

# The Bel Air Bond

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*Andrea Kestner has managed the Bel Air Farmers Market for 10 years. She grew up in Jarrettsville in a family that kept bees, raised horses and grew what she says was a “ginormous” garden.*

## Bel Air Farmers Market set to open Saturday April 13

Andrea Kestner, Bel Air Farmers Market manager, talks about what’s new for 2019, how vendors are chosen and how the market produces a festive community gathering every Saturday morning. The Market is open from April 13 to November 23, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. and November 30 to December 21 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### What’s new in 2019?

We are back starting on Saturday April 13 with 42 producers and 13 specialty vendors. Two long-time vendors – Quigley Farms and Kahls Produce Farm – are retiring from the market, but we have brought in Deep Run Farms as a new produce vendor.

We’ll also have a mobile wood burning pizza truck called *Love.Crust.Pizza*. They plan to use market vendor products in their menu items. Also, AleCraft Brewery will now be a part of the rotating onsite brewer schedule. This year, we also welcome Turkey Point Winery in the winery rotation.

### What brings people out to Bel Air’s Farmers Market besides the produce and other vendors?

The Buy Local movement has been big. People want to know where their food is coming from, especially after all of the scares about different diseases out there. *(continued P. 4)*

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Spring 2019

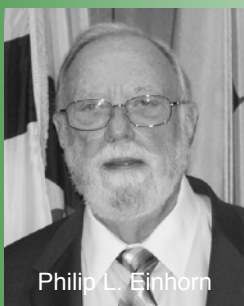
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Dear Neighbors,

*Spring is the time of plans and projects* – Leo Tolstoy  
*Spring is nature’s way of saying “Let’s party”* – Robin Williams

We can do it all – plan projects and party in the Town of Bel Air this spring! Our calendar of events is full of things to do and see. Some Town departments have offered more advice on how to enjoy Spring:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Take the new *Art Walk* through the Bel Air Arts and Entertainment District. On the two-mile walk, you’ll view 19 pieces of public art. Pick up a map in the Visitor’s Center in the Harford Artists Gallery or in the Armory. It can also be downloaded from <http://www.belairartsandentertainment.org/visit/>

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Register for Explorer’s Camp! Join the Bel Air Police Department’s Explorers in a week of exciting activities and demonstrations. Activities include K-9 and motorcycle demonstrations as well as chances to learn about traffic stops, fingerprinting, investigations and the special drill and ceremony protocol that police departments observe. Camp is open to children ages 10-14. *Applications may only be picked up and returned in person starting April 1.* Camp dates: June 24 – June 28; July 8 – July 12; August 5 August 9. Contact Officer First Class Rick Krause [rkrause@belairmd.org](mailto:rkrause@belairmd.org)

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Pick up the Town’s new *Walking Guide* and *Running Guide* with detailed maps of routes, running and walking resources and benefits of walking and running. Visit [www.belairmd.org](http://www.belairmd.org) or call 410-638-4540.

Are you driving into downtown to shop or dine? Download the free ParkMobile app to pay for parking on your mobile device. You can view and update/add time for your parking spot on iPhone and Android devices.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

The Finance Department is excited to announce that coming in June, taxpayers can enroll in a service that will allow them to pay their monthly sewer bill by automatic draft at no additional cost. Details will soon be on the Town’s website.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Yard and home clean-up projects? DPW encourages you to LEAVE GRASS CLIPPINGS ON THE LAWN. It benefits the environment, improves your lawn, saves time and saves landfill space. When mowing, lawn experts advocate the one-third rule: only remove one-third of the lawn height at any one mowing. The method develops a deeper root system, which is a natural defense against weeds, disease and drought. Also, “do-it-yourself” homeowners may borrow a ten-yard dumpster for construction debris. Call 410-638-4545. They are on a first-come-first-served basis.

See you around Town!

Mayor Susan Burdette

# Step right into the future with the Town of Bel Air

*“Someone’s sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”*

*Warren Buffett  
Investor*



Time waits for no one, which is why Bel Air’s staff and Town Commissioners are in the midst of planning for what’s in store for one, five, ten or more years in the future.

The FY20 – FY24 Town of Bel Air Strategic Plan will outline important issues about water, development, health, sustainability, historic preservation, recreation and more.

