



# The Bel Air Bond

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## Liriodendron celebrates Bel Air and Narva, Estonia sister city partnership

Some “sister city” partnerships are mere symbols. However, the friendship between the Town of Bel Air and Narva, Estonia has gotten stronger each year after a series of visits, cultural exchange programs and a major health education initiative.

This tradition continues throughout the fall when the Liriodendron Foundation hosts *Relationships*, an ongoing art exhibition that features 35 Estonian artists. The Foundation also scheduled special programs that include speakers as well as a showing of *The Singing Revolution*, a film that highlights how Estonia won its independence from Russia with the help of peaceful singing protests. The Estonian Art Exhibit is the first international art show to be held at Liriodendron.

Toivo Tagamets, who was born in Narva and is now a long-time Maryland resident, has been a member of the Bel Air/Narva Sister City Partnership Committee since its beginning in 2014.

“The exhibit is a chance for people to learn about other cultures and to see what they do, even if the two places are an eight or ten-hour flight away from each other,” he says. Though there are vast differences in the culture and history of these two cities, he adds, “We all want the same things in the world.” (cont. p.3)



**Toivo Tagamets and Barbara Tower carry the Town of Bel Air flag during a 2017 parade in Narva, Estonia.**

Dear Neighbors,

This September, purple lights illuminate many of Bel Air’s municipal buildings and businesses to show solidarity for Opioid Awareness Month, a campaign by the Town of Bel Air, Harford County Government, Harford County Health Department and Harford County Sheriff’s Office. The lights call each of us to attention. Opioid abuse is a complex crisis that has devastated families and communities around the country, including Bel Air.

The lights are more than symbolic. For several years now, Harford’s municipal governments, law enforcement agencies, nonprofits, spiritual communities and residents have grappled with how to save lives, enforce laws and support those whose lives have been impacted by opioid addiction.

**During 2017, in a town that covers just 3.03 square miles, Bel Air Police Department (BAPD) officers responded to 33 opioid/heroin overdoses and five fatalities from overdoses. As of August, 2018, BAPD responded to 17 opioid related overdoses; seven resulted in a fatality.**

In the Town of Bel Air, the Drug Abatement Response Team (DART), began in January 2018. The team connects patients and their families to a resource network that guides them to recovery services. The model includes the use of volunteer peer recovery coaches as a way to increase the chance of making these important connections. Of the 15 patrol responses this year, four referrals were made to DART’s community partners who include Family & Children’s Services, the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy and others.

From a legal standpoint, Bel Air’s Town Commissioners passed a resolution authorizing a contingency fee retainer agreement with several specialized law firms that are engaged in opioid litigation against drug manufacturers and distributors.

The current opioid epidemic is a challenge that each of us must face, even if we or our families have not been directly impacted. The problem calls for creative and non-traditional solutions, support for the law enforcement community and compassion for our neighbors who are affected by this issue.

Please reach out to me if you have ideas to add to our ongoing efforts to solve this problem in Bel Air.



Mayor Susan Burdette

**On the cover:**

Eagle Scout candidate Adam Davis (front row, fifth from left) led his fellow Troop 238 scouts in an update of the Flight 800 memorial located at Rockfield Park. They replaced old signs, created a stone path from the sidewalk to the memorial, cleaned and repositioned the memorial’s river stone, and laid fresh mulch.

The memorial honors Bel Air residents Paula Carven and son, Joseph A. "Jay" von Hedrich III, who were killed in the 1996 TWA Flight 800 explosion near Long Island, New York.

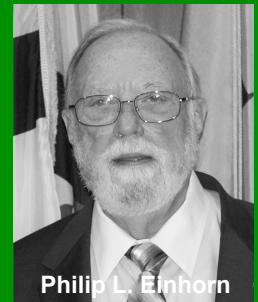
**Pictured:** (l to r) Mac Sansbury, Steve Christenbury, Andrew Steinberg, Gary Davis, Adam Davis, Dan Voelker, Will Davis, Bill Thayer, Gabe Christenbury and Stuart Goemmer.

*Photo courtesy of Gary Davis. Troop 238 is from St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Hickory.*

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(cont. from p.1) Danish King Voldemar IV granted city rights to Narva in 1345. Its history is filled with both great prosperity and painful conflicts because of the City's prime location on world trade routes. Most recently, Narva was virtually destroyed by Soviet bombs on March 6, 1944. Russia, as the victor, rebuilt the city in its own style and occupied Estonia until 1991. Throughout this occupation, the people of Estonia staged peaceful protests and succeeded in preserving its unique culture with art, music and dance.

The relationship between Maryland and Estonia dates to the early 1990s when the NATO Partnership for Peace program linked the Maryland National Guard to the Estonian Home Guard in a state partnership program. The US ambassador to Estonia asked for a sister city for Narva, which was formed

between the Town of Bel Air and Narva in 2014.



Bel Air/Narva Sister City Committee members include (l to r) Toivo Tagamets, Barbara Tower, Ph.D., Tina Zimmerman, Professor of Nursing at Harford Community College and Julie Siejack, Clinical Nurse Manager at Upper Chesapeake Health.

