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Harford Heritage News

250th Anniversary of Founding of Harford County—2023 to March 2024

200th Anniversary of Lafayette's Tour of America— 2024



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Harford 250 Night at the Ball Park

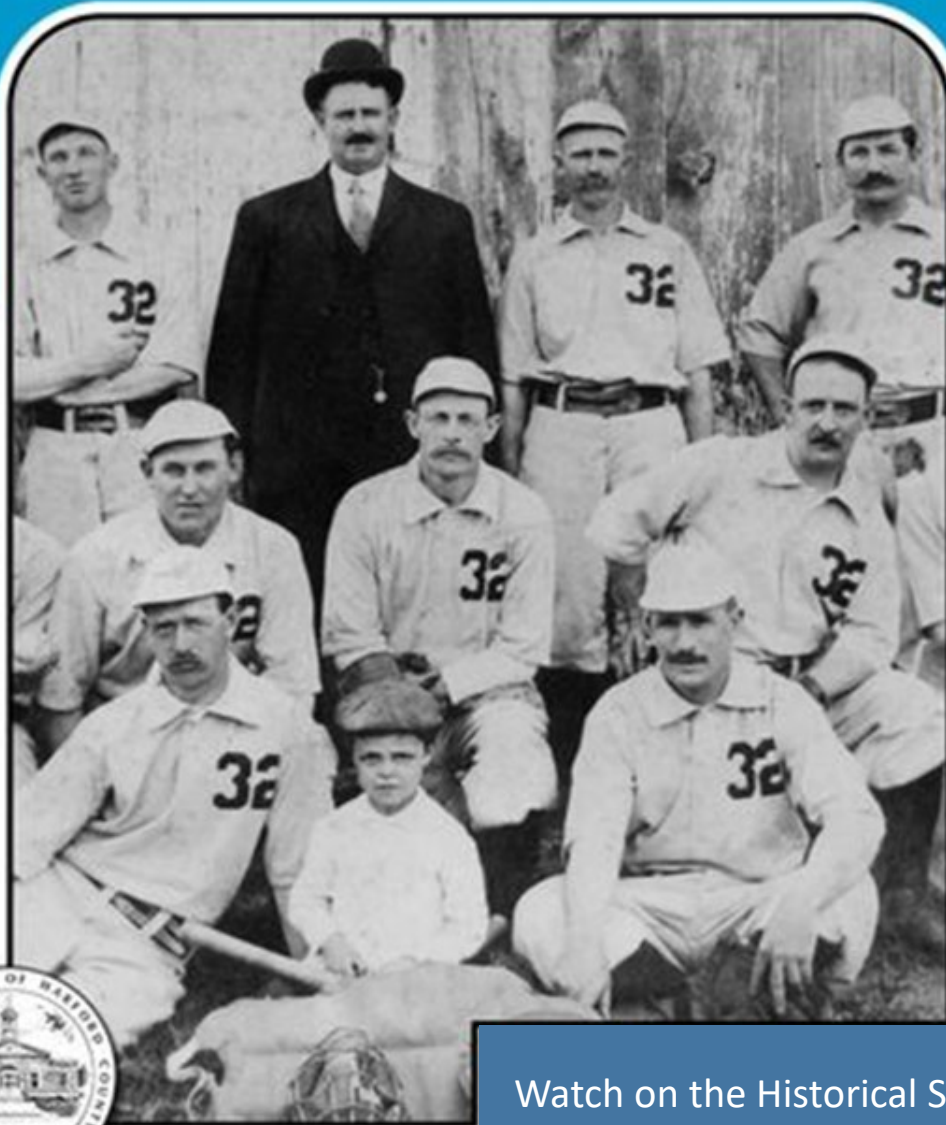
The celebration of Harford's 250th anniversary continues with a unique trip down memory lane. On Saturday, August 19th at 6 pm, the Harford 250 Committee and the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. invite you to attend *Harford 250 Night at the Ballpark* at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen.

In addition to an exciting, action-packed game between the Ironbirds and the Wilmington Blue Rocks, there will be exclusive giveaways, an exhibit area featuring Harford County sports and local athletes who have thrilled county spectators throughout the decades, and, of course, there will be spectacular after-game fireworks display. This will be a great opportunity to meet some of the amazing athletes who gave county residents such great pleasure and spurred pride in county residents' accomplishments over the years. It will be a chance to relive some of those exciting moments with county superstars like Kimmie Meissner.

