand there and let the wind take it up.”

The art and science of kite flying captured Allen when he was a boy. He taught himself how to make kites using *Popular Science* and *Popular Mechanics* magazines. In retirement, he and his friend Evelyn fly kites almost daily. They also travel throughout the eastern US to favorite destinations, which include Treasure Island, Florida and Ocean City, Maryland. They fly kites of many levels of sophistication, including inflatables, quad lines and stack kites.

“It’s very interesting. I’ve been flying kites for 70 years. When I come out to fly, it is my kite, my sky and my joy.”




**2018 TOWN OF BEL AIR
COMMUNITY GARDEN**
@ ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
1200 Churchville Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21014

70 PLOTS AVAILABLE
(15' x 15' each)

Registration Begins: March 1
Registration Ends: April 30

Forms Available on Church Website:
www.smlc.org
(under Resources tab)

Questions: 410-838-3178 or office@smlc.org



Wings Over Washington @ St. Matthew
1200 Churchville Road, Bel Air, MD 21014

Community Collection

FOR A CAUSE



9am to 1pm, Saturday, September 22
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 | Shoes |
| Toys | Cell Phones | |

ALSO DOCUMENT SHREDDING!!!

Sponsored By



Saturday 14
13th ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL
Rockfield Park, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Kite flying for kids of all ages along with great music and food. Volunteers will help kite flying novices. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and APG Federal Credit Union. Rain Date: April 15. Free admission and free kites (while supplies last). 410-638-4550

Though fought in a far-away place, WWI forever changed life around Bel Air

When Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie were assassinated on June 28, 1914 in Sarajevo, the news barely made a ripple in Bel Air. Instead, newspapers reported on items important to a small rural community, including future plans for a public sewage system and the return of Mrs. William Kelly from a visit to her parents in Qualamby, Virginia.

However, that faraway event would eventually change the face of Harford County in ways that few could have imagined. The Archduke's assassination quickly led to war in Europe. Three years later, a reluctant America was fully involved.

In June 1917, the newly built Bel Air Armory was the site of the draft board and an enlistment location. New soldiers boarded the train at the MA & PA Railroad station on the northern edge of town. It was the first leg of a journey that would take them to Camden Station, on to Fort Holabird and then overseas straight into World War I.

Walt Holloway, a Historical Society of Harford County volunteer, has spent the last 12 months gathering facts and memorabilia to commemorate Harford County's connection to World War I and this year's 100th anniversary of the war's end.

"I put together a list of 2,000 Harford County residents who were drafted or enlisted," says Walt. Though some were turned away for health or other reasons, most went on to serve in all branches of service.

"I listed who they were, where they lived and where they served."

The war ended in 1918, but not before three more drafts took place at the Armory. Within a few years, the Bel Air Armory would erect its first memorial, which still stands, dedicated to Harford County residents who died in service to their country.

World War I also profoundly and rapidly changed Harford's geography. By October, the US Government ordered thousands of farmers, cannerymen and laborers in the Aberdeen and Perryman area to vacate their land and businesses for the construction of chemical and weapons testing facilities.


These workers operated one of the country's most productive sugar corn and tomato canning industries. Much of the land bordered on the County's waterfronts. Despite protests, the area was vacated within months.

"We have pictures of soldiers exploding bombs in cornfields that still contained crops," says Walt, who also manages the society's photo collection. "That was how quickly the government moved in."

A staggering population shift dispersed farmers elsewhere in the county or out of state. Many had to start their lives over. Thousands of families then poured into the county (many from Virginia and Carolinas' mountains) to work in the newly-established Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal. (Cont. page 5)




Crowds gathered outside the Bel Air Armory on July 13, 1923 to dedicate a plaque to locals lost in WWI. Photo courtesy of the Historical Society of Harford County.



The Liriodendron Foundation, Inc.

World War I Commemorative Event



Please join us to honor those who served in the Great War, with a special tribute to Dr. Howard Kelly's contribution to the recovery and rehabilitation of soldiers suffering from the wounds of war. Color guard, guest speakers, APG soldier in period dress, displays, period songs by a local chorus.

Saturday April 14 - 11:00am
At Dr. Kelly's summer home, Liriodendron
Veterans encouraged to come in uniform!

