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Bel Air's volunteer auxiliary police step up during events, emergencies

When high winds caused a massive power outage in town this past March, volunteers in the **Bel Air Police Department's Auxiliary Unit** were among the first responders. They directed snarled traffic at intersections for hours, freeing time for Bel Air Police Department (BAPD) officers to respond to other emergencies.

The unit, currently with an eight-person roster, is the only active auxiliary force in Harford County. In 2017, the group clocked 643 volunteer hours covering traffic and crowd control for parades, fairs, festivals and serious weather events. Many volunteers have provided decades of service.

Auxiliary Captain Bill Gunther, a Town of Bel Air resident who operates a school bus charter business, is a 26-year volunteer on the force.

"The auxiliary unit's main function is to provide assistance to the paid police force in public defense during town events," he says. "Most of them work outside of law enforcement. They are established in their careers, have a family, own a home and want to give back to the community. We are simply committed to making a difference in public safety and volunteering for our community."

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The auxiliary police force is on hand at all major events such as the Bel Air Town Run.

Dear Neighbors,

There are so many fun and FREE family events going on in Bel Air this summer!

You can keep the entire family extremely busy all summer at the Friday night outdoor movies, the Summer Concert Series on Sunday nights in Shamrock Park, the July 4th parade, the Belle Aire Market and First Fridays.

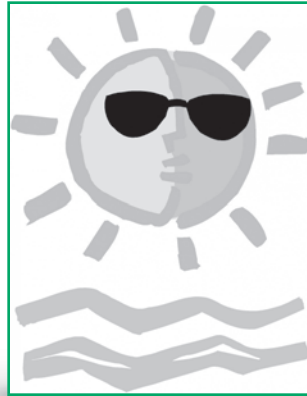
Stop into Bel Air's local shops and find some cool summer clothes, shoes, hats, sunscreen and outer gear to wear, especially as you head down the Ma & Pa Trail for some healthy walking, running and biking.

Don't forget to stay hydrated. Stop into Bel Air's many great coffee shops, restaurants, breweries and pubs and enjoy delicious refreshments and food of all kinds.

Rainy day? It's never raining in the library. Harford County Public Library's Bel Air Branch offers customers an array of FREE resources including books, e-books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, computer use, author presentations and programs for all ages. The library also processes passport applications and acts as an official Department of State Passport Acceptance Facility.

LIBRARIES ROCK! Read books this summer and complete activities to earn prizes. To earn rewards, children up to Pre-K can read or listen to 25 books. Those entering grades K-5 can read 10 books, and those entering grades 6-12 can read three books. Pick up your registration packets and begin logging books online or on paper June 18th. Complete the program by August 25th to earn a prize!

No need to head to the beach. Bel Air is a great place to spend your summer!



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:

Auxiliary police provide hundreds of hours of volunteer service to the Bel Air Police Department (BAPD). "We would have a hard time insuring that town events run efficiently without the help of the auxiliary force," says BAPD Chief Charles Moore. "They know exactly what they are supposed to do and they take orders just like the police. They have risen, in my opinion, to being a necessary part of the team that gets things done in town."

They include (l to r) Capt. Bill Gunther, Officer First Class Dave Middleditch, Cadet Scott Hogge, Cpl. Kevin Kadolph, Sgt. Don Haga. BAPD Sgt. Henry Marchesani (at right) coordinates the unit.

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No Town funds are used to support the auxiliary force, says BAPD Sgt. Henry Marchesani who coordinates the auxiliary unit. "They are completely self-sufficient financially," says Sgt. Marchesani. "Money to purchase uniforms, equipment and to maintain the marked auxiliary patrol car comes from donations and fundraisers." The Town of Bel Air also occasionally contracts the auxiliary services to local businesses (such as the Harford Mall during the holiday season). All money earned goes directly to the police auxiliary fund.

Though auxiliary force members have no powers of arrest, they do attend in-service training, both as a new recruit and then on an annual basis. They are versed in the legal and procedural issues that face law enforcement officers, including constitutional law, traffic citations, radio communications and more.