Since then, the five-member Bel Air/Narva Sister City Partnership Committee focuses on regular exchange of knowledge and ideas. Two committee members, Mr. Tagamets and Dr. Barbara Tower, a professor emeritus of the Community College of Baltimore County, have made several trips to attend festivities there. Narva dignitaries visited the Town of Bel Air for a reception and an educational exchange in May 2017.

During their visits, Dr. Tower and Mr. Tagamets looked for ways to establish meaningful connections between the two cities. Though many ideas came from the talks, town officials specifically expressed a need for HIV preventative education for high school students. From that, a unique health education exchange was born.

In December 2017, after months of planning, six Harford Community College nursing students and three nurse educators traveled to Narva. Over their five-day visit, the group taught approximately 625 10th, 11th and 12th graders about HIV and AIDS prevention. They used interactive and age-appropriate activities and received a warm welcome.

Tina Zimmerman is a professor of Nursing at Harford Community College and a member of the Bel Air/Narva Sister City Partnership Committee. She accompanied students on the trip and recalls that the trip benefited both sides: "The students understood that this was an exchange of ideas. From conversations with the Estonian health community, they learned a lot about hospice care in another country and how those ideas could be applied here. It gave them a chance to see health care in a different country and to see the world beyond their classes in Harford Community College. This experience for students was life-changing."

*Relationships* continues at Liriodendron through November 4, 2018.

**Relationships**  
Art from Estonia

**September 16 – November 4, 2018**  
The Liriodendron Mansion  
502 W. Gordon St. • Bel Air, MD 21014

In celebration of Maryland's deep and rich history of cooperation with Estonia, the Liriodendron Foundation is proud to present "Relationships" - the first ever international art exhibit to be held at the historic Liriodendron mansion. The exhibit features paintings, drawings, sculptures, and textiles from artists in Bel Air's sister city, Narva, Estonia, along with a photo exhibit and silent film depicting life in Estonia in the early 1900s. Events highlighting Estonian history and culture, and Maryland's unique relationship with the country, will be held throughout the exhibition.

**Sunday, September 16** ..... **Exhibit Opening**  
11 am – 4 pm • Free

**Thursday, September 27**.. **Estonia and Maryland - An Evolving Friendship**  
7 pm • Free - reservation required

**Sunday, September 30** ..... **Traditional Estonian Dance & Music Performance**  
2 pm • Tickets \$10

**Friday, October 5** ..... **Film Screening:**  
"The Singing Revolution"  
7 pm • Suggested donation \$5

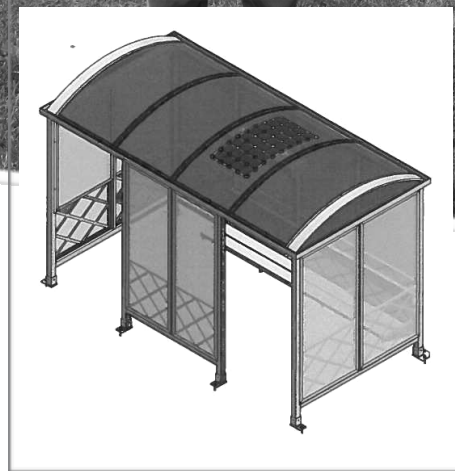
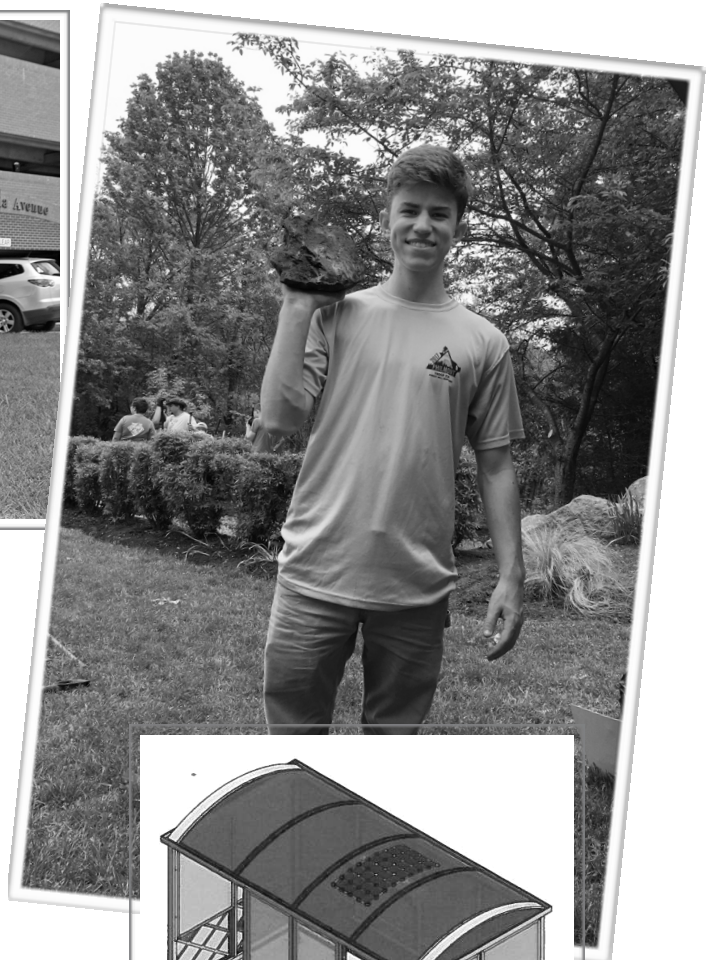
**Friday, October 19** ..... **Film Screening:**  
"To Breathe As One"  
7 pm • Suggested donation \$5

**Sunday, November 4** ..... **Exhibit Closing**  
1 - 4 pm • Free

Please visit [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com)  
or call **410.879.4424**  
for additional information and to purchase tickets.