Dr. Kelly was an innovator in the medical field, and one of the founding physicians of Johns Hopkins medical school and hospital. In April 1918, he donated the use of his property on the Severn River to be used as a camp for the continued recovery of veterans released from the hospital at Ft. McHenry.

The Liriodendron Foundation, Inc. 502 W Gordon Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014
410-879-4424 | www.Liriodendron.com | info@liriodendron.com

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Change happens over time in towns and counties everywhere. However, the few years before and after World War I profoundly changed the future in Harford County and in Bel Air. Today, Aberdeen Proving Ground is the County's largest employer and one of its economic drivers. The Bel Air Armory, no longer a military facility, continues to serve as a community hub.

The Historical Society of Harford County preserves stories of the places and people who lived during World War I and who made sacrifices in so many ways. Some gave their lives in combat or died from disease in faraway places. Others restarted their lives when their farms were taken unexpectedly. Still more, of course, returned to Bel Air and resumed their lives, forever changed by their military service far from home.

Visit the Historical Society of Harford County to review World War I related photos and documents. Information in this article also is found in two editions of Harford Historical Bulletins, written by local historian John J. Jones. They provide a comprehensive overview of the

war's impact in Harford County. *Harford County and World War I, The Military Heritage, Parts 1 and 2*, are available at the society. There is also a book containing information about all of the veterans listed on the memorial in front of the Bel Air Armory.

These soldiers listed on the armory's World War I monument have been identified as Bel Air residents:

- John Young Hollingworth, killed in an airplane accident in Fort Ringgold, Texas
- Lawrence Keithly, died of pneumonia in Vitrey, France
- Frank M. Martim, died of pneumonia in La Courtine, France
- Edward R. Osbourne, died of pneumonia at Base Hospital #53, France
- Archibald Sterling, died of influenza, unknown location
- Harry Lippincott Webb, died in action, Battle of Bois de Grand Montagne

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First on the Scene: Officer Frank Graziano credited with two saved lives

When they look back to 2017, two local residents will undoubtedly think of Police Officer First Class Frank Graziano and how he saved their lives.

On September 18, 2017, Officer Graziano responded to a call for service for a cardiac arrest. The patient, located in a Bel Air office, was not breathing and had no pulse. Officer Graziano started CPR and continued until Bel Air Volunteer Fire Department (BAVFD) medics arrived. They used an AED; CPR continued until the patient began breathing and opened his eyes. Ambulance crew transported the patient to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, where he recovered.

Emergency room physician Dr. Timothy Chizmar credits the actions of Officer Graziano and the BAVFD medics with saving the patient's life.

Just ten days later, Officer Graziano's years of additional experience as a BAVFD volunteer provided him with the knowledge and experience to quickly evacuate five adults and two children from a burning dwelling. The occupants were unaware that the second story of their home was on fire. While escorting that family outside, Office Graziano relayed to other officers and fire units the important details needed to promptly respond to the incident.

Officer Graziano has been a Bel Air police officer for 16 years. In 2017, he showed the highest overall production and performance in the agency. He issued 447 citations, 760 warnings, 105 Safety Equipment Repair Orders and 10 criminal apprehensions.

"Officer Graziano is a hard-working and dedicated employee," says Chief Charles Moore. "Adding to his exemplary performance is his willingness to cover other shifts and volunteer for special projects. He receives only positive accolades from residents for his work."



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.

MARCH

Through April 29
PAST AND PRESENT ART SHOW
Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace
Interpretations by artists of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Reception: March 10, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 410-420-9499 or www.artinharford.org

Saturday 24
VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE
Historical Society of Harford County, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Come for a free tour and learn about volunteer opportunities. 410-838-7691; www.HarfordHistory.org

Wednesday 28
MAIN STREET SOCIAL
Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
A networking event to help people make lasting connections right here in Bel Air. www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Saturday 31
ROCKFIELD MANOR'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
Rockfield Manor, 11:00 a.m.
An outdoor family event that celebrates the season. 410-638-4565

APRIL

Tuesday 10
BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: FARMING, HUNTING AND FISHING
Historical Society of Harford County
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Explore the mainstays of early Harford County. Presenters are Kerri Kneisley (Havre de Grace Decoy Museum), Lara Murphy (Steppingstone Farm Museum), Chris Scovill (Jerusalem Mill), and Wanda Boker (Havre de Grace Maritime Museum). Free. 410-838-7691. www.HarfordHistory.org

Wednesday 11
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
Historical Society of Harford County
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
410-838-7691. www.HarfordHistory.org

Thursday 12
SPRING BOOK SALE
Harford County Public Library, Bel Air Branch, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Paperback, hardback and children's books. Member Night. Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library. 410-638-3151

Thursday 12 – Saturday 14
BEL AIR HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL: HAIRSPRAY
Bel Air High School, Show times at 7:00 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Saturday. www.belairdrama.org.