They wear a uniform with a grey shirt and badge that is similar but distinctive from the Town of Bel Air's navy blue uniforms. They carry pepper spray, a baton and handcuffs. On occasion, auxiliary police volunteers ride along with paid officers, but act only on direction from the officer.

The BAPD welcomes applications from those interested in serving on the auxiliary force. Like sworn police officers, they undergo a background check, drug testing, physical exam and an in-depth interview. Applicants are carefully vetted to insure a good match, says Capt. Gunther.

"The first thing I ask an applicant is why?" says Gunther. "Why do you want to come here and put on a uniform and risk your life for someone who thinks you are a paid police officer? If you are interested in things like high-speed chases, you are not for us. If you are here because you care about the Town of Bel Air and want to give back to the community, then let's talk."

Police Chief Charles Moore says that the auxiliary unit is an invaluable asset. "They are part of the police department in my opinion," he says. "It's another cost-saving service that the Town provides to the residents and the community. We use their services, we enjoy them and they are part of our team."



Officer First Class Dave Middleditch at the 2018 Bel Air Town Run.



Tracey Schrader, Accounting Clerk in Bel Air's Finance Department, demonstrates the self-service computer and printer, which is available for people to pay Town bills online either with a credit card or e-check. There is an added convenience fee. The computer is located on the left side of the Department's payment window. This provides people with a convenient way to pay without a wait at the cashier's window. Pay real estate tax bills, sewer bills, red light and parking tickets easily!

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

Bicycles	Textiles	Sporting Gear
Books	Eye Glasses	Shoes
Toys	Cell Phones	

ALSO DOCUMENT SHREDDING!!!

Sponsored By

Garden Mart celebrates Spring, art, music and the coming together of generations



The annual Bel Air Garden Mart celebrated the long-awaited arrival of Spring in a day filled with flowers, art, music and intergenerational fun.

It is one of the signature events sponsored by the Town of Bel Air's Appearance and Beautification Committee. The Friendship Garden Club, Joppatowne Garden Club, Evergreen Garden Club and Country Garden Club joined students from North Harford's Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Magnet program and the Bel Air High School's Art Department.

Live music by John Sobus as well as the Just Having Fun Singers filled the Armory, says Elaine Millard, the Appearance & Beatification Committee's Chairperson, who added that music spurred spontaneous dancing by high school students and garden club members.

Garden clubs donate all proceeds to local charities and to scholarship funds to support students interested in garden-related careers. Nonprofit recipients include the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Hampton Mansion, Wreaths Across America, Gunpowder River Keeper, Penny Pines, Habitat for Humanity, Ladew Topiary Gardens and Highland Elementary School.

Bel Air High School alums plan multi-year reunion in October 2018



A committee of Bel Air High School alumni, including (l to r) Debbie (Adams) Kauffman, Donna (Levine) Sullivan and Elise (Johnson) Smith are busy planning a reunion for the classes of 1960 - 1979.

If you graduated from Bel Air High School in those years, join your friends on Saturday, October 20, 2018 for a night of reconnecting and nostalgia.

The multi-class reunion will take place at the Harford County Equestrian Center, 608 N. Tollgate Road in Bel Air from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. Food trucks will offer a variety of food, beer, wine and soda. Dear Creek will provide live music all evening. No one under 21 will be admitted.

For ticket information, call one of the ticket committee members: Debbie (410-893-1841), Donna (410-692-9310) or Barbara (410-457-5090).

