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Memorial Day Service

FREEDOM. A seven-letter word that we've come to know as our ancestral right, but what does that word truly mean? For the many people gathered in Shamrock Park on May 26th, they know all too well. Veterans and their families filled the park for the Memorial Day Service that was hosted by the American Legion. It was a hot, balmy day marking the unofficial start of summer, as the Bel Air community band played patriotic tunes and the crowd assembled, greeting each other fondly.

While there was a friendly atmosphere surrounding the Park, never once did we forget why we were gathered. The Park was adorned with honor wreaths and the American colors. Veterans from different generations came together

in unity to celebrate their service and remember those who had fallen. Rick Heisey, a veteran of Vietnam, offered only a few words about what Memorial Day means to him. Suddenly seeming farther away, he simply said, "This day is hard."

The ceremony began with American Legion Harford Post #39 placing the colors, followed by the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation by Reverend Sean Lee (Chaplain Colonel Joint Force Headquarters MDNG). Past Post Commander of the American Legion, Richard Gebhard, welcomed the crowd, speaking of the honor and sacrifice our military makes to this day. "This is why Memorial Day is so important. It

is not just about gathering the family and barbecuing. It is to remember the heroes of America." Lieutenant Colonel USMC (Ret.) Ronald A. Clark gave a moving address followed by the remainder of the ceremony that included a youth address, honor guard, and rifle salute.

To remember and say thank you to a veteran or an active member does not seem to be enough, but it is the least we can do. Thanks to the service of our veterans, we are able to move about how we please on Memorial Day, and every day. In the words of Gebhard, "Let us remember, and let us pay it forward."

Honor Guard In Ocean City

On June 9th, 2014 the Bel Air Police Department's Honor Guard was given the opportunity to present the colors at the Maryland Municipal League annual convention held in Ocean City, Maryland. According to their website (www.mdmunicipal.org), the MML (Maryland Municipal League) strives to strengthen and support municipal government through advocacy and the development of effective leadership. The officers in attendance are (in order from left to right) - Ofc. Rick Krause, Ofc. Wes Salvas, Ofc. Alex McComas, Sgt. Rob Pfarr and Sgt. Jim Lockard.



Additionally, at 7 PM on Monday, August 11, the BAPD Honor Guard will be presenting the colors during the opening ceremony for the Orioles Vs Yankees game at Camden Yards.

Letter from the Mayor

Summertime in Bel Air has arrived!

The 4th of July festivities, The Outdoor Movies, The Summer Concerts, The Maryland Barbeque Bash, First Fridays, walks on the Ma and Pa Trail, and the Farmer's Market, are just some of the events and activities that lend to small town atmosphere that makes Bel Air such a special place to live and work.

I'm very proud, as both a doctor and as Mayor, to announce that the Town was recently recognized as one of twelve cities and towns (Of 157) in the State to receive the (Inaugural) Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) designation. This initiative is part of the Institute for Public Health Innovation's mission that we have adopted as our own to help promote healthy foods, an active community and workplace wellness within the Town. This commitment to HEAL was set into motion when the Town passed Resolution # 1018-13 in November 2013. The tenets of this resolution include, but are limited to, providing increased opportunities for physical activities such as walking and biking; providing access to healthy foods in the way of Farmer's Markets and community gardens; and creating improved connectivity between residential neighborhoods and schools, parks, recreational resources and retail.

So, Bel Air, let's celebrate our recognition this summer and resolve to maintain a healthier lifestyle by putting on our walking shoes and making our way over to the market and loading up on the bounty of whole foods that the season brings.



Yours in Health, Robert J. Reier, DC

Thank You From The Town Administrator

The first five months have flown by for me in my new role as Town Administrator. Let me take a moment to express my appreciation for the warm reception that I have received.

The Town of Bel Air has such strong fabric made up of very diverse groups of supporters from all walks of life. Thank you to the business owners and businesses for your commitment to the Town and the creation of jobs for our citizens. Thank you to the unbelievable volunteers who constantly work to make Bel Air a warm and welcoming Town by expending thousands of volunteer hours.

Thank you to the Town's dedicated workforce that bring their personal and professional talents to work each day making our Town cleaner, safer, healthier, and improving our way of life.

Have a story idea or a question for the town, send a request or information to: Bel Air Bond, 39 North Hickory Ave, Bel Air MD 21014 • e-mail lstafford@belairmd.org

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Bel Air Goes International



The Town of Bel Air has signed an agreement to establish a sister-city relationship with Narva, The Republic of Estonia, on April 2, 2014. Dignitaries from three offices were involved in the digital signing ceremony that was hosted by Bel Air using Skype thanks to Joshua Forth of our Town's technology team. Signing the documents simultaneously, and in three remote locations, were Mr. Robert J. Reier (Mayor, Bel Air Board of Town Commissioners, Bel Air, Maryland), Mr. Edward East (the Mayor, City Government of Narva, Republic of

Estonia), and Mr. Toivo Tagamets (Chair, Maryland – Estonia Exchange Council).

The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen, as well as broaden, the relationship between our groups and to seek further exchanges and cooperation in every field including business, trade, education, government, and culture. There have already been three positive follow-up economic development meetings since the recent agreement signing.