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Rockfield Park, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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Saturday 14
14th ANNUAL A NIGHT IN PARADISE
Bel Air Armory, 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Enjoy live music, southern shrimp feast and bull roast. The Greater Bel Air Community Foundation raises funds for capital improvement projects in the Bel Air community. Tickets: \$50. 410-879-9292 or www.gbacf.com.

Sunday 15
SPRING BOOK SALE
Harford County Public Library, Bel Air Branch, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Paperback, hardback and children's books. \$5 a Bag Day. Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library. 410-638-3151

Thursday 19
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Join your friends for a night of shopping, discounts, food and drink specials in downtown Bel Air. www.downtownbelair.com

Saturday 21
LECTURE AND TEA: ENVIRONMENTAL DILEMMA: CONOWINGO DAM'S IMPACT ON THE BAY
Historical Society of Harford County
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
The Conowingo Dam is no longer able to hold back the sediment that could seriously pollute the Chesapeake Bay. Learn about the issue and how to meet this challenge. Presented by Ted Evgeniadis, River Keeper. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Saturday 21
5th ANNUAL SPRING FLING BIG BAND DANCE
Bel Air Armory, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Live big band dance music by the Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble. Free light refreshments. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council. Free. 410-638-4550

Sunday 22
HARFORD COUNTY MARCH FOR BABIES, MARCH OF DIMES
Black Eyed Suzie's, 119 S. Main Street
Registration: 8:00 a.m. Start: 9:00 a.m. Walk distance: 2.5 miles through downtown Bel Air. Money raised supports babies in the NICU. www.marchforbabies.org

Sunday 22
LEARNING BEE SERIES: THE HISTORY OF THE HAYS HOUSE THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD
Hays House Museum, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Councilman Jim McMahan will describe his experiences with Frank Hays Jacobs, the last of the family to live at the Hays House. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Sunday 22 through May 27
NEW ART EXHIBIT OPENING
Liriodendron Gallery, Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Artists John and Terri Hardwicke together create a beautiful and unique show of whimsical furniture, soft sculpture and illustrations. 410-879-4424

Tuesday 24
WYATT & NOLTING'S ELEGANT ARCHITECTURE
Liriodendron, 6:30 p.m.
Numerous buildings designed by the Baltimore based architectural firm of Wyatt & Nolting, are landmarks throughout Maryland. A special presentation by Edward Heimiller, Curator of The Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland. Donation suggested: \$10. www.liriodendron.com

Wednesday 25
MAIN STREET SOCIAL
Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Network and make lasting connections in Bel Air. www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Saturday 28
MASTER CLASS & CHAMBER CONCERT
 Music Land, 200 Gateway Drive, Class 11:00 a.m. – Noon; Concert Noon – 1:00 p.m.
 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra trombonist Randy Campora coaches pre-selected students in class. Concert follows. Free. Spectators register online. Donations accepted at www.mdcenterforthearts.org and onsite. Sponsor: Maryland Center for the Arts. 443-567-5216

Sunday 29
BEL AIR COMMUNITY CHORUS SPRING CONCERT: ON BROADWAY
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1200 Churchville Road, 3:00 p.m. Free. 443-910-2658

MAY

Through November 18
PREHISTORIC CULTURE OF THE NORTHERN CHESAPEAKE – THE ICE HOUSE
 Liriodendron Gallery, Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. or by appointment
 Learn about local Indian activity prior to European contact. Individuals and small groups such as home-school students, Scouts and youth organizations welcome. Bring your artifacts for analysis. 410-808-2398

Thursday 3 through June 24
NATIONAL PRIDE ART SHOW
 Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace
 A selection of artwork will honor America. Reception: May 12, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 410-420-9499 or www.artinharford.org

Friday 4
BEL AIR GARDEN MART
 Bel Air Armory, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 Plants and crafts for sale from local garden clubs and area high schools. Sponsor: Bel Air Appearance & Beautification Committee.