This exhibit is supported by a grant from Maryland State Arts Council through Harford County Cultural Arts Board, by a grant from Harford County, MD, and by the Town of Bel Air.

**Construction projects around town focus on connecting pathways, cheaper parking, healthy living, getting from here to there and outdoor fun**





Clockwise from top: 1) Town garage monthly fees are now reduced to a flat rate of \$35 per month 2) Adam Davis of Scout Troop 238 made improvements to the Flight 800 Memorial at Rockfield Park and thus carries on a tradition of Boy Scout service projects to the Town that dates to 2011 3) A bus shelter on Pennsylvania Avenue next to the Risteau office building will soon protect riders from the elements 4) An additional turn lane was added to the intersection of Marketplace and MD Rt. 24 5) Boy Scout Sam O'Neill added traffic control bollards and signs on the driveway of Rockfield Manor in an effort to manage traffic on the property.



Secretary Kenneth Holt (l) of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Governor Larry Hogan (c) visited the newly-completed Armory Marketplace on August 23, 2018. The DHCD Community Legacy Program contributed to funding for the Marketplace build-out. Trish Heidenreich (r), Director of Economic Development, along with Mayor Susan Burdette, Commissioner Phil Einhorn and Town Administrator Jesse Bane, led the Governor and local officials on a facility tour.

Governor Hogan also met with each of the Armory Marketplace business owners and with members of Harford Artists Association. The Governor indicated that the Bel Air project can be used as an example for other towns that are looking to repurpose their armory building and garages. Ms. Heidenreich stated, "We were honored that the Governor and his team toured our facility and our tenants were thrilled to meet him!"

**The Bel Air Lions Club**

*With all of the net proceeds going to:*

**THE BEL AIR POLICE EXPLORERS POST 9010**

**Friday, October 26, 2018**  
Doors open at 6 PM & Bingo starts at 7 PM  
**BEL AIR ARMORY**  
37 N Main St. Bel Air, MD

Get your tickets NOW!! ☺ Limited number  
**Tickets are \$15 in advance & \$20 at the door\***

Includes a bingo booklet with 3 chances to win each of 20 games plus a chance to win door prizes

**DOOR PRIZES, "SPECIALS," RAFFLES, 50/50**

\*Sorry, but due to fire code, all attendees MUST HAVE A PAID TICKET. No "spectators" admitted. Please be sure to purchase a ticket for each person in your party, including children.


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Questions? Contact Michele Gerace ([michelegerace@verizon.net](mailto:michelegerace@verizon.net); 410-688-2392) or Lion Don Stewart ([donald.stewart@bslrcpa.com](mailto:donald.stewart@bslrcpa.com))

Many local businesses will be providing the Bingo Prizes for the event...don't miss out!

To purchase tickets...please go online to [WWW.BELAIRLIONS.ORG](http://WWW.BELAIRLIONS.ORG) and follow the BINGO link!

**Community Collection** 

FOR A CAUSE





**9am to 1pm, Saturday, September 22**  
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 Books Hearing Aids Toys	Textiles Eye Glasses Dehumidifiers Home Goods	Sporting Gear Cell Phones Window AC's Shoes
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**ALSO DOCUMENT SHREDDING!!!**

Sponsored By

Saturday, January 19, 2019  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
The Bel Air Armory



**Bells on Main**  
*A Town of Bel Air  
Wedding Marketplace*

Caterers  
Florists  
Bridal Shops  
Rental Companies  
Photographers  
Wine Tasting  
Bel Air Venue Options  
and More




**Are you planning a wedding next year? Would you like the convenience of shopping for everything in one place? Meet representatives from three venues in the Town of Bel Air: Rockfield Manor, The Liriodendron Mansion and the Bel Air Armory.**

**Advance ticket sales and more information to come. If you have questions or are interested in renting space as a vendor for this event email Chandra Krantz at [bellsonmain@belairmd.org](mailto:bellsonmain@belairmd.org)**

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.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 16 – Sunday, November 4

**ESTONIAN ART EXHIBIT**

Liriodendron Mansion

In celebration of Maryland's deep and rich history of cooperation with Estonia, the Liriodendron Foundation presents *Relationships*, Liriodendron's first international art exhibit. There are paintings, drawings, sculptures and textiles from artists in Bel Air's sister city, Narva, Estonia. The exhibit also includes a photo collection and a silent film depicting 1910 life in Estonia. Opening reception: Sunday, September 16, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with honored speakers at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments provided. Free. [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com)

Friday 21

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT: Matt Kineke**

Main Street Parking Lot (between Tower Restaurant and the mural on the Harford County Sheriff Office) Noon – 1:00 p.m. Visit nearby restaurants or brown bag it. Tables and chairs provided to enjoy lunch outside while listening to music. Free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. 410-638-4506