The first meeting was between representatives of Ovela, an Estonian IT company, and the Town of Bel Air. Bel Air then hosted a meeting on May 30th with Mr. Georgi Ignatov (Director of Economic Development, City of Narva), Rob Reier, Trish Heidenreich (Bel Air, Director of Economic Development), James D. Fielder (Bel Air Town Administrator), and Lori Cooper represent-

ing the United States Department of Commerce. This meeting was intended to deepen the ties and understanding directly between the Offices of Economic Development in each municipality and the Department of Commerce.

Bel Air hosted an Estonia business roundtable on June 3rd that included speakers from the Estonian Embassy, the United States Department of Commerce, the State of Maryland, Department of Business and Economic Development, and seven local businesses that were interested in learning how to do business in Estonia. In addition to our Bel Air businesses, Ovela also participated in the discussions. There were several participants from the Maryland - Estonia Exchange Council that provided additional insight into the history of the relationship, as well as supporting comments regarding future exchanges.

Rockfield Park Horticultural Gardens Rehabilitated

The horticultural gardens located in Rockfield Park have been revived thanks to increased focus and time. These gardens were originally established back in the late 1990's and were very nice for a while, but they were not kept up and became overgrown. The Town of Bel Air, along with classes from local high schools and other organizations, including business sponsors from the landscape industry have collaborated over the last three years on rehabilitating the gardens.

Bel Air High School, C. Milton Wright High School, Harford Technical High School, Fallston High School, and Harford Community College teamed up this year to put the finishing touches on the gardens designed to exhibit various ecosystems and plant types. They include a Grass Garden, Shade Garden, Evergreen Garden, Xeriscape Garden,

Edible Garden, and a Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden.

Environmental and landscape students partnered with various businesses to carry out this project. They include Akehurst Landscape, Ivy Hill Land



Services, Kollar Nurseries, The Mill of Bel Air, ER&M (ecological restoration and management), and Buddy Boy Landscape to make the effort a success.

The landscape businesses provided installation knowledge and supplies to install, as well as maintain, each garden. It is safe to assume the jewel of the gardens is a living Gazebo that was improved by the Harford Master Gardeners with roses and clematis. In addition, the Lions Club updated the Grove for the Senses this year with additional plants to provide an experience for sight, smell, touch, and hearing.

This project is intended to be an educational venue where students will be able to research plant survival and habitat, allowing park patrons the ability to learn about horticulture. Tags identifying specimens that are examples of each garden's theme were also installed this year. Rockfield Park can be found at 501 Churchville Road in Bel Air.



Town Website Sporting A New Design

The Town of Bel Air recently launched their new website on March 11, 2014. According to Technology Manager Joshua Forth, "The goal of redesigning was to provide our visitors with a new, easy to navigate site. Our redesigned site utilizes a modular design, which allows us (the Town) to easily add information on upcoming events happening around Bel Air." The leading governmental website provider CivicPlus is responsible for the extensive re-design process. The website now has additional functionalities and a more user-friendly layout.

Some features of the new design include four interactive tools residents and visitors can now use. Citizens and their local government will be able to interact and share information through some of the new modules. Forth hopes that the new interactive tools will help the community become more aware of what Bel Air has to offer. "We now have the ability to send out updates and notifications to people who have created an account and selected categories under the "Notify Me" module. Here they can

subscribe to receive updates from various categories, and we feel that this will help us engage our community further." The new modules are "Notify Me", "Alert Center", "Calendar", and "Request Tracker".

The "Notify Me" module allows users to sign up for email lists that the Town has created. This allows the Town to send out a mass email to everyone on the subscription list with just a few easy steps. Bids, Calendar, Jobs, and News Flash all have an automatic Notify Me component that needs little input from the user.

The "Alert Center" graphically shows when there is an emergency or important notification in the area. Notifications or updates can be sent out through email, text, or both from the Notify Me module.

The "Calendar" allows the Town to post future events so citizens can be aware of what is happening in their organization. The Town can also create multiple calendars for their departments and divisions. This way the main calendar is not as cluttered. People can also subscribe to individual calendars so that

when the Town posts a new event, they will get an email with a brief description and a link to the full posting on the website. There is even a way for people to subscribe to the calendars through their own internet calendar like Google or Yahoo. When the Town updates their calendar, the online subscriber's calendar is automatically updated with the new event.

The "Request Tracker" (the "Submit A Request" icon on the main page) allows for follow-up communication between the Town and the user. The Town can create as many different categories as they would like in order to help the user locate their specific problem and report it easily. Good examples are "Report a pothole" or "Streetlight outage" where someone can report the problem and communicate through emails sent from the system.

Thanks to the new design, the Town of Bel Air will now be able to bring its community engagement to a new level, as well as enhance communication between residents and the local government. To visit the new website, please go to www.belairmd.org.

\$\$\$ CASH REBATE \$\$\$



Bel Air is offering rebates to Town property owners for purchase of **GREEN PRODUCTS** such as rain barrels, compost bins and recycling containers.



