



CITIZEN CONNECTION

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A Message from Mayor William T. Martin

Hello Havre de Grace Citizens!

It is an exciting time to live, work, and visit the City of Havre de Grace. The past two years have been dedicated to launching new initiatives and completing essential infrastructure improvements. We expect the next two years to be just as productive as several new projects come to fruition.

In August 2025, we successfully completed the Downtown Restoration Project on the 100 and 200 blocks of Washington Street. This milestone represents the largest infrastructure project in our city's modern history. While the new brick roads, extended sidewalks, light poles, and landscaping offer a beautiful new aesthetic, the project also included critical underground upgrades to our gas, water, and sewer lines. The end result is an inviting downtown area supported by modern, 21st-century infrastructure.

Residents and visitors continue to help the city's tourism program grow. The Visitor Center has relocated from 750 Pennington Avenue to 203 N. Washington Street. This new location serves as an anchor at the corner of Washington St. and Pennington Avenue. The center offers a variety of Havre de Grace merchandise and serves as the primary information hub for visitors. Meanwhile, the former Visitor Center at 750 Pennington Avenue is currently undergoing renovations to be transformed into a conference and meeting space.

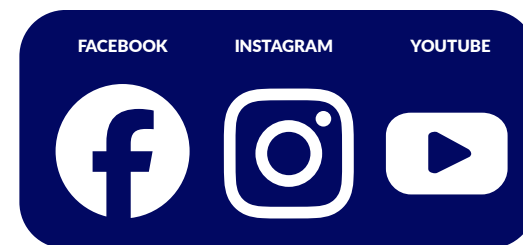
The City of Havre de Grace is a state-designated Arts & Entertainment District. My administration remains committed to investing in the arts, and we are proud of our two premier entertainment venues. The STAR Centre features a 700+ seat theater, two gymnasiums, and several multi-purpose rooms, while the Opera House provides a more intimate 200+ seat theater experience. Our investment in these facilities underscores our dedication to the arts and the preservation of our local history.

Our city is preparing to celebrate America 250 through art installations, events, and more throughout the remainder of 2026, showcasing our city's contributions to our nation's history and future.

The character of Havre de Grace is steeped in its proud history and heritage. We are also a city that can successfully adapt to the changes of the 21st century. The best is yet to come!

William T Martin, Mayor

SOCIAL MEDIA



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HAVRE DE GRACE	PHONE
City Hall	410-939-1800
Police Department	410-939-2121
Tydings Park Marina	410-939-0015
Visitor Center	410-939-2100
Wastewater Plant	410-939-1220
Water Plant	410-939-1070
Hospital- Aberdeen	443-843-5000
Hospital- Bel Air	443-643-1000
Library	410-939-6700
Post Office	410-939-2335
HdG Elementary School	410-939-6616
Meadowvale Elementary	410-939-6622
HdG Middle/High School	410-939-6608
Parks & Rec. Activity	410-939-6724
Chamber of Commerce	410-939-3303
Opera House	443-502-2005

HARFORD COUNTY	PHONE
Animal Control	410-638-3503
Health Department	410-838-1500
Mosquito Control	410-841-5870
Pet License	410-638-3505
Sheriff's Office	410-879-2782
Voter Registration	410-638-3565
Miss Utility- Before You Dig!	800-257-7777
Baltimore Gas & Electric	800-685-0123
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Waste Industries	410-457-0404
Scarboro Landfill	410-638-3018
Recycling Office	410-638-3417
Mulch & Composting	410-638-3018
Construction Debris	410-638-3637
Comcast	410-272-7500
Verizon	800-837-4966

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IT'S CITY ELECTION TIME!



UPCOMING ELECTION FOR 3 COUNCIL SEATS



TUESDAY, MAY 5TH 7AM- 8PM
STAR CENTRE
700 CONGRESS AVENUE

Qualifications of Voters

All citizens of the United States, 18 years of age or older who have resided in the City for 21 days preceding the election and whose names shall appear upon the list of registered voters of the City shall be entitled to vote.

For More Information

[**Click Here!**](#)



JIMMY RINGSAKER

A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Elected in 2018, Jimmy Ringsaker transitioned from a longtime youth coach and Boy Scout leader to a dedicated public servant. Throughout his tenure, including three years as Council President, his primary joy remained celebrating the achievements of Havre de Grace's youth, leading City Hall tours, and delivering citizenship talks to hundreds of local children.

Highlights of Service:

- The Hospital Property: Negotiated a balanced redevelopment plan for the former hospital site that preserves downtown's character.
- Modernization: Spearheaded the installation of card payment machines at city boat ramps.
- Leadership: Contributed his expertise to the Wage and Benefits, Marina, Ethics, and Planning commissions.