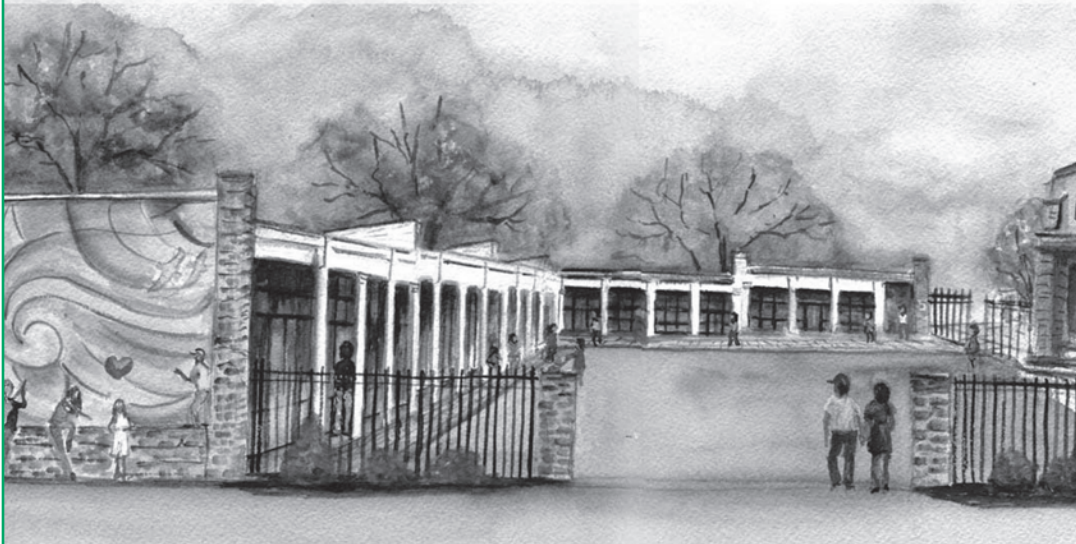
Ticket cost is \$10 p/p until October 1st; \$20 p/p after October 1st.

You can also make a check payable to Susan Burdette and mail to BAHS Reunion, P.O. Box 295, Jarrettsville, MD 21084. Pick up tickets at the door.



WE ARE OPEN!

37 N MAIN STREET - BEL AIR, MD 21014



Armory Marketplace is open for business!

Located behind the Armory on Main Street, Armory Marketplace is an L-shaped bank of incubator business suites, which the Town of Bel Air has rehabilitated from the former Armory garage spaces. Suites are available for new and emerging businesses that have the end goal of moving to a Bel Air storefront.

Current occupants are Love Evolution Studio (www.LoveEvolutionStudio.com), Kore Bootcamps (www.korebootcamps.com) as well as Harford Artists Gallery, a permanent tenant. (www.artinharford.org)

Construction on two additional suites, as well as the parking lot, is nearing completion. We look forward to welcoming two additional businesses soon!

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

Sunday 17
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Bel Air Community Band
Shamrock Park, 7 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

Thursday 21
GIRLS NIGHT OUT
Downtown Bel Air, 5 – 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 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 – 4:00 p.m.
History and 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. Space limited. Reservations required. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Wednesday 27
MAIN STREET SOCIAL
Downtown Bel Air, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Make lasting connections right here in Bel Air. Visit www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Thursday 28 - Aug. 26
INTERPRETATIONS OF THE OLD MASTERS ART SHOW
Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace
Original artwork ranging from oil, watercolor, photography, pottery, glasswork, gourds, jewelry, tiles and scarves. Reception: July 14th from 1 - 4:00 p.m. Gallery hours: Thursday – Sunday 11 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 410-420-9499, www.artinharford.org

Friday 29
SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: Storks
Shamrock Park, Lee & Hickory Avenues, 7:15 p.m. (movie starts at sunset).
Bring the family for a fun and free movie night under the stars. Pre-movie entertainment by Hoppin' Hawks, provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. www.downtownbelair.com

Saturday 30
ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
Historical Society of Harford County
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Treasures galore: estate items, books, glassware, furniture, toys and more. Bargains that can't be beat. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

JULY

Sunday 1
FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY
Liriodendron Mansion, 1 - 4:00 p.m.
A Sunday Open House dedicated to family fun! Lawn games and painting activities, popcorn and lemonade – a fun addition to your Independence Day weekend. Free. www.liriodendron.com

Sunday 1
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble
Shamrock Park, 7 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