Want to stay informed? Follow the Town of Bel Air Government, the Town of Bel Air Department of Economic Development and the Bel Air Police Department on Facebook. Visit [www.belairmd.org](http://www.belairmd.org) regularly. Contact one of the Town Commissioners (see page 2). Attend Town Hall meetings on the first and third Monday of the month.

Learn more and share your opinion about some of these issues in the coming months and years:

- Initiatives that will conserve water, expand recycling and reduce use of pesticides
- Expand access to health education, community gardens, and improvement of bicycle and pedestrian routes
- Continue to support planting and maintaining street trees and green spaces throughout town
- Promote preservation of historic structures
- Carry on the vibrant Arts & Entertainment District activities, including potential new performance spaces and expansion of outdoor dining
- Continually review and update emergency readiness and communication
- Expansion/construction of a state-of-the-art police station
- Ensure state-of-the-art information technology support for Town functions
- Review opportunities for residential and commercial development that supports exceptional quality of life
- Focus on unmet needs of citizens, including senior citizens



*(Cont. from p. 1)* Markets put a face on the producer and give customers a chance to ask about their growing and raising practices.

During busy season, sometimes the vendors don't always have time for extended conversations, but they often say ask the customer to email and so they can follow up.

For many people, going to the Bel Air Farmers Market is part of their weekly schedule. There is camaraderie, and a chance to meet other people. There is no pressure from vendors to buy anything.

**How do you choose vendors?**

We are a producer-only market. Vendors make, grow or raise what they sell at the market. This includes those who bake, make pet treats, brew beer, make wine, grow flowers and make body-care products.

We inspect each new applicant's farm or workplace to verify that they are producing or making what they bring. Current vendors are also occasionally inspected as well.

It is an organized market. Vendors must adhere to all county and state guidelines. Everyone must have the right permits, insurances and licenses. The vendors do a lot of preparation to be there.

**Farmers markets have become so much more than just a place to buy produce.**

We have live music throughout the season with local musicians. We also have a balloon artist from Extreme Family Entertainment who creates balloon art for free for children.

We also set aside a table for a rotation of nonprofit agencies. Local visual artists can rent space at the beginning and end of the season for \$15.00. We are so grateful to the community for its support. We want to give back that support as best as we can.

**SPECIALTY VENDORS**

**Bushel and Peck Bakery:** Cakes, cake slices, brownies, cupcakes and pies

**Brooks Brand Salsa:** Fresh garden and bean salsa and chips

**Canine Cucina:** Fresh, frozen and cooked dog food

**Coffee Coffee:** Coffee, beverages, scones, cakes

**Dawg Gone Goodies:** Freshly made natural dog treats, products and soap

**Dough Run:** Granola, allergy-friendly baked goods

**Essential Earle's:** Natural soaps, lotions, lip balm, hair soap and massage oils

**Greek Superfoods:** Extra virgin olive oil, olives and balsamic vinegar, dips

**Hickory Chance Savory Treats:** Kettle Korn, donuts, fudge, mints, naturally flavored drinks

**Love.Crust.Pizza:** Mobile wood-fired pizza, incorporating vendor products in menu items

**Nick's Backfire Brands Seasonings:** Original spice blends, spice jars, BBQ spices, jerky, dried vegetables and pickles

**ProEdge:** Sharpening services for knives, scissors and a wide variety of specialty tools

**YogaFresh:** Juices and smoothies made to order fresh on-site

## LOCAL PRODUCE VENDORS

**AleCraft Brewery:** Locally brewed beer sold by crowler & growler

**Andy's Eggs & Poultry/Andrew's Garden:** Free range eggs, poultry, dog treats, annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetable plants, cut flowers

**Bees by the Bay:** Honey products, straws, soaps, skin care, candles and beeswax

**Beichlers Beyond:** Bread, rolls, cookies, muffins & cinnamon buns, fresh eggs (GMO & soy free), gluten-free baked goods

**Boordy Vineyards:** Maryland wine

**Brad's Produce:** Vegetables, strawberries, pumpkins, gourds, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, GMO-free cow milk, butter, yogurt

