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**Howard County Welcome Center Reopens in Historic Ellicott City**

**Ellicott City, MD** - The Howard County Welcome Center located at 8267 Main Street in Historic Ellicott City reopened August 27 following a closure after the May 27 Ellicott City flood.

As of August 27, 2018 the Howard County Welcome Center is open:  
Sunday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

In addition to the hours of the Welcome Center, two public bathrooms accessible from the building's side entrance are open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"Every day, we see continuing progress in Ellicott City's recovery from the May 27 flood," said County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. "There's more foot traffic to the restaurants and shops, and courtyard concerts and movie nights are attracting more people on weekends and evenings. I'm glad the Welcome Center is available once again on Main Street to provide information and resources to those who want to explore all Howard County has to offer."

"I'm thrilled with the Welcome Center's reopening," said Jon Weinstein, Howard County Councilperson for District 1. "It's another step in the process to revive Historic Ellicott City as the gem of Howard County and the region."

"We're excited to be back to assist visitors and residents alike in finding exciting things to do in Howard County. From Old Ellicott City to our family-friendly attractions to our fast-growing brewery scene Howard County is a great place to visit," said Amanda Hof, Interim Executive Director at Visit Howard County. "Additionally, we extend our sincere gratitude to Pete Mangione and Turf Valley Resort for providing us temporary office space that allowed us to carry out our mission to promote Howard County as a business and leisure travel destination."

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Visit Howard County serves as the lead organization to market and develop the county as a premier leisure and business travel destination. We are an advocate for the tourism industry and offer exclusive promotional benefits to individuals and businesses interested in capturing a greater market share of the millions of dollars tourism generates. Our organization is primarily funded through a funding allocation from Howard County Government.