Wednesday 4
FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN THE TOWN OF BEL AIR
All are welcome at this day-long old-fashioned patriotic celebration that celebrates the birth of our country. The day begins with flag-raising at 6:45 a.m. at Bel Air High School followed by a pancake breakfast. Other events include horseshoe pitching in Rockfield Park, watermelon eating, costume contests, *Uncle Sam Says* and more in Shamrock Park. Bicycle rodeo at Bel Air

Elementary School. Grand Parade at 6:00 p.m. on Main Street, followed by fireworks over Rockfield Park at about 9:30 p.m. Events open to the public and free, except pancake breakfast. Souvenirs and vendors throughout the day. Sponsor: Bel Air Independence Day Committee, Inc., 410-893-4444 or www.belairjuly4.org

Wednesday 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY OPEN HOUSE
Hays House Museum, 9 a.m. – Noon
Music by the Catherine Street Consort. Free. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Friday 6
FIRST FRIDAYS
Downtown Parking Lot (next to Harford County Sheriff's Office), 5 – 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! Visit www.downtownbelair.com for a list of scheduled bands.

Sunday 8
THE BELLE AIRE MARKET
Downtown Bel Air, 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
A seasonal open-air market featuring antiques and finely crafted artisan items. www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Sunday 8
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: 229th Maryland National Guard Band
Shamrock Park, 7 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 10
BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES – IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK
Historical Society of Harford County, 12:30 p.m – 1:30 pm
An architectural tour of Harford's most fascinating homes, institutions and buildings presented by Jacob Bensen with architects, Marta Noe and Jim Wollon. Free. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Wednesday 11
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Duke Thompson & Friends
Shamrock Park, 7 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

Friday 13
SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: Despicable Me 3
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 by Becky Titleman and Theaterworks, provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission.

Sunday July 15 - August 12

ART SHOW

The Liriodendron Mansion, 1 - 4:00 p.m.
Exhibition of vivid and intriguing oil paintings by Daryoosh Mosleh. Free.
www.liriodendron.com

Sunday 15

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Blues in the Night Big Band

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Wednesday 18

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: The Borowsky Family & Intermuse Festival

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Sunday 22

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Fast Eddie & The Slowpokes

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Monday 23 - 28

31st ANNUAL HARFORD COUNTY FARM FAIR

Harford County Equestrian Center, 608 N. Tollgate Road, Monday through Thursday, 3 – 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
The annual Farm Fair highlights Harford County agriculture. There are 4-H and FFA animal shows, indoor exhibits, commercial and community vendors and numerous competitions for local residents. Artisan's Village features local crafters and vendors. Buy local offerings for food and beverages (wineries, breweries and distilleries). Come see a variety of entertainment and events, along with lots of family activities such as Kidway and a carnival. 410-838-8663 or www.farmfair.org.

Wednesday 25

MAIN STREET SOCIAL

Downtown Bel Air, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Make lasting connections right here in Bel Air. Visit www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Wednesday 25

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: The Colliders

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Friday 27

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: Star Wars: The Last Jedi

Shamrock Park, Lee & Hickory Avenues, 7:15 p.m. (movie starts immediately after sunset).
Bring the family for a fun and free movie night under the stars. Pre-movie entertainment by TaeKwonDo Masters, provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. www.downtownbelair.com

Sunday 29

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: U.S. Navy Band Commodores Jazz Ensemble

Shamrock Park, 7 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

AUGUST

Wednesday 1

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Friday 3

FIRST FRIDAYS

Downtown Parking Lot (next to Harford County Sheriff's Office), 5 – 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! Visit www.downtownbelair.com for a list of scheduled bands.

Sunday 5

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Maryland Military Band

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Wednesday 8

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Harford Youth Jazz Ensemble

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Friday 10

ROLL OUT THE BARREL

143 Thomas Street, 5 – 9:00 p.m.
An exclusive tasting event that features an outstanding selection of the most prestigious bourbons from over a dozen distillers. Sample and learn about various bourbons. Visit www.downtownbelair.com for full details and to purchase tickets.