Harford County has a remarkable sports tradition. Whether as a star player, a support person, or a fan, county residents have enjoyed baseball, football, soccer, lacrosse, skating, running, basketball and so much more over the decades. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to celebrate the stellar achievements of current and past Harford County athletes and the rich sports history of the county, along with your memories of those long-ago days on the fields of Harford.

Come enjoy the game, swap stories, trade trivia, grab an autograph, and celebrate a roster of past and present sports champions. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at www.harfordhistory.org.

SPORTS IN HARFORD



Watch on the Historical Society of Harford County YouTube channel

The Historical Society of Harford County

Join Chris Potts for a panel discussion with Todd Holden, Mac Lloyd and Keith Watson who share memories and swap stories about Harford County sports history

Watch on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veSyNAYcZyo>

Celebrating 250 Years
A PUBLIC ART PROJECT

PIECING TOGETHER Harford's History

Send us YOUR pieces of Harford County's history. Examples include a pebble from your driveway, a broken plate from a past celebration, or a lapel pin recognizing years of public service. The item does not need to be recognizable to anyone else, it just needs to symbolize your story!

Drop off items at ANY Harford County Public Library



ITEMS ARE DUE: OCTOBER 1, 2023

@Harford250Celebration
@PiecefulDesignsMosaics

Share Your Memories by Donating a Piece of Your Harford County History

You're invited to be a part of Harford County's mosaic! Don't worry, you don't need any experience or artistic ability! There are 3 parts to what we are asking for –

- Tell us how you are connected to Harford County in a short "story" – just a sentence or two explaining why Harford County is important to you.
- Send in something for us to include – it can be anything durable (the mosaic will be outside so the material can't be biodegradable) and must be smaller than your fist.
- Go to your local library and drop off your story and item(s) by October 1, 2023.

For example, if you have lived in Harford County your whole life, or raised your family here, tell us that. If you have a special memory, like visiting Havre de Grace for the weekend, or if you work or own a business in Harford County, tell us about it!



Samples of donated pieces used in previous mosaic projects

- A piece of broken China that represents Sunday dinner at your grandparents' house
- An orange piece of tile that reminds you of your school colors from Fallston High School
- A pebble that reminds you of a romantic picnic along the Gunpowder River
- A pin of a duck that reminds you of a field trip to the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum
- The top of a lacrosse trophy that symbolizes years of playing rec sports
- A keychain from your insurance company based in Bel Air
- A golf tee symbolizing a great round at Bulle Rock Golf Course

The material or item you submit does NOT need to be significant in itself. In other words, it does not need to actually be your grandmother's China! The material is simply a symbol of YOUR Harford County story.

The most important thing is that you are part of this historic milestone!

- The material received will not be returned as it will be a permanent part of the mosaic artwork.
- It may also be altered as needed in the discretion of the artist.
- The "stories" will be published anonymously, but your name will be included in the list of contributors.



Harford County Celebrates 250th Anniversary with Historic Ice Cream Collaboration

Harford County, known for its rich history and thriving agriculture, is continuing to celebrate its momentous 250th anniversary in a truly delicious way. The creameries along Harford's Ice Cream Trail collaborated to create a signature ice cream flavors that encapsulate the essence of Harford County's heritage. "Come Taste My Ma and Pa Tracks" is the official Harford 250 anniversary flavor that the creameries will be making and dishing up all summer long.

"As Harford County marks its 250th year, this tasty collaboration among our agribusinesses is a great way to celebrate," County Executive Bob Cassilly said. "Whether you visit a cow-to-cone creamery or one of our local shops selling homemade ice cream, you'll find unique homegrown flavors to enjoy."

This collaboration brings together the creativity and expertise of the county's esteemed creameries to honor Harford County's rich history and community. Each creamery has crafted its unique twist on the "Come Taste My Ma and Pa Tracks" flavor, offering ice cream enthusiasts an array of choices.

"We are thrilled the creameries along Harford's Ice Cream Trail are working together to create flavors that truly embody the spirit of Harford County," said Jay Ellenby, Chair of the Visit Harford Board of Directors. "The 'Come Taste My Ma and Pa Tracks' ice cream flavor showcases the incredible talent and craftsmanship of our local creameries while paying homage to the history and traditions that make our community so special."