Starting **March 15, 2014**, a property owner or resident in Bel Air may receive rebates for pre-selected products at local retailers in town. Once the item is purchased, the resident may present the receipt and proof of residency to the Town Finance Department at Town Hall for a rebate of a portion of the price. The following items have been identified for rebate:

- Good Ideas, 50 gal. Rain Wizard – **\$30.00 rebate**
- Good Ideas, 65 gal. Rain Wizard Urn/ Planter – **\$35.00 rebate**
- Suncast, 6.5 cu ft. Tumbling Composter – **\$40.00 rebate**
- Good Ideas, 7 cu ft. Compost Wizard Jr. – **\$45.00 rebate**
- Rubbermaid, 23/32 gal Slim Jim Recycling Bin – **\$20.00 rebate**
- Suncast, 50 gal rain barrel – **\$30.00 rebate**
- Good Ideas, 50 gal. Compost/Rain Hybrid – **\$75.00 rebate**
- Toter, 32 gal Recycling Cart – **\$20.00 rebate**

MUST OWN PROPERTY OR RESIDE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN

- Must purchase the product through a retailer in the Town or online with delivery through a local business
- Applies to only the products designated above
- Offer will last until funds are exhausted
- Limit one product type per property

Call **410-638-4540** or visit
www.belairmd.org

Bel Air Town Run

On June 1st, the Town of Bel Air held their annual town run, a 5k beginning on Office Street and ending at Shamrock Park. It was a chilly morning that carried the promise of a beautiful, blue-sky day, and for many in Bel Air, the promise of connecting and running with friends. Nearly 1,500 runners gathered on Main Street before the start, stretching and warming their bodies up to compete. A participant in the race, Mike Callahan mulled over the varying dynamics of the 3.1-mile course. "It's a fun race to run in. It's the biggest one in the county, and the course is fast. The downhill in the beginning is great." He paused for a second before adding with a slight smile, "of course, then there's the uphill."

The atmosphere at the start was charged with energy and a friendly "hometown feel". Just as the commu-



nity of Bel Air waited to either run or cheer their friends/family on, the community of runners exchanged small talk and laughter. Courtney Waldhauser, a local resident and Charm City Run employee, commented on why she enjoys the Town Run. "It attracts a wide variety of participants and always has a large turnout, which helps the local vendors in Bel Air." An avid, competitive runner, she was looking to finish among the strongest. "This race is stacked, so I always enjoy the challenge."

Music and food awaited the runners at Shamrock Park, along with an array of local vendors. Residents and visitors mingled, enjoying the day. With a time of 15:27, the first place finisher

was 32-year-old Dustin Meeker. He had a 4:59 pace and was nearly a minute ahead of second place finisher Rory Jenkins (29), who came in with a time of 16:22. Daniel Colopietro (22) rounded out the top three with a time of 16:27. The first female to cross the finish line was 33-year-old Melissa Tanner with a time of 17:38.

The Town Run was a day of community and friendly competition. It was a day for reconnecting with friends and celebrating the beginning of summer, while enjoying the hospitality of the Town. For complete race results, you can visit the Bel Air Town Run website at www.belairtownrun.com.

New Art School Opens In Bel Air

"Building self-esteem through art one person at a time." This is the motto of Exploration Art, a new business that has opened in Bel Air. Located at 102 North Main Street, Suite B-2, Exploration Art School provides a variety of services to inspire creativity in children, as well as adults. Owner and creator Nicki Jergensen originally founded the program in her basement in 2007 after realizing there was a need for visual art instruction in Harford County. "Not every child has access to art anymore, and I feel that is to their detriment. There is a need for children to be exposed to art and develop their creativity."

Jergensen would know; she's been teaching art for over eighteen years and holds a Master's Degree in art education. She enjoys working with oil pastels, acrylic painting, ceramics, as well as drawing and photography in her personal work. She also has a knack for helping every student find success and adapt to the different learning style each has. At Exploration Art School, it is not just about developing artists and learning to master the different techniques. There is also a focus on building confidence and identifying

the unique qualities that make up our diverse community.

A local resident of Harford County, Jergensen says the response from the community since the ribbon cutting on May 31st has been very positive. "It's been great! A lot of people think we're a new business, so they are excited to go check it out, and our previous clients have been happy to come to our new location." Before the Bel Air studio was opened, classes were taking place at the Forest Hill Recreation Center. "The (new) studio is huge and centrally located, which is ideal for us since many of our students are coming from different parts of the county."

The current list of programs that they offer could attest to one of the reasons people are traveling to Bel Air to work with Jergensen. They include painting with friends (adults), summer art camps, birthday parties, after school and weekend classes during the school year, parent and child classes, pre-school classes, and homeschool classes. To find out more about Exploration Art School, including pricing and scheduling, please visit their website at www.explorationartschool.com.



SUMMER 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

FARMERS MARKET - Saturdays: 7 am - 11 am at the Mary Risteau Courthouse Parking Lot (Thomas & Bond Streets). Open mid-April through mid-November. The market sells only fresh, local produce and fruit in season, locally raised beef, chicken, pork, milk, eggs, cheese, flowers and shrubs. Includes three organic vendors. Specialty vendors to include hummus, salsa, baked goods, jams/jellies, and more. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air, Bel Air Farmers Market, Inc., and Harford County Office of Economic Development. For current market information, please refer to the website at www.belairfarmersmarket.com or send an email to farmers@belairfarmersmarket.com.