Friday 4
LUNCHTIME CONCERT: SELF EXPRESSION
 Bel Air Armory, Noon – 1:00 p.m.
 Lunchtime concert inside the Armory with the Garden Mart. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council. Free. 410-638-4506

Friday 4
FIRST FRIDAY
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Live music, beer and wine and food vendors. www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Saturday 5
CELEBRATION OF CULTURES
 Bel Air Armory, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Celebrate diversity in Harford County with talents, traditions and art from many lands.

Includes an outside children’s garden filled with face painting, interactive performances, storytelling and crafts. Food from around the world available for purchase. Sponsor: Harford County Cultural Arts Board, the Greater Bel Air Community Foundation and LASOS, Inc. Free. 410-836-0333

Saturday 5
HARFORD CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING FAVORITES
 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1200 Churchville Road, 7:00 p.m.
 Harford Choral Society concert of classical favorites with orchestra and soloists. Tickets: \$25 adult, \$20 senior, \$10 student, free for children under 12. 443-299-6358 or info@harfordchoralsociety.org

Saturday 5
AMERICAN REMEMBRANCE
 Bel Air High School
 Local youth join the ranks of the Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra (SSO) for this annual concert. Sponsor: Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra. Admission: \$20 adult; \$15 senior; \$10 child/student. 443-567-9414

Tuesday 8
BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: 300 YEARS OF FACEBOOK: NOT THAT MUCH HAS CHANGED
 Historical Society of Harford County 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
 Meg Algren, a communication specialist, will explore the history and mysteries of communication over the centuries. Free. 410-838-7691. www.HarfordHistory.org

Wednesday 9
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP
 Historical Society of Harford County 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 410-838-7691. www.HarfordHistory.org

Friday 11
LUNCHTIME CONCERT: BAHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE
 Downtown Bel Air, Noon – 1:00 p.m.
 Visit nearby restaurants or brown bag it. Tables and chairs provided to enjoy your lunch outside. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council. Free. 410-638-4506

Saturday 12
CINDERELLA
 Bel Air Armory, 11:00 a.m.
 Ballet Chesapeake presents a morning story time along with an abridged version of Cinderella. Dance class with costumed dancers follows. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. Free. www.belairartsandentertainment.org

Sunday May 13
MOTHER’S DAY OPEN HOUSE
 Liriodendron, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tour the mansion, enjoy music, light refreshments and the current art exhibition. Free. www.liriodendron.com

Sunday 13
THE BELLE AIRE MARKET
 Downtown Bel Air, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 A seasonal open-air market featuring antiques and finely crafted artisan items. www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Friday 18
LUNCHTIME CONCERT: REGENTS OF JAZZ
 Downtown Bel Air, Noon – 1 p.m. Visit nearby restaurants or brown bag it. Tables and chairs provided. Free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council. Free. 410-638-4506

Friday 18
HUMANE SOCIETY YAPPY HOUR
 Shamrock Park, Lee Way and Hickory Avenue. 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Rain or shine. Leashed and well-behaved pets welcome. Live entertainment, food and drink concessions. www.harfordshelter.org

Friday 18
CHARLES GEORGE’S PLAY: FINAL PERFORMANCE OR THE CURTAIN FALLS
 Bel Air Armory, 7:00 p.m.
 A story about Edwin Booth in the harrowing time after the Lincoln assassination. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Saturday 19
MASTER CLASS & CHAMBER CONCERT
 Music Land, 200 Gateway Drive. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra violinist Jonathan Carney coaches pre-selected students in a class. Concert follows. Free. Spectators register online. Donations accepted at www.mdcenterforthearts.org and on site. Class 11:00 a.m. – Noon; Concert Noon – 1:00 p.m. Sponsor: Maryland Center for the Arts. 443-567-5216

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MAIN STREET SOCIAL
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
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Friday 25
LUNCHTIME CONCERT: MATT KINEKE
 Downtown Bel Air, Noon – 1 p.m. Visit nearby restaurants or brown bag it. Tables and chairs provided. Free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council. Free. 410-638-4506