**The Breadery:** Breads, muffins, focaccia, sweet breads, cookies and scones

**Belle's Acres:** Artisan goat milk soap, lotion and skin care

**Belvedere Farm:** Fresh-cut flowers and sedums

**Brogue Hydroponics:** Herbs, vegetables, fruit, perennials and annuals

**Brooms Bloom:** Pork, ice cream & cheese

**Brown Croft Farm:** Fruit and produce

**Calvert's Gift Farm:** Certified Organic GMO-free vegetables, herbs, fruit and herbs

**Crooked Creek Farm:** Farm-raised pork and produce

**Deep Run Farms:** Seasonal produce

**DeJon Vineyard:** Maryland wine

**Falling Branch Brewery:** Beer brewed on a Harford farm, using their hops, barley and pumpkins

**Fiore Winery:** Maryland wine

**Firetower Farm Brewery:** Local beer sold by bottle and six-pack

**Flowers by Dene':** Fresh-cut flowers, arrangements, herbs, perennials, vegetable plants, vegetables & fruit

**Flying Plow Farm:** Certified Organic produce, fruit, eggs, chicken. Non-certified grass-fed beef and pork.

**Gardens of Joy:** Fresh cut flowers, arrangements, annuals, perennials, topiaries, miniature gardens and container gardens

**God Scent Herbs:** Herbs, vegetable plants, raspberry and blueberry bushes and skin care

**Granova Poultry:** Natural and non-GMO chicken, six varieties of chicken sausage

**Harford Vineyard:** Maryland wine

**Hickory Chance Beef:** Beef sausage, beef jerky, roasts, etc. Also offering dog beef liver treats

**Independent Brewing Company:** Locally brewed beer sold by the growler and six-pack

**Kirk's Farm:** Vegetables, strawberries and blueberries

**Kollar Nursery:** Native wildflowers, trees & shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses, occasional tropical plants

**Magness Farms:** Vegetable oils including soybean, sunflower and GMO-free canola

**Robinson Farm Sweet D's Spreads:** Homemade jams and jellies

**Saltbox Kitchen:** Coffee cakes, assorted cakes, shortbread and bar cookies, cheese wafers and more

**San Giovanni's Market Garden:** Certified organic micro-greens

**Shepherds Manor Creamery:** Sheep's milk cheese and soap

**Slate Farm Brewery:** Locally brewed beer

**Sosnowski Exotic Mushrooms :** Portabello, Shiitake, Crimini and Oyster mushrooms

**Sweet Aire Farm:** Seasonal fruit, grapes, figs, kiwis, quinces, elderberries and gooseberries

**Turkey Point Vineyard**  
Local family-owned vineyard

**Wild Peace Farm:** Produce and small fruit vendor

**Wilson's Farm Market:** Seasonal fruit, GMO-free vegetables, annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, pumpkins, fall gourds and fall decorative produce

**Woolly Hill Farm:** Seasonal vegetables, handmade wooden items, baked goods, vegetable plants and cannas bulbs

**Woolsey Farm:** Lamb, beef, turkey, ground and cut as well as Thanksgiving turkeys



## MARCH

Saturday 30

### MASTER CLASS & CONCERT WITH BSO VIOLIST PETER MINKLER

Music Land, 200 Gateway Drive  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra violist Peter Minkler will coach up to four students on the viola on a solo piece of their choice. All welcome. Sponsor: Maryland Center for the Arts. Suggested minimum donation: \$10. 443-567-5216 or [www.mdcenterforthearts.org](http://www.mdcenterforthearts.org)

Saturday 30

### GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Bel Air Armory, 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Discover your family history. Advance registration required. Free.

Sunday 31

### PICTURED PEOPLE

Liriodendron Gallery, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Paintings by Dave DeRan and Allison Chase Radcliffe; photography by Jack Radcliffe. Music by *Late for Supper*. Show runs March 31 – April 28, Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. & Wednesdays 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Closed Easter Sunday.

## APRIL



Saturday 6

### LECTURE & TEA: QUAKERS AND THEIR IMPACT ON HARFORD COUNTY HISTORY

Historical Society of Harford County  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Quakers settled in early Harford County and influenced development, economics and politics. Learn more from guest speaker Larry Carmichael. Admission: \$15. 410-838-7691

Saturday 6

### GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS

Harford Community College, Amoss Center, 3:00 p.m.  
Rooted in ancient traditions, the Golden Dragon Acrobats feature electrifying acrobats, contortionists and jugglers. Admission: \$15 - \$25. 443-412-2211 or [LIVEatHarfordCC.com](http://LIVEatHarfordCC.com)

Sunday 7

### WALK MS 2019 BEL AIR

Walk together with a community of people who want to end MS forever. One-mile and three-mile routes. [https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr\\_id=30480](https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=30480)