MAIN STREET MARKET - Downtown parking lot between the Tower Restaurant and the Sheriff's office. Second Sunday of each month, April through October, Noon - 4 pm. The market will feature local growers and producers, artists from the Harford Artists Gallery, and a variety of weekly specials and promotions, including entertainment. 410-879-9500

HARFORD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 108 S. Bond Street - Mix and Mingle Networking 3rd Wednesday of each month, 8 am to 9 am. Networking opportunity for members and guests of the Harford County Chamber of Commerce. No reservation required, but come prepared with a business card and a great 30 second promotion of your business. No charge. 410-838-2020.

HARFORD COUNTY DEPT. OF COMMUNITY SERVICES' HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
McFaul Senior Activity Center, 525 W. MacPhail Road - The Commission meets monthly, developing and implementing strategies for bringing harmony, equity and equality to the citizens of Harford County through community/family oriented events, etc. Meetings are free and open to the public, though guests are asked to confirm attendance with staff (410-638-3150) to ensure there have been no schedule changes and that adequate seating is available. The Commission meets Thursdays at 6:30 pm. on the following dates:

Meeting Schedule: Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 11

HARFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES - 205 Hays Street (Historic "Bel Air Colored High School") - The Harford County Commission on Disabilities was established in 1995 to serve as the voice of the disabled community in Harford County. The Commission is dedicated to helping the more than 24,000 Harford County citizens with disabilities to participate fully in our community. The Commission meets on the 4th Monday of each month (except May and December) at 5 pm. The public is welcome to attend. To confirm meeting date/time/location and/or to request disability-related accommodations, contact Disabilities Coordinator, Rachel Harbin at 410-638-3373 voice/TTY or disability@harfordcountymd.gov.

Meeting Schedule: Jan 27, Feb 24, March 24, April 28, May (no meeting), June 23, July 28, Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec (no meeting)

HARFORD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN - McFaul Activity Center, 525 W. MacPhail Road - The Harford County Commission for Women was established in 1977 to promote the economic, social and political equality of women. The Commission meets at 6:45 pm.

Meeting Schedule: Jan 27, Feb 24, March 24, April 28, May 19.
Free and Open to the Public. 410-638-4739

HISTORIC HAYS HOUSE - 324 Kenmore Avenue
Open 2nd and 4th Sundays, 1 pm - 4 pm, March thru mid-December, or by appointment. A collection of furniture, artwork, china, artifacts and other items of domestic life are exhibited. Built in 1788, the house reflects the prosperous lifestyle of the influential merchant and landowner after whom it is named. Sponsored by The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. 410-838-7691

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HARFORD COUNTY - 143 N. Main Street
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 am - 3 pm and the 4th Saturday of each month, 10 am - 2 pm. Closed holiday weekends., Local historical exhibits, maps, plats, photographs, genealogy and 1800's newspapers. Lectures, programs and social events throughout the year. www.harfordhistory.org. E-mail: HARCHIS@msn.com. 410-838-7691

MCFAUL SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER - 525 W. MacPhail Road

Parkinson's Support Group	1st Thursday of every month	2 pm - 4 pm
Parkinson's Caregivers Support Group	4th Thursday of every month	2 pm - 4 pm
Low Vision Support Group	2 nd Tuesday of every month	10 am - 12 pm
Diabetes Support Group	4 th Wednesday of every month	10:30 am - 11:30 am
Blood Pressure Screening	1 st Wednesday of every month	10 am - 12 pm

(Meetings are subject to change) No Admission. Contact: 410-638-4040

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - 11 Sunday and 8 Wednesday evenings of music from June through August. All concerts begin at 7 pm at the William A. Humbert Amphitheater in Shamrock Park at Lee Way and Pennsylvania Avenue. Free concerts in the park featuring community bands, ensembles, military bands, local groups, community chorus. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Free concerts held rain or shine. Rain location: Bel Air High School, 100 Heighe Street. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnic suppers. www.belairmd.org. 410-803-9784

WOMEN SERVICES ROUNDTABLE - Harford County Commission for Women, McFaul Senior Activity Center, 525 W. MacPhail Road - Bi-monthly informational meeting for all non-profits in Harford County. The goal of the Roundtable is to provide networking opportunities, facilitate discussion, foster new partnerships and provide quality services while making the best use of limited resources. The Commission meets 8 am - 9:30 am.