Monday 28
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
 Lee Way and Hickory Avenue. 10:30 a.m.
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and American Legion Harford Post #39. Free. 410-303-8138

JUNE

Friday 1
FIRST FRIDAY
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Live music, beer and wine and food vendors.
www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Saturday 2
MASTER CLASS & CHAMBER CONCERT
 Music Land, 200 Gateway Drive. Baltimore
 Symphony Orchestra clarinetist William
 Jenken coaches pre-selected students in a
 master class. Concert follows. Free.
 Spectators register online. Donations
 accepted at www.mdcenterforthearts.org and
 on site. Class 11:00 a.m. – Noon; Concert:
 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Sponsor: Maryland Center
 for the Arts. 443-567-5216

Saturday 2
FLAG DAY
 Shamrock Park, Lee Way and Hickory
 Avenue, 8:00 a.m. Commemorate the
 American Flag. An inspiring keynote speaker,
 color guard and patriotic music. Sponsor:
 Town of Bel Air. 410-638-4550

Sunday 3
38TH ANNUAL BEL AIR TOWN RUN
 Downtown Bel Air, 8:00 a.m.
 5K foot race and untimed 1-mile walk.
 Events start on Main Street near the
 courthouse and end at Shamrock Park.
www.belairtownrun.com. Sponsor:
 Renaissance All Sports Athletic Club.
 410-652-9974

Sunday 3 through July 8
**NATURE REIMAGINED AND
 TRANSFORMED**
 Liriodendron Gallery, Sundays 1:00 – 4:00
 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:00 – 7:00 pm.
 Lisa Kozel Noel combines shells and water-
 born discoveries with molding paste and
 paint to create 3D sculptural paintings. Susan
 Zanella utilizes hard shelled gourds to design
 intricately carved, burned and colored gourd
 art. An invigorating body of work that
 celebrates natural materials. 410-879-4424

Sunday 3
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:
 SUSQUEHANNA SYMPHONY
 ORCHESTRA**
 Shamrock Park, Lee Way and Hickory
 Avenue, 7:00 p.m. 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. Free.
 410-638-4550

Saturday 9
BEACH BUM BOOK SALE
 Harford County Public Library, Bel Air
 Branch, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Children's
 and paperback books; everything 50 cents.

Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library.
 410-838-3151

Saturday 9
**HARFORD COUNTY HERITAGE AND
 MUSIC FESTIVAL – CELEBRATING THE
 OLD, WELCOMING THE NEW**
 2409 Creswell Rd, Bel Air
 A day of food, fun, music and celebration
 including exhibits, demonstrations and a
 celebration of Harford's heritage.
 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org for
 up-to-the-minute details, including time.

Sunday 10
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: BALTIMORE
 SYMPHONIC BAND**
 Shamrock Park, 7:00 p.m. 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. Free. 410-638-4550

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 antiques and finely crafted artisan items.
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Sunday 10
**LEARNING BEE SERIES: SCHOOLGIRL
 SAMPLERS**
 Hays House Museum, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Needlework expert Katie Franetovich will talk
 about schoolgirl samplers and decorative
 needlework created by young girls in Early
 America. Visitors may bring a family heirloom
 for review. 410-838-769.
www.HarfordHistory.org

Friday 15
**SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: BEAUTY AND
 THE BEAST (PG)**
 Shamrock Park, Lee Way and Hickory
 Avenue. 7:15 p.m. Movie starts at sunset.
 Bring the family for a fun and free movie
 night under the stars with pre-movie
 entertainment provided by the Bel Air Cultural
 Arts Commission. www.downtownbelair.com

Sunday 17
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: BEL AIR
 COMMUNITY BAND**
 Shamrock Park, 7:00 p.m. 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. Free. 410-638-4550

Thursday 21
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Join your
 friends for a night of shopping, discounts,
 food and drink specials in downtown Bel Air.
www.downtownbelair.com

Sunday 24
**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: BEL AIR
 COMMUNITY CHORUS**
 Shamrock Park, 7:00 p.m.
 Bring a picnic dinner and chair or blanket.
 Sponsor: Town of Bel Air through the Bel Air
 Recreation Committee. No rain date. Free.
 410-638-4550