Friday 10 – Saturday 11

17th ANNUAL MARYLAND STATE BBQ BASH

Bond and Thomas streets, Friday, 4 – 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, Noon – 10:00 p.m.
Top quality BBQ, live music, displays, crafters, merchant vendors, children's entertainment. Features the county's best beer and wine garden. Brought to you by Visit Harford. www.downtownbelair.com

Sunday 12

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Juliet Lloyd

Shamrock Park, 7 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 14

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: STUMBLES IN HARFORD'S HISTORY

Historical Society of Harford County
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Explore the dark side of bad decisions in Harford history including the school segregation debacle and the Aberdeen Proving Ground tragedy – wars, fires, bombings and more. Presented by Walt Holloway and Richard Sherrill. Free.
410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Wednesday 15

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: Sounding Brass

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Thursday 16

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

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

Friday 17

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: Coco

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. Pre-movie entertainment by Bel Air Dance Academy, courtesy of Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. www.downtownbelair.com

Sunday 19

THE BELLE AIRE MARKET

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

Sunday, August 19 - September 9

ART EXHIBIT

The Liriodendron Mansion, 1 - 4:00 p.m.
Exhibition of watercolor portraits by Germaine Hughes and the fine woodworking of Tom Jones. Free. www.liriodendron.com

Sunday 19

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: The Starvation Army Band

Shamrock Park, 7 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

Wednesday 22

MAIN STREET SOCIAL

Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Make lasting connections right here in Bel Air. Visit www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Friday 24

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: Cars 3

Shamrock Park, Lee Way & Hickory Avenue, 7:15 p.m. Movie starts at sunset.

Bring the family for a fun and free movie night. Pre-movie entertainment by Twirlastics, courtesy of Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. www.downtownbelair.com

Thursday 30 - Oct. 28

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION ART SHOW

Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace Original artwork including oil, watercolor, photography, pottery, glasswork, gourds, jewelry, tiles and scarves.

This exhibit features Harford Artist's Association's premier juried show. Reception: September 15th from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 410-420-9499 or www.artinharford.org

SEPTEMBER

Friday 7

LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Regents of Jazz

Main Street Parking Lot (next to Harford County Sheriff's Office) Noon – 1:00 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 7

FIRST FRIDAYS

Downtown Parking Lot (next to Harford County Sheriff's Office), 5 – 8 pm.

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Sunday 9

THE BELLE AIRE MARKET

Downtown Bel Air, 9 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A seasonal open-air market featuring antiques and finely crafted artisan items. www.downtownbelair.com for location.

Tuesday 11

BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: SLATED FOR SUCCESS: THE CELTS IN HARFORD

Historical Society of Harford County

12:30 p.m – 1:30 pm

Welsh immigrants and Delta slate began a journey in the 19th century that would end in international fame and accolades. Presented by Ruth Ann Robinson from the Old Line Museum. Free. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Wednesday 12

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Historical Society of Harford County

7 – 9:00 p.m.

410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Friday 14

LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Self Expression

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

Sunday 16

BEL AIR FESTIVAL FOR THE ARTS

Shamrock Park, Lee Way and Hickory Avenue, 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m

350 artists, photographers and craftsmen from Maryland and ten other states will exhibit and sell their work. Continuous live entertainment on the bandshell stage, as well as roving entertainment. Great festival food available. Free shuttle bus will run 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. from the MVA parking lot on Rt. 24 to the festival site. Rain or shine. Sponsor: Bel Air Recreation Committee and the Town of Bel Air. Free. 443-616-6708

Sunday, September 16 - November 4

RELATIONSHIPS ESTONIAN ART SHOW

The Galleries at the Liriodendron

This first-ever international art show to be hosted at the Liriodendron features original paintings, sculptures, drawings, and textiles from local artists in Estonia, including Bel Air's Sister City, Narva, and photographs depicting life in Estonia from 1910. Additional events featuring Estonian history and culture, including film screenings, performances, and lectures, will also be held during exhibit dates.

Opening reception: September 16th from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Gallery Hours:

Wednesdays from 1 – 7:00 p.m. and

Sundays from 1 – 4:00 p.m.