Tuesday 9

### THE HISTORY OF MedChi AND ITS HARFORD COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Historical Society of Harford County  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
Bring lunch and learn about the Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi) and its Harford connections from Meg Fairfax Fielding, Director of Development for the Center for a Healthy Maryland. Members

Free; Non-members: \$5. 410-838-7691

Wednesday 10

### WHERE DID THEY GO? HOW TO FIND DISAPPEARING RELATIVES

Historical Society of Harford County  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Uncover lost relatives. Mary Worthington Schweers shares her forensic genealogy background and secrets learned over the years. Admission: \$10. 410-838-7691

Thursday 11

### SPRING BOOK SALE

Bel Air Library, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Member Night. Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library. 410-638-3151

Thursday 11 – Saturday 13

### JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Bel Air High School  
Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Tickets at [www.belairdrama.org](http://www.belairdrama.org)

Friday 12 – Saturday 13

### SPRING BOOK SALE

Bel Air Library, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sponsor: Friends of the Bel Air Library. 410-638-3151

Saturday 13

### MASTER CLASS & CONCERT WITH BSO CELLIST BO LI

Music Land, 200 Gateway Drive,  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
BSO cellist Bo Li will coach up to four students on a solo piece of their choice.

## Frequently visited addresses, phone and websites

### Town of Bel Air Government

410-638-4506  
[www.belairmd.org](http://www.belairmd.org)  
Bel Air Armory  
37 N. Main St.

### Humbert Amphitheater

Shamrock Park  
Lee Way & Hickory Ave.

### Liriodendron Gallery

502 W. Gordon St.  
[www.liriodendron.com](http://www.liriodendron.com)

### Harford County Public Library, Bel Air

100 E. Pennsylvania Ave.  
[www.hcplonline.org](http://www.hcplonline.org)

### Hays House Museum

324 Kenmore Ave.

### Rockfield Manor

501 E. Churchville Rd.  
[www.rockfieldmanor.com](http://www.rockfieldmanor.com)

### Harford Artists Gallery at Armory

Marketplace, 37 N. Main St.  
[www.artinharford.org](http://www.artinharford.org)

### Historical Society of Harford County

143 N. Main St.  
[www.HarfordHistory.org](http://www.HarfordHistory.org)

### Bel Air Downtown Alliance

[www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

All welcome to observe. Sponsor: Maryland Center for the Arts. Suggested donation: \$10. 443-567-5216 or [www.mdcenterforthearts.org](http://www.mdcenterforthearts.org)

Saturday 13

**14TH ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL**

Rockfield Park Ball Fields  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Kite flying, music and food for the whole family. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and APG Federal Credit Union. Rain date: April 14. Free admission. Free kites while supply lasts.

Saturday 13

**15TH ANNUAL A NIGHT IN PARADISE**

Bel Air Armory, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.  
Enjoy live music plus a southern shrimp feast and bull roast. The Greater Bel Air Community Foundation raises funds for local capital improvement projects. 410-879-9292 or [www.gbacf.com](http://www.gbacf.com)

Sunday 14

**OVER THE RAINBOW 5K & 1-MILE FAMILY FUN WALK**

Bel Air Athletic Club, Start: 8:00 a.m.  
Raise funds for Franklin Square NICU at Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center. Sponsor: Harford County Running Club. Register: <http://runharford.com/event/over-the-rainbow-5k-1-mile-family-fun-walk/>

Sunday 14

**SPRING BOOK SALE**

Bel Air Library, 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

Sunday 14

**LEARNING BEE SERIES: GADGETS AND GEEGAWS**

Hays House, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
A display and talk about oddities from times past. Adults: \$5; Seniors and students: \$3; Children under 4: Free. 410-838-7691

Thursday 18

**SIP & SHOP**

Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Come to downtown Bel Air for a shopping and dining experience. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Sunday 20

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Rockfield Manor, 10:00 a.m.  
Join your neighbors for traditional spring founders fun. Free

Wednesday 24

**MAIN STREET SOCIAL**

Sean Bolans, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Make lasting connections right here in Bel Air. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Friday 26

**CHARLOTTE’S WEB**

Harford Community College  
7:00 p.m.  
A 60-minute musical adaptation of the classic story of friendship. Admission: \$10 – \$16. 443-412-2211 or [LIVEatHarfordCC.com](http://LIVEatHarfordCC.com)

Friday 26

**FOURTH FRIDAY**

Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Harford County’s best block party. Local live music, beer and wine and food vendors. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Friday 26

**HARFORD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BULL ROAST FUNDRAISER**

Bel Air Armory, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Contact the Harford Community Action Agency (410) 612-9909 or [pj@harfordcaa.org](mailto:pj@harfordcaa.org) for ticket pricing.