Meeting Schedule: Jan 22, March 26, May 21. Free. Open to all non-profits. 410-638-4739

16 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is Annapolis Bluegrass. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

17 GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Downtown Bel Air. 5 pm - 8 pm. Grab your girlfriends for a night of shopping - wine tastings offered at certain retailers, as well as food and drink specials at the restaurants. Sponsored by the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. www.downtownbelair.com. 443-823-1797

18 OUTDOOR MOVIES

Shamrock Park, Lee Street and Hickory Avenue. Bring the family for a fun movie night under the stars at Shamrock Park. Movie begins at dusk with pre-movie entertainment provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. Free. Movie is Despicable Me 2. Sponsored by the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. www.downtownbelair.com. 443-823-1797

20 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is the Crabtowne Stompers. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

23 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is the Chuck Baker Orchestra. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

25 4TH SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE at

The Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street. 10 am - 2 pm. Pit Beef on the Lawn. 410-838-7691

25 OUTDOOR MOVIES

Shamrock Park, Lee Street and Hickory Avenue. Bring the family for a fun movie night under the stars at Shamrock Park. Movie begins at dusk with pre-movie entertainment provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. Free. Movie is Muppets Most Wanted. Sponsored by the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. www.downtownbelair.com. 443-823-1797

26 INTERNATIONAL MUSIC INSTITUTE & FESTIVAL.

Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street. 7 pm. This free "must-see" concert features the American Virtuosi and young virtuosos from around the world, performing a program of exciting solo and chamber music. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air, Harford County Cultural Arts Board, and the Maryland State Arts Council. 410-638-5323

27 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is the Barbara Martin Trio. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

30 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is the Regents of Jazz Ensemble. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

31 thru Aug. 3 27th ANNUAL HARFORD COUNTY FARM FAIR

Equestrian Center, 608 N. Tollgate Road. Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 am – 10 pm. Sunday 10 am – 6 pm. Annual County and 4-H Fair. Includes 4-H exhibits and shows, Home Arts exhibits, tractor pulls, fireworks, carnival, Kidway, commercial, civic and food vendors, entertainment. Adults \$8, Ages 5-11 \$4, Free for ages 4 and under, Military \$5 any day, Seniors \$5 on Thursday. Also, 4th Annual Farm Fair 5K Run on Sunday, July 27. 410-838-8663 or www.farmfair.org
TBA BOOM THEATER PRESENTATION – Edwin Booth Play on the porch at The Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street. Cost TBA. 410-838-7691

AUGUST

1 FIRST FRIDAYS

Located at Office Street. 5 pm – 8 pm. Harford County's BEST block party. Local, live music; beer and wine; delicious food vendors; face painting; and more! Band is Head Rush. Sponsored by the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. www.downtownbelair.com. 443-823-1797

3 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Outdoor concerts in Shamrock Park, featuring outstanding local musicians. Bring a picnic dinner and chair or blanket. Bel Air High School is available if rain or extreme heat causes us to move indoors. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is Bottle of Blues. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

6 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is the Nova Jazz Orchestra. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

8 – 9 MARYLAND STATE BBQ BASH

Bond and Thomas Streets. Friday 4 pm – 10 pm. Saturday 12 Noon – 10 pm. The BBQ Bash features live music, top quality BBQ, sponsor displays, crafters, merchant vendors, Farmers Market, and children's entertainment, not to mention the County's biggest beer and wine garden! Sponsored by the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. www.mdbbq.com. 443-823-1797

10 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is Big Bertha's Rhythm Kings. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

10 - 31 LIZ HOWSHALL AND ALISON SANTOS COMOGGIO

Liriodendron Mansion, 502 W. Gordon Street. Sundays 1 pm – 4 pm. Ms. Howshall is a well known, award winning flatwork artist specializing in Caribbean style. Ms. Comoglio's medium focuses on colors with pencils. Sponsored by Liriodendron Foundation. 410-879-4424

13 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Humbert Amphitheater, Shamrock Park. 7 pm. Sponsored by the Town of Bel Air and the Harford County Cultural Arts Board. Entertainment is Army Jazz. Ambassadors. Free Admission. 410-803-9784

15 OUTDOOR MOVIES

Shamrock Park, Lee Street and Hickory Avenue. Bring the family for a fun movie night under the stars at Shamrock Park. Movie begins at dusk with pre-movie entertainment provided by the Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission. Free. Movie is the Lego Movie. Sponsored by the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. www.downtownbelair.com. 443-823-1797

16 "HOT AUGUST NIGHT" with a Neil Diamond Impersonator.

The Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street. 7 pm. Cost TBA. 410-838-7691

17 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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20 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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22 OUTDOOR MOVIES

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22 4TH SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Historical Society of Harford County, 143 N. Main Street. 10 am – 2 pm. Pit Beef on the Lawn. Cost TBA. 410-838-7691 or 410-879-9292

SEPTEMBER

5 LUNCHTIME CONCERT. Office Street near the Courthouse. Noon – 1 pm. Lunchtime concert with food vendors available and tables and chairs provided. Entertainment TBA. Free Admission. 410-638-4550

5 FIRST FRIDAYS. Located at Office Street. 5 pm – 8 pm. Harford County's BEST block party. Local, live music; beer and wine; delicious food vendors; face painting; and more! Band is Thunderball. Sponsored by the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. www.downtownbelair.com. 443-823-1797

6 "WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?" Bel Air Armory, 37 N. Main Street. 10 am – 4 pm. Free Admission/\$10 per appraisal. Sponsored by The Historical Society of Harford County. 410-838-7691

7 GRANDPARENTS DAY, A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE with wildlife Rehabilitation and Beekeeping experts at the Hays House Museum, 324 Kenmore Avenue. 1 pm – 4 pm. Cost TBA. 410-838-7691