Tuesday 26
**DOLLHOUSES FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF
 US**
 Hays House Museum, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Display of miniatures and dollhouses. Create
 your own mini masterpiece using watercolors
 and canvas. Ages 8 and up. Children must
 be accompanied by an adult. Reservations
 required. 410-838-7691;
www.HarfordHistory.org

Wednesday 27
MAIN STREET SOCIAL
 Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
 A networking event to help people make
 lasting connections in Bel Air.
www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Thursday 28 through August 26
**INTERPRETATIONS OF THE OLD
 MASTERS ART SHOW**
 Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace
 Reception: July 14th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Gallery hours: Thursday – Sunday 11:00 a.m.
 – 6:00 p.m. 410-420-9499.
www.artinharford.org

Friday 29
SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: STORKS (PG)
 Shamrock Park, Lee Way and Hickory
 Avenue. 7:15 p.m. Movie starts at sunset.
 Bring the family for a fun and free movie
 night under the stars. Pre-movie
 entertainment courtesy Bel Air Cultural Arts
 Commission. www.downtownbelair.com

Saturday 30
ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
 Historical Society of Harford County
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Many selections from estate sale items to
 books, glassware, furniture, toys and more.
 Bargains that can't be beat.
www.HarfordHistory.org



To Bel Air Bond readers:

In the near future, the Bel Air Bond newsletter is going paperless!

If you still want to receive a paper copy, please notify Donna Driver at the Town of Bel Air, Department of Administration: 410-638-4550 or email: ddriver@belairmd.org.

The latest Bond and back issues are available online at: www.belairmd.org



Come Out For Good Green

The Town of Bel Air, through a grant called *Good Green*, is removing invasive plants to restore the forests of Rockfield Park. The Town is sponsoring a meet, greet and eat volunteer workshop there. Participants will learn the benefits of native trees, how to identify invasive species and how goats are used to restore forest health. We will then work together for about 30 minutes to cut vines and remove invasive plants. Stay for free snacks and drinks.

Who: Open to all ages. Hand tools will be used, so children must be accompanied by an adult.

When: May 19th, 10:00 — noon. Rain date: May 20th

Where: Rockfield Park, 501 E. Churchville Rd, Bel Air. Meet in parking lot behind Rockfield Manor House.

Wear: Long pants, long sleeves, hat and sturdy close-toed shoes for walking in the woods.

Bring: Water bottle, sunscreen and bug spray. Bring work gloves and hand pruners if you have them.

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>Appearance & Beautification Commission 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Board of Appeals 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Commission on Elderly & Needy Citizens 4th Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Cultural Arts Commission 3rd Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Economic & Community Development Commission 2nd Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Planning Commission 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</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 410-638-4518 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>

Corbin Fuel marks its first century in Bel Air

When Nathan Corbin opened Corbin Ice Company 100 years ago, his business model was a straightforward one: keep customers cool in the warm weather and warm in the cold weather. Throughout the seasons, he chopped and delivered firewood or delivered ice cut from local ponds.

Today, great-grandsons Mark, Greg and Rick Ensor are ushering what is now Corbin Fuel into its second century. From its original Ellendale Street location, the company provides several types of fuel, equipment sales and maintenance.

The company has stayed successful, according to Greg Ensor, because it changed to meet customers' lifestyles. As the demand for wood declined, Corbin Fuel sold and delivered coal, then added oil and, more recently, propane.

The company once operated an ice factory and rented freezer lockers to county residents who didn't have freezers at home.

"We even had a butcher in those days," says Greg. "You'd buy a cow; the butcher would cut it and then we'd freeze it. When you needed something for dinner, you'd come to Ellendale Street, take your key and go into your meat locker." In the 60s, the company was also an RC Cola and Gunther Beer distributor.

These days, Corbin Fuel helps to keep homes, businesses and farms comfortable and productive throughout the year. About 25 trucks run throughout the area delivering products and services. They also manage Corbin Bus Company, which transports Harford County School students along 39 routes.

Though Greg and his brothers keep the company moving forward into the next century, their father, Dick, continues to keep an eye on things. "Dad still pops in everyday. Sometimes he just drives around the building," says Greg. "He still knows every part of this business."