While retiring from the Council this year, Ringsaker's service continues. He will remain an active Assistant Scoutmaster, a youth football volunteer, and a member of the Planning Commission, ensuring his commitment to the community endures.

CURRENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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FIRST FRIDAYS ARE HERE!

2026
HAVRE DE GRACE
FIRST FRIDAYS
MAY 1 • JUN 5 • JUL 3 • AUG 7 • SEP 4 • OCT 2

Check out Bands, the Family Fun Zone, vendors, and available sponsorship opportunities:

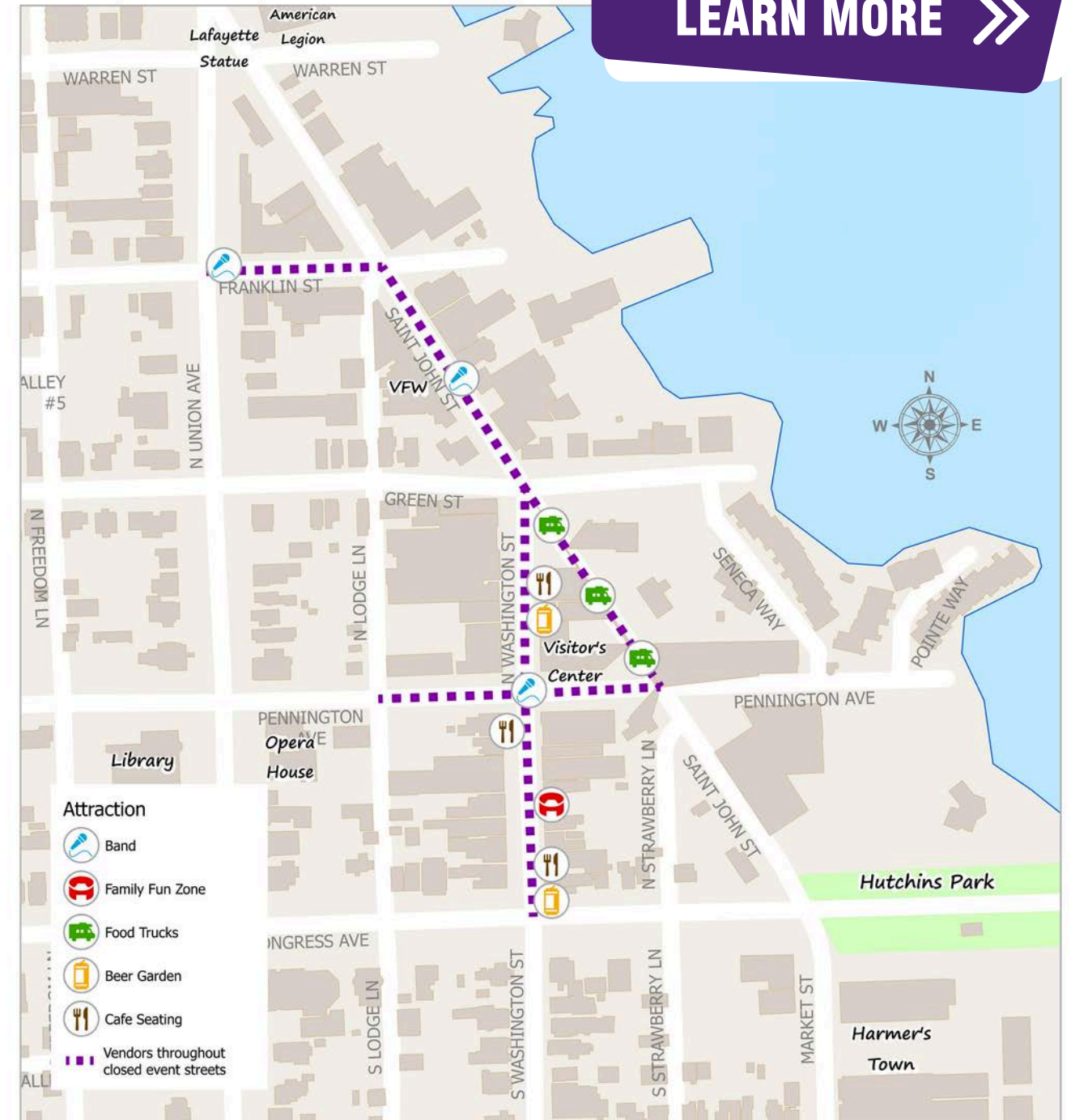


Pennington Avenue, Washington Street, St. John Street, and Franklin Street

LEARN MORE >>

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026?