7 – 28 JAMES CRAIG. Liriodendron Mansion, 502 W. Gordon Street. Mr. Craig, photographer and author of The Moon Has Been Eaten, concentrates on his Easter Island portfolio. Sundays 1 pm – 4 pm. Sponsored by Liriodendron Foundation. 410-879-4424

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20 SJOGREN'S SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP. Bel Air United Methodist Church, 21 Linwood Avenue. Saturday at 10 am. Support for people with Autoimmune Disease (Sjogren's Syndrome). Guest speakers. Sponsored by Eva Plude, Group Leader. Free. 410-836-1040

21 BEL AIR FESTIVAL FOR THE ARTS.

39 Hickory Avenue (behind the Town Hall). 10 am – 5 pm. 350 artists, photographers and craftsmen present their work. Continuous live entertainment. Great festival food available. Free shuttle bus from MVA on Route 24. Rain or shine event. Sponsored by Bel Air Parks and Recreation and the Town of Bel Air. 443-616-6708

New Businesses In Town

Lovelace Integrated Therapies
 438 South Main Street, 2B
 443-991-7634

An eclectic approach to psychotherapy specializing in trauma and ptsd, abuse (physical, mental, sexual, emotional, and environmental), depression, and anxiety related disorders. Treatment includes Art Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Emotional Freedom Technique, and Psychodynamic.
Owner Nikki Lovelace.

Yogo Crazy Frozen Yogurt
 615 Bel Air Rd • 410-420-3800

Yogo Crazy is a fun, interactive "build your own" frozen yogurt café that offers 16 flavors and a wide variety of delicious toppings that is a healthier alternative to the higher calorie, traditional ice cream.
Owner Mark Digiovanni.

Mountain Bike Patrols In Bel Air



The Bel Air Police Department was the first in Harford County to start mountain bike patrols as part of its "Commitment to Community" based policing. Beginning in 1991, two officers began using bikes to supplement patrol on Main Street, school properties, and neighborhoods. The Department currently has eleven certified bike patrol officers: Sgt. Ed Smith, Sgt. Rob Pfarr, Sgt. Henry Marchesani, Cpl. Matt Gullion, Ofc. Alex McComas, Ofc. Frank Graziano, Ofc. Brad Helm, Cpl. Dave Madden, Ofc. Rick Krause, Detective Travis Foreman, and Cadet Nick Rhodes. Each has attended a certification program by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) – an intensive, 32-hour program – requiring officers to learn safe and effective bike patrol procedures and tactics. The Bel Air Unit utilizes Cannondale and Trek specialized mountain bikes. An IPMBA certified instructor from the Bel Air Police also trained bike units from the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Aberdeen, and the Havre de Grace Police Departments who have recently deployed similar programs. The bikes have front shocks and disc brakes, as well as very sturdy frames. Each is equipped with high intensity lights for

nighttime patrol and police markings for visibility.

Assignments to patrol on the mountain bikes are made on an as-needed basis. Because of the layout of Town, the bike patrol is usually only used as a secondary patrol. As a result, the bikes can be transported on the back of the patrol vehicle, unloaded, and used to patrol specific areas. Bike patrol officers can be seen on daily patrols, as well as assisting with special events. These events include the Town Run, Independence Day activities, high school sporting events, and the Barbeque Bash. The citizens of Bel Air view the bike officers as being more approachable. Members of the bike unit also host a bike rodeo on the 4th of July to emphasize bike safety and the importance of wearing a helmet.

Overall, the bike patrol has been a very successful addition to the "team effort" of the Department. The bikes give the officers the advantage of conducting community based preventive patrols, as well as conducting surveillance where they can ride up to an incident without being detected.

All About Cookies Takes The Cake



All About Cookies, the popular cookie boutique at 116 S. Main Street, owned by Kimberly and Dylan Foster, is taking the cake.

"We're planning some pretty significant changes to enhance our custom wedding cake business," explained Kim. "We are going with a more elegant décor and design to reflect our extensive custom wedding cake and special event cake line."

Word has spread about the beauty and taste of the cakes made at All About Cookies – from floral creations to fondant elegance and multi-tiered extravaganzas. Kim prides herself in each cake being a unique and special creation for the brides and wedding planners who are lined up to receive a

one-on-one consultation and tasting on Sundays or Mondays. "We recently did a cake where I used fresh mango to create a fruit layer between each layer of cake to a tropical themed wedding," Kim explained. Her cakes have been ordered and delivered throughout venues in Harford, Cecil, Baltimore, Carroll, Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery Counties, as well as Baltimore City, Annapolis and neighboring states.

Kim and Dylan also received a very welcome phone call from New York recently, in which an order was placed for her custom made cookies. That call came from Coach, the makers of popular bags and shoes, with a request for several dozen cookies designed and decorated to look like their unique bags and shoes. "I was floored and I'm thrilled to create these designs," Kim added.

New Businesses In Town

AAG Insurance

438 South Main St • 410-937-2460

Using a personal and consultative approach, AAG is an independent agency with independent agents who represent a variety of insurance companies offering all types of protection that is tailored to suit their clients needs.

Owner Tony Giangjordano.

Bel Air Organic Cleaners

214-222 Baltimore Pike
443-528-5105

Services include alterations, laundry, dry cleaning, suede and leather, curtains, and wedding gowns. They offer same day service as well.