Saturday 22 – Saturday 29

**HARFORD BEER WEEK**

A celebration of craft beer and brewing. Visit [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com) for a list of scheduled events. Sponsors: Shane McCarthy and the Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Saturday 22

**OKTOBERFEST**  
Downtown Bel Air

Bel Air's Oktoberfest features German inspired cuisine, live music and beer tastings. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance. Schedule of events: [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

Sunday 23

**LEARNING BEE SERIES: BEN FRANKLIN SPEAKS**

Hays House Museum, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. David Fisher interprets Ben Franklin in the early days of our country. 410-838-7691 or [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org)

Sunday 23

**MUSIC AT THE MANSION**

The Liriodendron Mansion, 6:00 p.m. *Music at the Mansion* welcomes world-class composer and performer SONiA disappear fear to Liriodendron. SONiA's music spans genres and cultures and has earned global awards and accolades. This is a rare performance by one of Baltimore's treasures. Ticket prices and information: [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com), [www.soniadisappearfear.com](http://www.soniadisappearfear.com) or 410-879-4424.

Monday 24 – Saturday 29

**HARFORD PLEIN AIR**

Various locations throughout Harford County. Harford Plein Air is a painting competition that involves creating art in the open air. Juried artists from around the country take part. Artists submit completed paintings to be judged for prestigious awards. Collectors' Preview Party: September 28, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Gallery sale: September 29 with free admission. A portion of the art sales benefit the Maryland Center for the Arts. Sponsor: Maryland Center for the Arts, 443-567-5216 or [www.mdcenterforthearts.org](http://www.mdcenterforthearts.org).

Wednesday 26

**MAIN STREET SOCIAL**

Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Networking event to help people make lasting connections in Bel Air. Visit [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com) for location.

Thursday 27

**ESTONIAN LECTURE AND DISCUSSION**

The Liriodendron Mansion, 7:00 p.m. This first-of-two lectures features speakers from Harford Community College and the Bel Air/Narva Sister City Partnership Committee who will share insights into the history and culture of this mysterious country of contradictions. Refreshments provided. Event is free, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat or to get additional information: [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com) or call 410-879-4424

Friday 28

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT: BAH'S JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND POP CHOIR**

Main Street Parking Lot (between the Tower Restaurant and mural on the Harford County Sheriff Office) Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Visit nearby restaurants or brown bag it. Tables and chairs provided to enjoy your lunch outside while listening to music. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council. Free. 410-638-4506

Saturday 29

**13TH ANNUAL HARFORD COUNTY WINE FESTIVAL**

Rockfield Manor, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Enjoy hundreds of wines from around the world in a fun, lively atmosphere. Live music all day. Oktoberfest beer garden, talented vendors and exhibitors, discounts on featured wines, delicious food and an exclusive VIP area. Purchase tickets: [www.harfordcountywinefestival.com](http://www.harfordcountywinefestival.com).

Sunday 30

**ESTONIAN DANCE AND MUSIC PERFORMANCE**

The Liriodendron Mansion, 2:00 p.m. In celebration of Estonian culture and Maryland's deep relationship with the country, the Liriodendron is hosting a series of events during its Estonian art exhibit. This performance features regional Estonian folk dance groups Pillerkaar, Estonian folk dancers of Washington DC along with the Baltimore Washington Eesti Segakoor in a one-of-a-kind performance. Ticket prices and information: [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com) or 410-879-4424.

OCTOBER

Friday 5

**FIRST FRIDAYS**

121 S. Main Street, 5:00 – 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](http://www.downtownbelair.com) for a list of scheduled bands.

Friday 5

**FILM SCREENING: THE SINGING REVOLUTION**

The Liriodendron Mansion, 7:00 p.m. In celebration of Estonian culture and Maryland's deep relationship with the country, the Liriodendron is hosting a series of events during its Estonian art exhibit. This first-of-two documentary film screenings will feature *The Singing Revolution*, an inspiring account of how the Estonian people peacefully regained their freedom from decades of Soviet occupation through song. For ticketing and additional information: [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com) or 410-879-4424.

Saturday 6

**LASOS MYSTERY BINGO**

Bel Air Armory, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Prizes, food and laughs! Proceeds benefit LASOS literacy programs. Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$18 at the door. 410-836-0333 or [www.lasos.org](http://www.lasos.org)

Tuesday 9

**BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: HISTORY HAPPENED HERE**

Historical Society of Harford County  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

The story of Harford's historic markers, their locations and the rich stories they have to tell. Presented by Bill Pfingsten. Free.  
410-838-7691 or [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org)

Wednesday 10

**GENEALOGY WORKSHOP**

Historical Society of Harford County, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. 410-838-7691 or [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org)

Thursday 11

**FALL BOOK SALE: Members Only Night**

Harford County Public Library, Bel Air Branch, 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Paperback, hardback and children's books. Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library. 410-638-3151

Thursday 11 – Saturday 13

**TOWN OF BEL AIR FILM FESTIVAL**

Bel Air Armory  
Come see films Thursday through Saturday. Admission of \$5 per film includes popcorn and a drink. Children under 10, free. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council.  
[www.townofbelairfilmfestival.com](http://www.townofbelairfilmfestival.com) or 410-838-0584