- A Main Stage at Pennington Avenue and Washington Street featuring a different live band each month.
- A Family Fun Zone on the 100 block of Washington Street with a family-friendly activity each month.
- Food Trucks located on St. John Street as in previous years.



STAY IN THE LOOP WITH ALL THINGS HDG BY **SUBSCRIBING** TO OUR NEWSLETTER, THE LOCAL LOOP!

Discover Your Maryland in Havre de Grace





HDG IMPORTANT SPRING & SUMMER DATES

MAY

1

- First Fridays

2

- Defender's Day
- Moore Family Homestead Spring Celebration

2-3

- Decoy Art Festival

5

- Election Day

9

-  • Clean-Up Day for Residents
- Roper Romp
- Mother's Day Market
- Printer's Fair
- Lock House Beer & Wine Festival

25

- Memorial Day Observances at Tydings Park
-  • Yard Waste Cancelled for This Week

JUNE

5

- First Fridays

19

-  • Friday Trash Route Collected Saturday

20

- Father's Day Fest

JULY

3

- First Friday

5

- Independence Day Parade
- Independence Day Concert & Fireworks at Concord Point Park

AUGUST

7

- First Fridays
- National Lighthouse Day

8


- Arts, Wine & Jazz Festival

15

- Refuel for School



About Events in HdG!

- Farmer's Market Every Saturday starting in May on Pennington Avenue
-  • Concerts in Tydings Memorial Park Every Friday June-July
- Fall Concerts by the Lighthouse Every Thursday September-October

SEPTEMBER

4

- First Fridays

7

-  • Yard Waste Cancelled For This Week

12

- Children's Art Festival
- Citywide Yard Sale and Sidewalk Sale

19

- Susquehanna Wine & Seafood Festival

26

- Pyrex & Vintage Fest

HOW TO GET AROUND HDG

RIDE THE TIDE



HARFORD COUNTY
BUS ROUTES



We are pleased to announce the launch of the City's new interactive Hub site, developed within the ArcGIS online environment!

This initiative aims to enhance public access to the Geographic Information System (GIS) data that is instrumental in the City's policy and decision-making processes. Our goal is to provide citizens with increased access to this valuable information through various mapping applications, interactive maps, and downloadable data. We believe this platform will serve as a beneficial resource for our community.

[View Our Interactive Maps!](#)





DID YOU KNOW?
You can pay your water bill online?



LET'S TALK TRASH!

HOUSEHOLD TRASH



SIZE - When full, container cannot weigh over 50 lbs.

Per City Code:
 All trash must be bagged & placed in approved containers as shown.
NO LOOSE KITCHEN BAGS

YARD WASTE - Collected Mondays, year round*



BAG in Paper bags only - **no plastic bags**
BIN - Place loosely in a trash-free container
BUNDLE branches & hedge clippings.
 Tie the bundles.

RECYCLABLES - Collected same day as trash. Containers must have a secure lid or weight placed on top to prevent animals or wind from causing a mess.

Container must be marked as shown to make it easy for hauler to recognize can.



Plastic bags of any type must not be used to set out recyclables or yard waste for collection.

WHY? Plastic bags jam the machinery at the sorting facility.

If plastic bags are in the load, the hauler gets turned away. The entire load is considered "trash" and must go to Baltimore's Landfill to be dumped...at a cost.

Visit [our website](#) for an updated Curbside Collection Guide

SPRING CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- When out for walks at our beautiful parks or Promenade, please remember to not leave your purses or wallets visible in your vehicle. These items hold our valuable personal and financial information, and are often targeted at parks and trailheads. The criminals will steal your purse or wallet, and then quickly charge hundreds or thousands of dollars before you can cancel your credit cards. Please, ALWAYS lock your vehicles.
- Tax-related scams increase this time of year. The IRS will never initiate contact with taxpayers by email, calls, text, or social media. Impersonators will threaten you with arrest, or "pay now or else" demands. DON'T TAKE THE BAIT! Remember, law enforcement agencies will never ask you to provide personal or credit card information, banking information, or require you to wire or transfer money. Contact the police department immediately if you are contacted and the situation seems suspicious. Trust your instincts. If it seems strange or too good to be true, hang up and call us.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person. Solicitors require a City license and can be reported to the police department.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

- As warmer weather approaches, Havre de Grace is expecting a significant increase in pedestrians and Special Event attendance.
- When driving in the downtown area, please exercise extra caution. Crosswalks will be more active than usual, our TIDE trolleys will be frequently transporting visitors, and there will be many people walking who may be unfamiliar with our local streets.
- Please SLOW DOWN, give the road your full attention, and stay alert to ALWAYS ensure everyone's safety.



HAVRE DE GRACE
POLICE DEPARTMENT



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 ShadowCatsTNR.org