Owner Kwang Lee.

Marketplace Event Moves To The Third Sunday And Changes Name

The former Wednesday Marketplace on Main event, hosted by the Bel Air Downtown Alliance in 2013, has been revitalized as the Main Street Market with a new look, a new date and a host of new vendors and artisans. The event is held on Office Street the third Sunday of each month, May through October, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Featuring a new style and concept, Main Street Market offers a host of

unique treasures from hand-painted furniture to single source olive oil, custom jewelry to original artwork, craft items to vintage goods, shabby chic to tattered treasures.

"We have definitely seen a great deal more interest in the new date and the new concept for Main Street Market," explained market organizer Angela Rose of the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. If you are looking for the unique and



special, you will find it on Office Street in downtown Bel Air the third Sunday of each month – so come downtown and look around after breakfast or brunch!

Barely Used Consignments

Welcome 'Til Dress Do Us Part

The familiar and always changing gallery space at Barely Used Consignments at 12 North Main Street has experienced a bit of a white out. Tianna Van Spriell, owner of Barely Used Consignments, recently welcomed the wedding gown boutique 'Til Dress Do Us Part to the space offering new and used wedding gowns of every conceivable size, shape and description to budget savvy brides.

"The space has really changed," explained Van Spriell. "And those who love our collections of art by our skilled local artisans will be delighted to know that we have moved the artwork to walls in our main store space so that we can continue to showcase local talent."

'Til Dress Do Us Part features rack upon rack of elegant gowns from ecru to sparkling white, in up-to-the-minute styles and designs and fashion names that are familiar to readers of bridal magazines. Complete with new lighting and décor, full-length mirror and consultation area, 'Til Dress Do Us Part hosted a grand opening the week-end of June 7 and welcomed hosts of happy shoppers to this new destination in downtown Bel Air.

BEL AIR DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE Remembers 70th Anniversary Of D-Day

Harford County's best block party is hosted on Office Street on First Fridays May through October, and for the first time in many a year, First Friday was not rained out for the month of June. The local band of young talented musicians known as The Slanted Sound took to the stage to the delight of audiences at the event sponsored by Harford Mutual Insurance Company.

During one of the bands breaks, Erika Quesenbery Sturgill and Angela Rose, organizers of the event with the Bel Air Downtown Alliance, took to the stage to present a donation of \$250 to the US Marine Corps League Harford County Detachment in honor of the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 2014. "These men and women, US Marine Corps veterans, are with us every First Friday and without them we certainly could not successfully hold this event," explained Quesenbery. "It was an honor and privilege to thank them for all they did and continue to do with a donation on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bel Air Downtown Alliance."

Future First Friday Concerts Are:



All first friday events are held on office street from 5 to 8 p.m.

New Businesses In Town

Exploration Art School

102 North Main Street, Suite B-2
410-652-6411

Inspiring creativity and development in children, they offer multiple classes and programs for all levels and ages.
Owner Nicki Jergensen.

Tommy D's Barber Shop and Salon

54 North Main
717-881-6886

Offering a range in services for men and women. They provide cut, color, highlights, waxing, etc.
Owner Thomas Hildreth.

Would you like to see some of the most talented young musicians in the world perform live in Bel Air? If so, make plans to see the International Music Institute & Festival and American Virtuosi concert at the Armory on Saturday, July 26th. This event, which made its inaugural appearance in Bel Air last year, is nothing short of amazing.

Started in 2003 by Professor Cecylia Barczyk (Artistic Director) and Dr. Charles H. Borowsky (Founding Director), the festival's mission is "assisting young musicians in reaching their personal and musical goals by supporting, nurturing, and showcasing their talent, and providing them with inter-disciplinary arts experiences, outstanding professional career guidance, and first class musical instruction."

Having attended last year's show, I would say they are well on their way to achieving their goal. I had high expectations, but I would describe what I heard and saw as absolutely jaw-dropping. Every performer, whether their age was measured in single digits or they had stopped counting birthdays at 39, proved to be a pleasure to

FREE!

International Music Institute & Festival USA

Saturday July 26, 2014 at the Bel Air Armory
37 N. Main St., Bel Air ★ 7 p.m.
410.638.5323

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This "must see" concert features the American Virtuosi and young virtuosos from around the world, performing a program of exciting solo and chamber music. imif.us theamericanvirtuosi.com

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watch. The level of musicianship brought the audience to its feet more than once.

For more information on the IMIF Program or the American Virtuosi, please

visit their websites – www.imif.us and www.theamericanvirtuosi.com.