Check website for event schedule and additional gallery hours. 410-879-4424 or www.liriodendron.com

Friday 21

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

Friday 28

LUNCHTIME CONCERT: BAHS Jazz Ensemble & Pop Choir

Main Street Parking Lot, in front of the mural on the Sheriff's Office building, 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

Get your Town of Bel Air License Plate



The MVA requires at least 25 individuals to apply for a Town of Bel Air license plate (see example above) before they will produce them. We are almost at the goal!

If you are interested, please stop by Town Hall to pick up an application or download the application or visit <https://www.belairmd.org/DocumentCenter/View/1414>.

The cost is \$25, made payable to the MVA. Drop the check and your application off at Town Hall, Department of Administration, for authorization.

Please contact the Department of Administration with any questions: 410-638-4550

To Bel Air Bond readers:
In the near future, the Bel Air Bond newsletter is going paperless.

Still prefer a paper copy?
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



The Bel Air Lions Club, as part of the Bel Air Lions 75th anniversary and the Lions Clubs International Centennial Celebration, donated \$28,000 for a new pavilion, paver floor and picnic table at the Shamrock Park playground. Above (l to r) are David Guzewich, President; John Mosier, Lions Shamrock Playground Committee; and Mark Wilson, Treasurer. Shamrock Park at the William A. Humbert Amphitheater is the location of Bel Air's Summer Concert Series and one of the most well-used open spaces in Town all year.

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>

Pedestrian safety is a Town priority this summer

A message from Mayor Susan Burdette

As mayor, one of my key concerns is pedestrian safety. One of the best ways to enforce it is to ask citizens to remind each other to follow the rules and to stay informed.

Pedestrians — people who travel by foot, wheelchair, stroller or similar means — are among the most vulnerable users of the road.

Walking is good for your health and it's good for the environment, too. But before you head out on foot for a stroll, power walk or errand, remember these safety tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Maryland and Bel Air Police Chief Charles Moore:



The Duties of Pedestrians:

- Whenever possible, cross the street at a designated crosswalk or intersection.
- A pedestrian may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
- Pedestrians must adhere to pedestrian traffic control signals when available.
- Increase your visibility at night by carrying a flashlight and wearing retroreflective clothing.
- It's safest to walk on a sidewalk. If one is not available, walk on the shoulder and face traffic.
- Avoid distractions such as electronic devices that take your attention off the road.

The duty of a driver: The driver of a vehicle shall come to a stop when a pedestrian crossing the roadway is in a crosswalk. The passing of a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian is prohibited. If, at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, a vehicle is stopped to let a pedestrian cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear may not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

Parking safety: State law requires that a vehicle stopped or parked along a right or left-hand curb or roadway edge, shall be stopped or parked with the wheels within 12 inches of that curb or edge of the roadway.

To improve the safety of bicyclists (and pedestrians) in the Town of Bel Air, we initiated a program designed to provide bicyclists with free bicycle lamps and information on safe bicycling. The Town of Bel Air's Committee on the Elderly and Needy Citizens conceptualized the program. To request a light, stop by the Bel Air Police Department with your bicycle, where you will get a no-cost light along with a safety pamphlet.

Bel Air's summer concerts thrive because of volunteers

The sounds of music from jazz ensembles, military bands, classical orchestras, choral groups, rock bands and more have filled Shamrock Park on most Sunday evenings for the last 50 years. Because of their popularity, Wednesday evening concerts were added in 1979.

Loyal volunteers make these always-free concerts happen with months of planning and the juggling of many logistics.

If you see (l to r) Tressie Polak, Chris Depkin, Jamie Kim and Bob Veidt (not pictured), be sure to tell them what the music means to you.



Keep grass clippings from entering storm water runoff and then into the Bay

With the recent heavy rains, many of us have had to mow our lawns more often. Heavy rains also contribute to grass clippings ending up in storm water runoff. Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually also enter street storm drains.

When lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves or animal wastes are picked up by storm water runoff, they are carried directly to our local streams and, eventually, to the Chesapeake Bay. All of these materials, including grass clippings, contain phosphorus. According to the U.S. EPA, phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff and it is considered the primary cause of water quality problems in our streams, ponds and bay.