Friday 12 – Saturday 13

**FALL BOOK SALE**

Harford County Public Library, Bel Air Branch, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Paperback, hardback and children's books. Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library. 410-638-3151

Friday 12

**MURDER MYSTERY AT THE MANSION**

The Liriodendron Mansion, 7 – 9:00 p.m. You are needed to help solve a murder at the mansion! Come play Click!, the new murder mystery game, at historic Liriodendron while enjoying food and drink from Laurrapin Caters. Ticket prices and information: [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com) or 410-879-4424

Sunday 14

**FALL BOOK SALE**

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

Sunday 14

**THE BELLE AIRE MARKET**

121 S. Main Street, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. A seasonal open-air market that features antiques and finely crafted artisan items. The Belle Aire Market evokes feelings of a Parisian bazaar. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

Thursday 18

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

Downtown Bel Air, 5 – 8:00 p.m. A night of shopping, discounts, food and drink specials. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

Friday 19

**FILM SCREENING: TO BREATHE AS ONE**

The Liriodendron Mansion, 7:00 p.m. In celebration the deep relationship between Estonia and Maryland, Liriodendron is hosting a series of events during its Estonian art exhibit. This second-of-two documentary film screenings follows the California-based Piedmont East Bay Children's Choir as members prepare to participate in the Estonian song festival, Laulupidu. Ticketing and additional information: [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com) or 410-879-4424

Saturday 20

**BEL AIR HAUNTS AND HISTORY TOUR**

Historical Society of Harford County  
A spirited guided tour of Bel Air complete with costumed actors, treasured stories from the past and perhaps, some uninvited participants. Social hour: 4:30 p.m., followed by the tour. Walking tour only at 6:00 p.m. Sponsors: The Historical Society of Harford County, Town of Bel Air and LASOS. 410-838-7691 or [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org) for ticket information.

Sunday 21 – Sunday November 18

**ART GALLERY EVENT: WOODTURNING & EN PLEIN AIR PAINTING**

Liriodendron Gallery  
Sundays 1 – 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 1 – 7:00 p.m.

Artist Tom Jones specializes in woodturning, a craft in which a block of wood is mounted on a lathe and spun at a high speed while the artist holds a sharp chisel against the wood to carve a desired shape. Justin Woytowicz is an en plein air artist considerably influenced by impressionist movements. His rich oil paintings depict many local scenes. 410-879-4424

Wednesday 24

**PRICELESS: HOW I WENT UNDERCOVER TO RESCUE THE WORLD'S STOLEN TREASURES**

Bel Air Armory, Cocktail reception 6:00 p.m.; Presentation 7:00 p.m. Tales of historic thefts, harrowing recoveries and dirty little secrets. Robert Wittman, author, former FBI Special Agent and TV personality, shares stories of the secret world of stolen art, having personally solved some of the most notorious art thefts of our time. [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org) or 410-838-7691

Wednesday 24

**MAIN STREET SOCIAL**

Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Networking event to help people make lasting connections here in Bel Air. Visit [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com) for location.

Friday 26

**BEL AIR LIONS CLUB EXPLORERS BINGO**

Bel Air Armory  
Doors open at 6 p.m.; Bingo at 7 p.m. All proceeds support Bel Air Police Department Explorer Post 9010. Tickets price includes a bingo booklet with three chances to win each of 20 games plus a chance to win door prizes. Food available for purchase, or bring your own. Partners: Bel Air Lions Club and Explorer Post 9010. Tickets: \$15.00. Contact Michele Gerace at 410-688-2392 or Lion Don Stewart at [donald.stewart@bslrcca.com](mailto:donald.stewart@bslrcca.com).

Saturday 27

**FALL FLING BIG BAND DANCE**

Bel Air Armory, 7 - 10:00 p.m. Live big band dance music by the Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble. Halloween costumes welcome, but not necessary. Free admission and light refreshments. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council. 410-638-4506

Sunday 28

**CANINE COSTUME CONTEST**

The Liriodendron Mansion, 2:00 p.m. Come to the Liriodendron for our first-ever Canine Costume Contest. Park on lower parking lot or access the contest via the MA & PA Trail spur that leads to the mansion grounds. Costume judging begins at 2:00 p.m., with prizes for most original, scariest, funniest and more! Information: [www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com) or 410-879-4424.

Sunday 28

**COME IF YOU DARE**

Hays House Museum  
Celebrate Halloween with a costume contest and spooky tales for children under 14. 410-838-7691 or [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org)

**NOVEMBER**

Friday November 1 - Sunday December 30

**GIVING AND GRATITUDE ART SHOW**

Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace  
A wide selection of original artwork ranging from oil, watercolor, photography, pottery, glasswork, gourds, jewelry, tiles and scarves. Harford Artists will celebrate the holiday season through their work. Reception: Saturday November 10th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Gallery Hours: Thursday – Sunday 11 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 410-420-9499 or [www.artinharford.org](http://www.artinharford.org)



Friday 2 – Saturday 3  
**10th ANNUAL HOPE IN HANDBAGS FOR HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE**

Silent purse auction & retail sale of gently used handbags. Proceeds help homeless families with children in Harford County to build a better life. Preview sale Friday 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.; sale continues Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free Admission. 410-273-6700 or hlynch@harfordfamilyhouse.org.

