

# BEL AIR

HARFORD COUNTY

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In Bel Air, visitors will find an array of things to do. Dine at Ropewalk: A Bel Air Tavern, located in the 19th century building that once housed the *Aegis* newspaper. Tour the horticultural display gardens at Rockfield Park, take the family to see a free outdoor movie or a big band concert, visit art exhibits, or check out the book sales and the Farmers’ Market. History buffs also have their choice of events arranged by the Bel Air Historical Society or can tour one of the 43 locally designated historic properties. Recently, the town of Bel Air acquired the Bel Air Armory, a Gothic Revival castle constructed in 1915 and plans to convert the building to showcase community events and activities.

The Harford County Courthouse is the reason for Bel Air’s existence as the municipal hub for the county. Today, many area events, such as the Bel Air Garden Mart, lunchtime concerts during the summer months, and most recently, the initiation of the Bel Air Alliance’s First Fridays’ events, are centered around the courthouse.

Bel Air has strong community ties and healthy neighborhoods and is growing increasingly popular with people of all ages. Visit the “Heart of Harford” today and discover all of this charming town’s possibilities!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

★ **MAY-OCTOBER MONTHLY EVENTS** ★

First Fridays on Office Street

★ **JUNE-AUGUST WEEKLY EVENTS** ★

Outdoor Movie Nights

★ **AUGUST** ★

Maryland Barbeque Bash

★ **DECEMBER** ★

Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting

★ **MARCH** ★

Bel Air Chocolate Festival

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