When mowing, do not blow grass clippings into the street. Make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn. Use a broom or leaf blower to blow clippings in the street or sidewalk back into the lawn.

Blowing or mowing grass clippings onto the street creates problems for the public works staff. This practice can block downstream storm water inlet grates and pipes, causing storm water to back up into the street, creating flooding conditions. You should mow your lawn when the grass is dry, to avoid clumping. Set the mower cutting height up to 2 to 2½ inches to

hide clippings better, and make a healthier lawn. Try to remove only one-third of grass length per mowing. If the grass is very overgrown, mow twice: first at a high setting, then wait a few days and mow lower. Mow every five to seven days in the spring. (Every two weeks may be enough in the summer.) You'll still save time over bagging and dragging clippings to the curb and water and fertilize less. However, if you still feel the need to bag your grass, please use paper, not plastic, bags or place them loose in cans. Keep your grass clippings on the lawn and not in the street or gutter. Remember, when you leave your grass clippings on the lawn, you add free fertilizer to your lawn. According to the U.S. EPA, leaving your grass clippings on the lawn doesn't cause thatch buildup. Grass clippings are about 90 percent water, so they decompose very quickly. Leaving your grass clippings on the lawn can reduce your lawn's annual fertilizer needs, reduce your fertilizer costs and reduce water pollution. —By Steve Kline, Director of Public Works

The Department of Public Works collects bagged grass and leaves separately from regular trash and delivers them to the compost facility at the Scarboro Landfill. Check the pick-up schedule for your street at <https://www.belairmd.org/>



Community Open House

Saturday August 11, 2018
Time: 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Police Department Tours
K-9 Unit demonstrations
SWAT Team demonstrations
Talk with officers from Bel Air's specialized crime units
Free "KID PRINT" photo identification
Meet McGruff the Crime Dog
Free snacks

Hosted by the Town of Bel Air Police Department & its Citizens Advisory Board

Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners Approves FY19 Budget

After almost six months of work on the budget with department heads, Jesse Bane, Town Administrator, introduced a balanced budget on April 2, 2018 to the Board of Town Commissioners. A public hearing was later held on April 16, 2018 and May 21, 2018. There were also six budget sessions during the months of April and May to review the budget and allow for public input.

On May 21, 2018, the Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2019 Town Budget, which includes:

- No change in the real (\$.50/100) or personal property (\$1.16/100) tax rates.
- Elimination of the 1% discount on both real and personal property taxes for early payment.
- Same high level of services to our residents/businesses.
- Added a new full-time School Resource Police Officer position.
- Street/curb and gutter/curb ramp construction projects.
- A \$.12 decrease in the Sewer Rate from \$5.99/1,000 to \$5.87/1,000 gallons of water.

The 2018 Bel Air Independence Day Celebration: 2018 Theme: A Salute to American Heroes!



Wednesday, July 4th, 2018 • 6:45 am - 10 pm • Bel Air, Maryland

At Bel Air High School

- 6:45 am: Flag Raising Ceremony
- 7-11:30 am: Pancake Breakfast

At Rockfield Ball Park

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

At the Hays House

- 9:00 am - noon: Tours; Activities

At Shamrock Park - Family Fun Activities!

- 8:45 am: Flag Ceremony
- 9 am: Water Balloon Toss
- 10 am: Patriotic & Fantasy Costume Contest
- 11 am: Uncle Sam Says
- 11 am: Bicycle Rodeo (at Bel Air Elementary School)
- 11:30 am: Watermelon Eating Contest



Bel Air INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

- Start Time: 6 pm sharp!
- Begins at Idlewild & S. Main — Ends at N. Main & Gordon!

Bel Air JULY 4 FIREWORKS

- Start Time: approximately 9:30 pm
- Fired from Rockfield Ball Park



Times & events subject to change. For details, registration times and more information, call (410) 893-4444 or visit www.BelAirJuly4.org. © 2018 Bel Air Independence Day Committee, Inc.