Sunday 4  
**ESTONIAN ART EXHIBIT CLOSING RECEPTION**

The Liriodendron Mansion, 1 – 4:00 p.m. The celebration of Bel Air's sister city of Narva will celebrate its final day with a closing reception. Information on the exhibit and related events: www.liriodendron.com

Saturday 10  
**3rd ANNUAL VETERANS RESOURCE INFORMATION FAIR**

Bel Air Armory  
 A one-stop-shop for information about benefits, jobs, housing and educational opportunities for veterans. Exhibitors feature family-friendly, interactive demonstrations including mechanical horse rides, a trained service dog, 3-D printing and virtual reality experiences. Veteran-owned Mission BBQ will provide free sandwiches, compliments of Harford County Government. This annual resource fair is hosted by the all-volunteer Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs under the administration of County Executive Barry Glassman. 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 410-638-3523

Saturday 10  
**ARCHER LECTURE & TEA: CONOWINGO DAM**

Historical Society of Harford County 2:00 p.m.  
 Join author-filmmaker John R. Paulson who began his research on the Conowingo Dam while creating the Maryland Public Television documentary *Conowingo Dam: Power on the Susquehanna*. He will recount the rich details of how the dam was built, the pioneering men who built it, the politicians who clashed over it, the village that vanished because of it and the "storm of the century" that threatened it. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Sunday 11  
**LEARNING BEE SERIES: THE ART OF HEARTH COOKING**

Hays House Museum, 1 – 4:00 p.m.  
 Pam Williams demonstrates this lost art of our colonial days. Free. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org



Sunday 11  
**MUSIC AT THE MANSION**

Liriodendron Mansion, 6:00 p.m.  
*Music at the Mansion* welcomes world renowned bassist and award-winning singer/songwriter Freebo to Liriodendron. Freebo has worked with some of the biggest names in the music industry, including Bonnie Raitt, Dr. John, Ringo Starr and Neil Young. His music touches hearts with songs of life, love, dogs and the human condition. Ticket prices and information: www.liriodendron.com, www.freebomusic.com or 410-879-4424.

Tuesday 13  
**BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES: FROM SILLY PUTTY TO BITS AND BYTES**

Historical Society of Harford County 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
 Life would sure have been a lot different without these and other cutting-edge inventions from APG. Learn about the surprising inventions developed for the military that eventually found their way into everyday life. Presented by Jeffrey Smart. Free. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org

Saturday 17  
**2nd ANNUAL HARFORD WOMEN'S EXPO**

Bel Air Armory, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Over 40 vendors offering cosmetics, jewelry, fashion and more. Shopping, seminars, concessions, Yoga, Zumba, live entertainment. Free admission and parking. Presented by Hardt Promotions, Inc. For more information 410-688-4117 or ravensal@aol.com

Sunday 22  
**Y TURKEY TROT CHARITY RUN 5K: BEL AIR**

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
 Starting point at the Liriodendron and MA & PA Trail parking lot. Presented by the Walter and Betty Ward Family Center. 410-679-9622 or www.ymaryland.org

Friday 23 -Saturday 24  
**CHESAPEAKE CANCER ALLIANCE'S 13th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES**

Bel Air Armory, Nov. 23rd 4 – 8:00 p.m., Nov. 24th 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 A two-day festive event that features donated and decorated trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses. They are sold through silent auction. Activities and shopping for all ages. All proceeds donated to Cancer LifeNet at the Kaufman Cancer Center. \$7 per person over 12 years of age. Sponsor: Chesapeake Cancer Alliance and Upper Chesapeake Hospital Foundation. 443-643-3460 or www.uchfoundation.org

Saturday 24  
**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**  
 Fantastic shopping and great food and drink at Bel Air's small businesses. With special

savings and incredible service at all downtown businesses, there is plenty to see and do. www.downtownbelair.com.

Saturday 24  
**CHESAPEAKE CANCER ALLIANCE'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Main Street Tower, 29 S. Main Street  
 Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. An opportunity for family and friends to gather, visit Santa and snap photos. All proceeds donated to Cancer LifeNet at the Kaufman Cancer Center. Sponsor: Chesapeake Cancer Alliance and Upper Chesapeake Hospital Foundation. 9 a.m. – Noon. 443-643-3460 or www.uchfoundation.org.

Wednesday 28  
**MAIN STREET SOCIAL**

Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
 Networking event to help people make lasting connections here in Bel Air. Visit www.downtownbelair.com for location.