The celebration started on Sunday, July 16th, National Ice Cream Day. The signature flavors will be available for purchase at all five creameries, allowing residents and visitors alike to indulge in this one-of-a-kind tasting experience throughout the summer. All five stops – Bomboy's Homemade Ice Cream, Brooms Bloom, Keyes Creamery, Edgewood Creamery, and Jarrettsville Creamery - are along Visit Harford's [Ice Cream Trail](#) and can be checked into on the [Harford Digital Passport](#).

The collaboration got some great coverage on TV <https://foxbaltimore.com/morning/hometown-hotspot-ice-cream-trail-harford-county-marc-clarke>



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PIECING TOGETHER Harford's History

Tucked beside the Chesapeake Bay, Harford County has been home to farmers and miners, traversed by mariners and railroads, remembered for its military roles and American history contributions, and been culturally enriched by its athletes and artists. In all this time we have collected a lot of memories... and THINGS!

To memorialize this anniversary Lisa Scarbath, a mosaic artist, is creating a community-sourced, large-scale mosaic to be installed at Bynum Run Park in March 2024. The public art project will depict the history, personality, and culture of the county by incorporating material from the community into a piece of art for all to enjoy.

You are invited to be a part of this project by contributing a piece of your own Harford County history to be included in the mosaic. Examples include a pebble from your driveway, a broken plate from a past celebration, or a lapel pin recognizing years of public service. The item does not need to be recognizable to anyone else, it just needs to symbolize your story!



Need some inspiration?

Ellicott City worked with Pieceful Designs Mosaics to tell the story of their community. See what they sent in.

CONTACT WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT do I send?

Be creative! Durable material such as rocks, ceramic, glass, and metal are the most desirable. Please do not send anything biodegradable (photos, flowers, paper, etc). Items sent may be cut, trimmed, or otherwise altered at the artist's discretion. The artist will try to use all the items that are sent, but inclusion is not guaranteed. Please be advised that pieces will become a permanent part of the mosaic artwork and will not be returned.

What SIZE should it be?

It can be as small as you like, but NO larger than your fist.

WHERE can I send/deliver my piece(s)?

Drop off: ANY Harford County Public Library
Mail or drop off: Lisa Scarbath, Howard County Center for the Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Drop off locations may be added and are subject to change. Follow us on Social Media or check www.harford250.org for the latest updates.

WHEN are items due?
OCTOBER 1, 2023

REMEMBERTO SHARE YOUR STORY!

You **MUST** include a sentence or two about the piece(s) you are sending! Stories will be published anonymously, but please include your contact information in case the artist has questions.



WE HOPE TO RENDER THESE ICONIC IMAGES OF HARFORD COUNTY IF ENOUGH MATERIALS ARE RECEIVED. We encourage you, your friends and neighbors to share your stories and fill in the missing pieces of our communities story!

In Their Own Words - the Film

We were excited to see the premiere of Harford 250: In Their Own Words on Friday, July 7th. This video, produced by Harford TV, features more than 30 county residents sharing their personal stories and memories of Harford County.

Each segment of the film features a variety of people from all walks of life, sharing their unique perspectives on Harford County's history. We were particularly struck by the stories of African American residents who shared their experiences of segregation and discrimination. Their stories were both heartbreaking and inspiring, and they offer a valuable reminder of the challenges that have been overcome in Harford County.

We also appreciated the stories of the young people who shared their hopes and dreams for the future of Harford County. Their enthusiasm and optimism were contagious, and they gave us hope for the future of our community.

Overall, we think the film, *Harford 250: In Their Own Words* is a well-produced and informative video. It is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about Harford County's past, present, and future. The video provides a powerful reminder of our community's rich history and offers a glimpse into the bright future that lies ahead.

The video is now available on YouTube at https://youtu.be/bVJiXz0uD_s and on the Harford 250 website. We encourage anyone who has not seen this video account of the county's history to take this opportunity to see some of your friends and neighbors as they share their unique family stories.

Annual Veterans Resource Fair

The Harford County Veterans Commission will hold the [Annual Veterans Resource Fair](#) on Saturday, October 21st from 10 am -1 pm at the Bel Air Armory. The theme of this year's Fair is "Harford 250, 250 years of Harford County service to veterans, military service members, and their families." Invited opening ceremony guest speakers include Maryland VA Secretary Anthony Woods, Senior APG Commander Major General Robert Edmonson II, and County Executive Robert Cassilly.

Harford 250 Corn Maze at Stone View Farm

The maze is a 17-acre labyrinth of corn stalks that will challenge and entertain guests of all ages. The corn maze is open from August 26 to November 5, and admission is \$12.00 on weekdays and \$15.00 on weekends. Children under 3 are free. The maze is open from 4 PM to 8 PM on weekdays and from 10 AM to 8 PM on weekends.