Corbin Fuel supports a number of community activities, including the Maryland State BBQ Bash and the Independence Day celebrations. The company recently donated funds for new trellis arches at Rockfield Gardens.

Greg notes that many similar companies have been bought up by larger businesses, but his family still fiercely believes in hometown values. "When you call Corbin Fuel, you are talking to people who are local. Our service techs live here. There are not a whole lot of us left, but we continue to grow with what we do best."



(l to r) Rick, Mark and Greg Ensor stand with a portrait of their great-grandfather, Nathan Corbin.

14th Annual
A Night in Paradise
 at the
Bel Air Reckord Armory
Saturday, April 14, 2018
 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.



"Southern Shrimp Feast"
 Catered by Laurrapin Grill
 Tropical Attire **\$50** Live Music by Appaloosa
 Beer & Wine

TO PURCHASE TICKETS—410-879-9292
 All proceeds to benefit the Greater Bel Air Community Foundation, Inc.
 NO ONE ADMITTED UNDER AGE 21
 www.gbacf.org

Getting Ahead focuses on moving past poverty, helping young adults see the future

Jorge Castaneda has spent most of his adult life working as a waiter and in various retail jobs while supporting his parents and other family members.

“That is culturally what happens,” says Melynda Velez, Executive Director of LASOS, the Bel Air-based nonprofit that provides services for non-English speaking residents of Harford County. “You take care of your family first at whatever cost.”

Jorge moved to Bel Air from California to find a more affordable place to live. However, he found himself lost and wanting to make more of his life. A co-worker told him about LASOS. He enrolled in *Getting Ahead*, a LASOS program that focuses on people who want to set personal goals and move out of poverty.

“I needed a place to get help and resources, he says, pausing. “It was life-changing for me.”

Now, Jorge is completing his first semester at Harford Community College, where he plans to earn an associate’s degree in less than two years by taking classes year-round.

The *Getting Ahead* program meets every Saturday. It is especially targeted for youth between the ages of 16 – 24, who often become “disconnected” because there are few resources for guidance and support for that age group.


Melynda moderates a discussion where members identify their goals, look at their barriers and devise a plan.


“Information is powerful,” says Jorge. While in the group, he received help with the Federal Student Aid program with goal setting. He now works at LASOS part time providing assistance to other members.


Getting Ahead is one of only two programs in the County that focuses on this population. Though LASOS has traditionally served non-English speaking people, several agencies refer English speakers as well.

Jorge (below) enjoys his role at LASOS: “Every time I come here and do something for someone, it is very gratifying. I feel that I am giving back to the community.”




 The Liriodendron Foundation, Inc.


The Liriodendron Mansion Harford Co., Maryland




Presentation: “Wyatt & Nolting’s Elegant Architecture”
Tuesday April 24, 6:30 pm \$10 Suggested Donation

Numerous buildings designed by the Baltimore based architectural firm of Wyatt & Nolting, established in 1887, are landmarks throughout Maryland. Designing in a wide range of styles they are best known for their attention to neoclassical and Colonial revival detailing. While they designed a number of public buildings, including the Baltimore City Courthouse, the firm designed some of the most notable residences in Maryland including the homes of Charles Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy under Theodore Roosevelt and great-nephew of Napoleon, and Dr. Howard Kelly, the noted surgeon and founding member of the Johns Hopkins Medical College. Join us at the former home of Dr. Kelly, the Liriodendron Mansion (National Register of Historic Places), in Bel Air, Maryland on April 24 at 6:30 pm for a special presentation by Edward Heimiller, Curator of The Stephen J. Ponzillo, Jr. Memorial Library & Museum of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Maryland, to learn more about Wyatt & Nolting and their work and a closer look at one of the firm’s design masterpieces.

For reservations contact: info@liriodendron.com

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BALLET
Chesapeake
CINDERELLA



Saturday, May 12, 11am-12:30pm
 Bel Air Armory
 37 North Main Street, Bel Air

Join us for FREE story time along with an abridged version of the ballet!
 Followed by a dance class with costumed dancers! Open to ALL AGES!
 Call 410-838-0584 for more information.
 Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission



BEL AIR Farmers' Market

Saturday, April 14, 2018 to November 18th
7am to 11am at Bond & Thomas Streets
Free tree seedlings and totes on April 14th, opening day