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<p>Board of Town Commissioners 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Planning Commission 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Board of Appeals 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Economic & Community Development Commission 2nd Thursday, 5:00 p.m., Armory</p> <p>Historic Preservation Commission 4th Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall</p> <p>Appearance & Beautification Commission 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m., Armory</p> <p>Cultural Arts Commission 3rd Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., Armory</p> <p>Tree Commission 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 Departments of Public Works and Planning are located at 705 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 Town Hall, in the Visitors Center and online. Topics include business assistance, historic preservation, parking guides, a walking tour and event calendar, to name just a few.</p> <p>In addition to the Board of Town Commissioners meeting 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 Tuesday. 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 Dr. James D. Fielder, Jr. 410.638.4550 or 410.879.2711</p> <p>Director of Administration Michael Krantz 410.638.4559 or 410.879.2711</p> <p>Finance Department Lisa Moody, Director 410.638.4555 or 410.879.2712</p> <p>Economic Development Department Trish Heidenreich, Director 410.838.0584</p> <p>Police Department Leo Matrangola, Chief 410.638.4517 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, Acting Director 410.638.4536 or 410.879.9507</p> <p>Bel Air Bond Editor & Printer Full House Marketing 230B Gateway Dr. Bel Air 410.879.0118</p>

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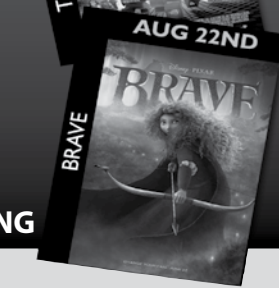
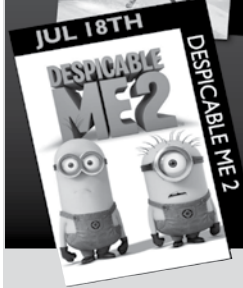


Outdoor Movies
BEL AIR

Pack up the kids, grab your blankets, & join us this summer for another exciting season of movies under the stars!

Entertainment starts at 6:30 pm
& the movies start at sunset.

FREE POPCORN AND FACE PAINTING



In the event of rain or a stormy weather forecast, the Outdoor Movies will be cancelled with the same announcements made on the Bel Air Downtown Alliance Facebook Page, Twitter feed and website.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer this free family friendly event," said Angela Rose, Assistant Director of the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. "It is through the continued dedication and support of our many local businesses and sponsors that we are able to keep making Outdoor Movies better and better each year."

Sponsors of the Free Outdoor Summer Movies Series at Shamrock Park include: Amanda Gallagher Orthodontics, Bel Air Athletic Club, Bel Air Downtown Alliance Board of Directors, Brand It Images, Cat Sense Feline Hospital, Christmas Family Chiropractic, Courtland Hardware, Full House Marketing and Print, Harford Community College, Harford's Heart, People's Bank, Premier Chiropractic, Sylvan Learning Centers, Town of Bel Air, WAMD 970, WSMT Insurance, and WXCY 103.7 FM.

Flag Day Ceremony in Bel Air

The Town of Bel Air celebrated Flag Day on Saturday, June 7th, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. at the William A. Humbert Amphitheater in Shamrock Park. Traditionally, Flag Day is recognized on June 14th; however, the Town coordinated the scheduling of this ceremony with Bel Air High School's band & chorus to ensure that their participation does not interfere with their final studies and exams. Those who gathered at Shamrock Park on June 7th celebrated our flag and all service personnel who stand in the gap to fight for our freedom. The event was free and open to the public.



This year, Brigadier General (R) Carole Briscoe of the Maryland Army National Guard was our featured guest speaker, and COL (MD) (R) James McMahan was the Master of Ceremonies. In addition, Sergeant Samuel B. Fielder, Veteran of the Korean War, recited his poem "Our Flag".

The Bel Air Armory – A Rock-Solid Cornerstone for Arts, Entertainment & Events

Every year, the Bel Air Armory, which was built in 1915 and purchased by the Town in 2004, hosts a wide variety of community and private events. 2014 promises to be one of the best and most exciting to date. From pro wrestling, weddings, fundraisers, and class reunions, to perennial favorites such as the Gun Show, Chocolate Festival, Celebration of Cultures, and Festival of Trees, the Port Deposit granite walls of the Armory see their share of events.

Designated as an official Arts & Entertainment District, Bel Air is a great place to take in and support the Arts, and the Armory is the Town's premier performance location. This spring, thanks to generous support from the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and the Maryland State Arts Council, Arts lovers were treated to free admission for the 3rd Annual "Spring Fling" Big Band Dance, excerpts from "Cinderella" performed by the Harford Ballet Company, and the musical musings of "The Three Piano Players." A delicious complement to the piano virtuosity was the tasty food and drink provided by the Tower Restaurant and Buontempo Brothers Pizza. Great job guys!

If you've missed out on any of the events and performances so far, don't worry. The Armory will be offering up enlivening entertainment galore in the coming months. A few of the highlights will include:

International Music Institute & Festival – Saturday, July 26th – FREE - Last year was the first time hosting this event at the Armory, and it was definitely worthy of an encore. The young virtuosos and world-touring Borowsky Family gave spectacular performances.

What's in Your Attic – Antique Appraisal Fair – September 26th – Free Admission/\$10 per appraisal. This first-time event with the Historical Society of Harford County should be an instant classic.

Town of Bel Air Film Festival – October 16 - 18th – \$5 per film includes popcorn & drink.

Lincoln's Life & Legacy, Part 1 "Triumph & Tragedy" – November 15th - \$25. A musical and historical masterpiece, this show featuring internationally renowned pianist Duke Thompson, commemorates the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

CCA Festival of Trees – November 29th – 30th – Adults \$6, Under 12 Free.



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