"Our family wanted to do something extremely special at Stone View Farm for Harford County's 250th anniversary! The "Celebrate Harford 250 Year Anniversary" Corn Maze was the crowning idea after countless hours of brainstorming with family and friends. Stone View Farm's original builder and owner was Judge Price-one of Harford County's first Circuit Court Judges! We couldn't think of a more perfect way to celebrate the agricultural heritage of Harford County at our historic farm. Stone View Farm offers a variety of activities for families, including a pumpkin patch, goats, a peddle car track, a straw maze, a straw tower, an agricultural-themed "10 and under" fenced-in recreation area, covered wagon hayrides, ice cream, and more.

We hope you enjoy our family farm as much as we enjoy it!"

– Shad, Val, Caleb, Joey and the entire Stone View Farm Team

HAVRE DE GRACE *Mosaic Project* 250

Through incredible storytelling, this immersive historical experience will take guests on a journey from John Smith's first encounter with the Susquehannock tribe in 1608 to Hurricane Isabel and its impact to Havre de Grace landmarks in 2003.

Opening Night

Friday Aug 25th
Reception @ 6pm, Showing @ 7pm

Additional Showtimes

Saturday AUG 26th @ 1pm, 3pm & 7pm
Sunday AUG 27th @ 3pm



Learn More or Get Tickets at HdgArtsCollective.org

The Lincolns, the Booths, and the Spirits

& The Forgotten Women of the Lincoln Assassination

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 1:00 TO 4:00 PM | BEL AIR, MD

We're very excited to announce that the Junius B. Booth Society (JBBS) and the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. (HSHC) are holding an intriguing, one-of-a kind fundraising event titled *The Lincolns, the Booths, and the Spirits & The Forgotten Women of the Lincoln Assassination* featuring author/historian Terry Alford and author/historian Kathryn Canavan on Saturday, October 21 at the Historical Society of Harford County. Seating is limited to 100 people, so reserve your seats now. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Following the closing remarks, the first floor of Tudor Hall, the childhood home of John Wilkes Booth, will be open to attendees till 5:30 PM. Tudor Hall is located at 17 Tudor Lane, Bel Air, MD 21015.

Please Join Us:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

1:00 to 4:00 PM

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.

143 N. Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014 **DOORS OPEN AT NOON.**

(Parking is available on the street and the Historical Society of Harford County)

REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!

Space is limited to 100 people.



REGISTER NOW AT WWW.HARFORDHISTORY.ORG

Upcoming Events

Harford 250 Events—August—October 2023

Here is a partial list of 2023 events planned to date:

August 19—Harford 250 Night at the Ball Park, Ripken Stadium

August 25 — Summer Soiree: Celebrating 125 Years at the Liriodendron

August 25-27—Havre de Grace Mosaic Project, Havre de Grace Opera House

August 25—November 5—Harford 250 Corn Maze, Stone View Farm

September 15-17, Harford Plein Air Gallery, Bel Air Armory

September 15 - 30, Arts Across Harford, 16 Days of Celebrating the Arts

September 29—Maryland Italian Festival, Harford Equestrian Center

October 21—Copley Parish Historic Fall Festival, Church of the Resurrection Joppa

October 21—Lincoln, the Booths & the Spirits, Historical Society of Harford County

For a complete list of Harford 250 events go to www.harford250.org. Share your event plans with us at 250celebration@harfordhistory.org, so we can include them in a future newsletter.



Carnival Rides & Midway
National Entertainment
Wine, Beer & Liquor Piazza
Linguine Pavillion
Italian Food & Retail Vendors
Boccie Tournament
Cooking Demos & More!
VIP Packages Available

Dates/times
Friday, September 29
5:00pm - 11pm
Saturday, September 30
11am - 11pm
Sunday, October 1
11am - 7pm
Mass with Fr. Kevin on Sunday at 11am
at the festival

Enjoy the largest Italian Festival being held at the Equestrian Center in Bel Air



For more information & to purchase tickets at Eventbrite, visit: MarylandItalianFestival.com

Harford 250 Steering Committee

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Stephanie McKaughan, Darlington Community Council
Vicki Jones, NAACP

Harford County has always lain in the main stream of national life.

In a sense, its history is the record of our country, reduced in scale.

Senator William S. James



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