**DECEMBER**

Friday November 30 – Sunday December 2  
**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Liriodendron Mansion  
 Experience the magic of Christmas at the Liriodendron Mansion! Greens and decorations for sale, art and craft vendors, train tables, music, refreshments, winter-themed artwork and a visit from Santa! For hours and information: www.liriodendron.com or 410-879-4424

SUNDAY 2  
**CHANUKAH IN THE PARK**

Shamrock Park, 5:30 p.m.  
 Join the community celebration with neighbors of all faiths to celebrate the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the temple. This year featuring a special Lego Menorah! Details: www.HarfordChabad.org/Chanukah

Saturday 1 – Sunday 2  
**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE & SALE**

Harford Artists Gallery, 11 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
 All works created by local artists including paintings, photography, pottery and jewelry. 410-420-9499 or www.artinharford.org

Saturday 1 – Sunday 2  
**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

Hays House Museum, 1 pm – 4 pm  
 Holiday decorations by the Country Garden Club and music by the Catherine Street Consort. Free. 410-838-7691 or www.HarfordHistory.org



Sunday 2

**29th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING**

Downtown Bel Air

Concert on Main Street in front of the Courthouse at 2:30 p.m. Parade at 3:30 p.m., beginning at Main Street and Churchville Road, proceeding to Lee Street and ending at Hickory Avenue. Community bonfire and singalong in Shamrock Park with free cookies and hot chocolate at 4:00 p.m. Tree Lighting at Town Hall at 4:45 pm. Stilt walkers and acrobats, local high school marching bands, costumed characters and mascots, beauty queens, dancers, floats, musical groups and special equestrian guests. The evening ends with The Living Christmas Tree and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. In bad weather, the event will be cancelled and not rescheduled. [www.belairmd.org/226/Christmas-Parade](http://www.belairmd.org/226/Christmas-Parade)

Thursday 6

**HOLIDAY PAINT AND SIP NIGHT**

Hays House Museum, 7:00 p.m.

Join local artists Sue Niewenhaus and Meg Algren for an evening of painting and wine. Create a holiday themed showpiece on slate to keep or give as a gift. All supplies and a glass of wine are included. Ticket information: 410-838-7691 or [www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org)

Sunday 9

**BEL AIR COMMUNITY CHORUS WINTER CONCERT: JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1200 Churchville Road. 3:00 p.m. Free. 443-910-2658

Saturday 15

**LU LA ROE POP-UP BOUTIQUE HOLIDAY SALE**

Bel Air Armory, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A day of multi-vendor holiday shopping. Includes home crafts and local businesses. Free hand massages, face painting for the kids. Food truck onsite. Swag bags for the first 30 people through the door. 443-691-3296 or [lularoeerinshara@gmail.com](mailto:lularoeerinshara@gmail.com)

Saturday 15

**HARFORD CHORAL SOCIETY WINTER CONCERT**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1200 Churchville Road. 4:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25 adult; \$20 senior; \$10 student; under 12, free. 443-299-6358 or [info@harfordchoralsociety.org](mailto:info@harfordchoralsociety.org)

Sunday 16

**12th ANNUAL MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS**

Bel Air High School Auditorium

Come and bring your tubas, euphoniums and baritone horns. Registration fee \$5; Music cost \$15 (unless you have music from a previous Tuba Christmas event). Bring a music stand, dress festively and decorate your instrument. Free for the audience. 410-391-7832 or [www.belairmd.org](http://www.belairmd.org)

Thursday 20

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

Downtown Bel Air, 5 – 8:00 p.m. A night of shopping, discounts, food and drink specials. [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

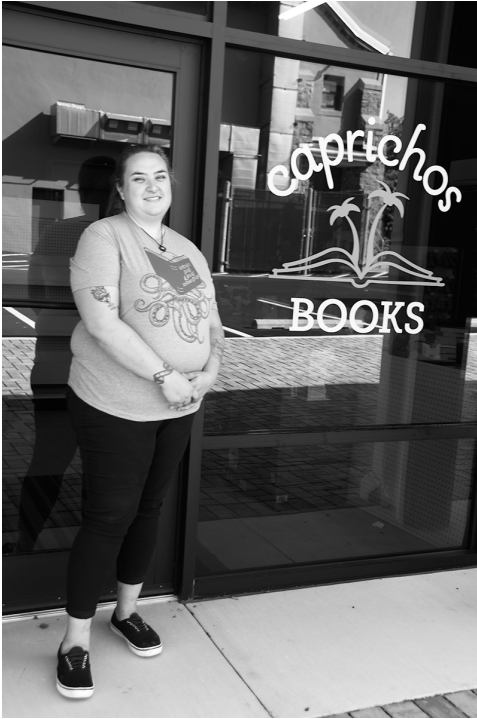
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Committees & Commissions	Contact Us <a href="http://www.belairmd.org">www.belairmd.org</a>	Town Government
<p><b>Board of Town Commissioners</b> 1st &amp; 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Town Hall</p> <p><b>Appearance &amp; Beautification Commission</b> 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Board of Appeals</b> 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Commission on Elderly &amp; Needy Citizens</b> 4th Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Cultural Arts Commission</b> 3rd Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Economic &amp; Community Development Commission</b> 2nd Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Historic Preservation Commission</b> 4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Planning Commission</b> 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p><b>Tree Committee</b> 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><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 <a href="mailto:ksantora@gmail.com">ksantora@gmail.com</a>; 443.695.3345</p>



Liz Cosner

Liz Cosner and husband Jeff Decker have always collected books. “A lot of them,” adds Liz. Their Bel Air home and several storage units were bulging with all genres until the August 18<sup>th</sup> grand opening of Caprichos Books, Bel Air’s only used bookstore.