Saturday 27

**SPRING FLING BIG BAND DANCE**

Bel Air Armory, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
An evening of dancing with live music by the Bel Air Community Band Jazz Ensemble. Free light refreshments. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and Harford County Cultural Arts Board through the Maryland State Arts Council. Free.

Sunday 28

**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.  
Money raised provides a lifeline for babies in the NICU, funding research and a way to connect families with the critical treatments and care they need. [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org)

Sunday 28

**MUSIC AT THE MANSION: SLOAN WAINWRIGHT**

Liriodendron Gallery, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Sloan Wainwright, a singer-songwriter, weaves pop, folk, jazz and blues with her rich voice, creating a unique and soulful musical hybrid. Admission: \$15.

**MAY**

Thursday 2 – Sunday June 30

**ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY**

Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace  
Artists interpret the theme of very ordinary to the extraordinary things in life. Reception: May 12 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Gallery hours: Thursday – Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 410-420-9499

Friday 3

**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: Town of Bel Air Appearance & Beautification Committee.

Friday 3

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT: SELF-EXPRESSION / JOHN SOBUS**

Bel Air Armory, Noon – 1:00 p.m.  
Concert inside the Armory with the Garden Mart. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air. Free. 410-638-4506



Friday 3

**FIRST FRIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Hays House Museum, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Tour the 1788 Hays House, the oldest home in Bel Air. Admission: Free.

Saturday 4

**HARFORD CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS MESSIAH IN MAY**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1200 Churchville Road. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Although *Messiah* is normally heard at Christmas, it was written for the season of Easter. [www.harfordchoralsociety.org](http://www.harfordchoralsociety.org)

Saturday 4

**CELEBRATION OF CULTURES**

Bel Air Armory, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Celebrate diversity. A family day of performances, crafts, cultural booths and children’s activities. Food from around the world available for purchase. Sponsor: Harford County Cultural Arts Board, Greater Bel Air Community Foundation and LASOS, Inc. Free. 410-836-0333

Sunday 5

**OPENING ART RECEPTION**

Liriodendron Gallery, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Paintings by Justin Woytowicz, John Sauers, Jonathan West and the Wednesday Artists Group, along with Lise Lorentzen, who creates traditional Norwegian Rosemaling painting. Show runs May 5- May 26, Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 5

**BEL AIR COMMUNITY BAND SPRING CONCERT**

Bel Air High School Auditorium  
Contact Bob Veidt [bcveidt@gmail.com](mailto:bcveidt@gmail.com)

Friday 10

**TECHNICOLOR MOTOR HOME, A CONCERT OF STEELY DAN MUSIC**

Bel Air Armory 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Reserve tables, contact Slate Ridge Entertainment: [robertmumby@verizon.net](mailto:robertmumby@verizon.net), 443-528-6144 or Craig Ward at [ward8001@gmail.com](mailto:ward8001@gmail.com) 410-937-9366

General admission chair seats are positioned behind the VIP and PREMIUM tables. Doors open: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 12

**MOTHER’S DAY AT THE MANOR**

Rockfield Manor  
Mother’s Day brunch presented by Lib’s Grill. Call 410-638-4565 or Lib’s Grill 410-513-7133.

Sunday 12

**THE BELLE AIRE MARKET**

Downtown Bel Air, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
An open-air market featuring antiques and artisan items that evokes a Parisian bazaar. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Sunday 12

**MOTHER’S DAY OPEN HOUSE**

Liriodendron Gallery, 1:00 – 4 pm.  
Have a relaxing stroll around the grounds, tour the mansion, enjoy music and light refreshments and take in the art exhibition. Admission: Free.

Tuesday 14

**AND THEY’RE OFF: THE HISTORY OF HORSE RACING**

Historical Society of Harford County 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
Bring lunch and learn about horse racing in the U.S. and Harford County’s major role. Speaker: Historical Society Director Maryanna Skowronski. Members: Free; non-members: \$5.