“In a way, it’s hard doing this because I want to keep so many of them,” she says. “But we need room in our house!”

For several years, the couple dreamed of opening a retail used book store, but hesitated to take on debt. The affordable, town-supported incubator retail space in Bel Air Armory Marketplace was just the incentive they needed for Liz to write a business plan, quit her job at Ikea and unpack their collection.

The couple will continually update stock through customer book donations and a trade-in program. They will even accept damaged books and turn them over to local artists to create artwork. Artists can then consign the pieces to Caprichos Books for sale.

In the near future, Cosner and Decker also plan poetry readings and specialized book clubs. They want to support other area book clubs by selling their featured books. The couple also looks forward to expanding a coffee service.

For Cosner, who describes herself as a former Army brat, settling into her husband’s hometown of Bel Air promises a great future: “The incubator space is an amazing opportunity to get started and to see what the Town really wants in a used bookstore.”

Armory Marketplace, located behind the Armory at 37 N. Main Street, is an L-shaped bank of garages that the Town of Bel Air has rehabilitated into business incubator suites. The suites are available for new and emerging businesses that have the end goal of moving to a Bel Air storefront. Business incubators offer entrepreneurs a way to get started with a reduced rate lease while the business owner gains an understanding of their customer base and strengthens financial standing. Incubator businesses can stay in Armory Marketplace and refine their business from a minimum of six months to a maximum of three years.



Trish Ferrari Orndorff

Once her four children were on their own, former graphic designer Trish Ferrari Orndorff considered a number of creative business ideas. It was her husband Jim, though, who provided the inspiration.

“He noticed blank walls in many of the conference rooms of businesses that he called on,” she recalls. “I saw a need.”

With an already-established background in art and design, Orndorff enrolled in custom framing classes, found an internship in a custom frame shop and then set up Ferrari Frame & Design in her Havre de Grace home. She specializes in helping both businesses and families creatively tell their stories with framed art, photos and/or mementoes.

Through her memberships in the Rotary Club and Chesapeake Professional Women, she learned about the incubator businesses at Armory Marketplace. She wanted to start the path to a traditional storefront framing business. The affordable rent and the business support that she receives from the Town of Bel Air’s Department of Economic Development has allowed her to take the next step in her business plan.

Orndorff provides frames at various price points and specializes in taking the time needed to help customers decide on the ideal combination of design, mat and frame.

“From the time I applied, all of the staff in the Department of Economic Development have been phenomenal: patient and supportive,” she says. “They walked me through every step of the process.”

## Two Bel Air police officers move up in rank



The Bel Air Police Department announced two promotions at the August 20 Town Hall meeting. (l to r, front) Det. Sgt. Henry Marchesani, OFC. Logan Walsh, OFC. Keith Smithson and Commissioner Brendan Hopkins. Background: Commissioner Phil Einhorn and Mayor Susan Burdette



Officer First Class Logan F. Walsh began his law enforcement career with the Harford County Sheriff's Office. He joined the Bel Air Police Department in June 2016. Since that time, Officer Walsh has excelled in DUI enforcement, criminal arrests and investigations. Last year, Walsh alone made five DUI arrests and 25 criminal arrests. He has handled more

investigations than any other officer. The Harford County State's Attorney's Office recognized him in 2017 for his performance in DUI enforcement. According to Police Chief Charles Moore, he has continued on this excellent performance path in 2018, making at least one DUI arrest and ten criminal arrests.

Officer First Class Keith J. Smithson began his law enforcement career with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. He joined the Bel Air Police Department in June 2016. Since that time, Officer Smithson has exhibited excellent performance. During 2017, Smithson was the second highest performing officer for citations issued (over 500 citations and warnings alone) and more than 20 criminal arrests. During 2018, Officer First Class Smithson continues to excel in traffic and criminal enforcement and is currently the highest producer of citations/warnings issued and criminal arrests at the BAPD. Officer First Class Smithson is also an active member of the Crisis Negotiation Team and Accident Reconstruction. Successfully graduating from these complex courses is no easy task.

## Town comings and goings



Officer Nicholas Rhodes, a former Bel Air Middle School student and 2013 graduate of Bel Air High School, has been designated as the Town of Bel Air's second School Resource Officer. He is assigned to Bel Air Middle School on a full-time basis. Officer Rick Krause, assigned to Bel Air High School, also visits each of the other schools in town limits, including three private schools: John Carroll, St. Margaret and Harford Day.

Officer Rhodes plans positive initiatives directed to this age group, including an anti-bullying campaign. Officer Rhodes also helps oversee the Bel Air Police Explorers. As a graduate of the schools that he is now protecting, Rhodes says "I feel that I am where I am meant to be."



Sandy Saunders recently retired from the Town of Bel Air after a 31-year career as an administrative assistant. She worked in both the departments of Planning and Economic Development.

Trish Heidenreich, Director of Economic Development, looks back on Sandy's career: "Sandy gave 31 years of dedicated service to the Town of Bel Air and was well respected by all who had the good fortune of working with her during those years. Sandy brought the highest sense of professionalism to her job every day. She treated each and every one of our residents and business partners with kindness and efficiency."

Tickets include a soda and popcorn.



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