Wednesday 15

**COUCH POTATO GENEALOGY: RESEARCHING FROM YOUR HOME**

Historical Society of Harford County 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
If you always wanted to research your roots, but don’t want to travel to distant libraries and research facilities, this is the workshop for you. Mary Worthington Schweers will provide the resources and knowledge needed to seek long-lost relatives without leaving home. Admission: \$10. 410-838-7691

Saturday 18

**MUSIC FOR A SPRING EVENING**

Bel Air High School, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
An annual side-by-side concert in which talented local youth join the ranks of the orchestra. The SSO will perform, for the first time, composer Franz Schubert’s *Rosamunde Overture* and French romantic composer Leo Delibes’ music from his ballet *Sylvia*. Sponsor: The Susquehanna Symphony Orchestra. 443-567-9414 or [www.ssorchestra.org](http://www.ssorchestra.org)

Sunday 19

**BEL AIR COMMUNITY CHORUS SPRING CONCERT**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1200 Churchville Road, 3:00 p.m. Free. 443-910-2658 or [www.belaircommunitychorus.org](http://www.belaircommunitychorus.org)

Wednesday 22

**MAIN STREET SOCIAL**

MaGerks Pub, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Make lasting connections right here in Bel Air. Free to Alliance members. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Friday 24

**FOURTH FRIDAY**

Downtown Bel Air, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Join the Bel Air Downtown Alliance for Harford County’s best block party. Local live music, beer and wine and food vendors.

Monday 27

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

Shamrock Park, 10:30 a.m.  
Ceremony honoring deceased veterans. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air and American Legion Harford Post #39. Admission is free. 410-303-8138



# JUNE

Sunday 2

## 39TH ANNUAL BEL AIR TOWN RUN

Shamrock Park, 8:00 a.m.

A 5K foot race and an untimed 1-mile walk through Bel Air. This is part of the RRCA Maryland Championship Series.

Competitive awards for overall, masters and age groups as well as random prizes.

Sponsor: Run Harford. 410-652-5850 or [www.belairtownrun.com](http://www.belairtownrun.com)

Sunday 2

## OPENING ART RECEPTION

Liriodendron Art Gallery, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Paintings by Michelle Spiziri and Eleanor Mulholland; Photography by Jessica St. Clair. Show runs June 2 – June 23, Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 2

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Shamrock Park, 7:00 p.m.

Outdoor concert with entertainment TBA. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air through the Bel Air Recreation Committee. No rain date. Free.

Friday 7

## FIRST FRIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Hays House Museum, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Tour the 1788 Hays House, the oldest home in town. Sponsor: Historical Society of Harford County. Free.

Friday 7

## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT: STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI (PG-13)

Shamrock Park, Lee Way and Hickory Avenue, 7:15 p.m. (movie starts immediately after sunset.)

Pre-movie entertainment provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. All movies are family friendly. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance .



Saturday 8

## MASTER CLASS & CONCERT WITH BSO TRUMPETER RENE SHAPIRO (HERNANDEZ)

Music Land, 200 Gateway Drive, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

BSO trumpeter Rene Shapiro (Hernandez) will coach up to four students on a solo piece of their choice. All welcome.

Sponsor: Maryland Center for the Arts. Suggested minimum donation: \$10. 443-567-5216 or [www.mdcenterforthearts.org](http://www.mdcenterforthearts.org)

Saturday 8

## BEACH BUM BOOK SALE

Bel Air Library, 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 8

## BEL AIR BREW AND FOOD FESTIVAL

Rockfield Manor, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Local breweries from around Maryland come together for sampling. Live music, crafters, food trucks and wine garden. 410-638-4565

Sunday 9

## LEARNING BEE SERIES: THOMAS HAYS AND HIS NEIGHBORS

Hays House, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Genealogist Christopher T. Smithson will talk about Thomas Hays and his neighbors in Bel Air in the early 19th century. 410-838-7691

Sunday 9

## THE BELLE AIRE MARKET

Downtown Bel Air  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A seasonal open-air market featuring antiques and artisan items. Sponsor: Bel Air Downtown Alliance

Sunday 9

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES: BEL AIR COMMUNITY CHORUS

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park  
7:00 p.m.

Sponsor: Town of Bel Air through the Bel Air Recreation Committee. No rain date. Free.

Tuesday 11

## HARFORD COUNTY: FROM FARMLAND TO SUBURBIA

Harford County Agricultural Center, 3525 Conowingo Road, Street, Maryland, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Bring lunch and trace Harford's growth from its earliest roots as an agricultural enclave to today's suburban mecca. Sponsor: Historical Society of Harford County. Free for members; Non-members: \$5.

Thursday 13

## FEATURED ARTIST RECEPTION

Harford Artists Gallery at Armory Marketplace, Reception 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Meet the featured artist, Barbara Kirchner and view her artwork in watercolor, pastel and collage artwork. Gallery hours: Thursday – Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 410-420-9499

Sunday 16

## FATHER'S DAY FESTIVAL

Liriodendron Gallery, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. First-ever Father's Day Festival featuring food trucks and live bands. Admission is free.

Sunday 16

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Shamrock Park, 7:00 p.m. Outdoor concert. Entertainment TBA. Sponsor: Town of Bel Air through the Bel Air Recreation Committee. No rain date. Free.

Check the upcoming summer issue of the **Bel Air Bond** or go to <https://belairjuly4.org> for details about July 4 in Bel Air.





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## Sewer E-Billing Program – Enroll Now

The Finance Department has announced that, coming in June, taxpayers can sign up for e-billing. Enrollment is currently underway.



With the Town moving to monthly sewer billing, this option will save the Town (and taxpayer) money and will be in line with the Town's sustainability program since it eliminates paper billing.

If interested, email the Finance Department at [finance@belairmd.org](mailto:finance@belairmd.org) and provide your sewer account number, name, property address and email address. Call the Finance Department at 410-638-4555 with questions.

**Contact Us**  
[www.belairmd.org](http://www.belairmd.org)

**Committees & Commissions**

**Town Government**

**Board of Town Commissioners**  
1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

**Appearance & Beautification Commission**  
2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

**Board of Appeals**  
4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

**Commission on Elderly & Needy Citizens**  
4th Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., Town Hall

**Cultural Arts Commission**  
3rd Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., Town Hall

**Economic & Community Development Commission**  
2nd Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Town Hall

**Historic Preservation Commission**  
4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall

**Planning Commission**  
1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

**Tree Committee**  
2nd Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., Planning Department

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.

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.

In addition to the Board of Town Commissioners meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 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.

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.

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## Mother-Daughter team brings men's clothes back to Bel Air

Last Christmas season, Beth Pocalyko and her mother, Maureen Bruneau, were lunching in Savona on Bel Air's Main Street after a morning of gift shopping. While checking their list and purchases, the two realized that there was no men's clothing store in downtown Bel Air.

They chatted about what a Bel Air-based men's clothing boutique would look like and where it could be successful.

Maureen recalled that her daughter asked her what she would name a men's store. "I looked at her and the first thing that popped into my head was *John's* in memory of my son John, who passed away several years ago. He was really into clothes and he loved downtown Bel Air."

In an instant, Beth saw their future. "Let's do it!" she said.



*Beth Pocalyko (l) and her mother, Maureen Bruneau.*

After several hectic months of business research, getting advice from other downtown Bel Air merchants and their first wholesale shopping excursion to New York, John's Men's Store will open in April.

Ms. Bruneau and Ms. Pocalyko will stock the store with a selection of business casual clothing that can't be found in other local stores. Brands will include Fish Hippie, Pair of Thieves, 40 Colori, Fundamental Coast and Jachs New York. The store will also offer accessories such as beard oils, underwear, socks and ties.

Though they say the past several months have been hectic, they credit unflinching support from the Town of Bel Air, the Bel Air Downtown Alliance and owners of the other clothing boutiques in Bel Air for their momentum. The two plan to add and modify stock based on trends that they see emerge after the store begins to establish itself.

**John's Men's Store is located at 10 W. Pennsylvania Avenue and will be open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday; 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and will operate on Sunday during busy seasons. Catch up with them at Fourth Fridays where they will sponsor cornhole, along with outdoor Jenga and Connect 4, games.**

A community of dreamers that included Town staff, State level funding agencies, local professional architects and a multitude of contractors and volunteers transformed the Bel Air Armory's long-vacant garages into a vibrant retail incubator space.

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) honored the Town of Bel Air with an award in the Project Excellence Award in the Community Impact category.

Armory Marketplace attracted approximately 5,000 visitors in 2018 and has created 31 jobs since its opening.





When: Friday, May 3, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street

What: Plants and crafts for sale from local garden clubs and area high schools. Sponsored by Town of Bel Air Appearance & Beautification Committee.

Why: It's Spring!