

MONTH IN REVIEW

A MONTHLY SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COUNTY'S NEWS PROGRAM
"WEEK IN REVIEW"

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

► **Streetlight Program:** In an effort to improve safety and security in AACO communities, County Executive John R. Leopold kicked off the Security Street Light Program on Monday, October 29, at the intersection of 11th Avenue and 1st Street. Nearly 220 new street lights will be installed in FY 2008 and about 30 existing lights will be upgraded. Notices will be sent 2 to 4 weeks before work begins in your area.

► **Nuisance Sign Removal:** County Executive John R. Leopold acquired a permit that extends to the county the right to remove nuisance signs from state roadways and highways within AACO. Nuisance signs are advertisements, handbills, and related items placed along roads, which can become both motorist hazards and roadside litter, ultimately impacting the quality of life in AACO. The County Executive is pleased to report that, as of mid-October, almost 600 nuisance signs and about 306 30-gallon bags of litter had been removed using supervised inmate labor.

► **Environmental Hazard in Brooklyn Park:** In early October, County Executive John R. Leopold asked the Environmental Protection Agency to promptly conduct an investigation of hazardous materials at a property owned by Consolidated Pharmaceuticals in Brooklyn Park. The County Executive took this action to proactively eliminate health risks to area residents and schools resulting from the facility's storage of unknown quantities of both dry and liquid chemicals, inadequate fire prevention equipment, poorly maintained plumbing to and from the containers, and long history of non-compliance with hazardous waste and Community-Right-to-Know reporting requirements.

► **EPA Orders Hazardous Material Cleanup:** Spurred by County Executive John R. Leopold to take action, the EPA ordered Consolidated Pharmaceutical Group, Inc. to clean up hazardous materials or face fines up to \$32,500 per day. The EPA's administrative order includes directives to establish a 24-hour fire watch and security at the site, to prepare and implement a health safety plan to protect the safety of workers and the public from hazardous substances, to dispose of the contents of a tank containing hydrochloric acid by October 31, and to consolidate, prepare, package, and dispose off-site all hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants by the end of the year.

► **Panhandling Enforcement:** County Executive John R. Leopold announced that the enforcement statistics of the panhandling ban, which took effect October 1, demonstrate that the law is effective in removing distractions from county roadways. As of mid-October, 3 arrests had been made and 8 citations and 7 warnings had been issued. "With offenders facing fines up to \$500, panhandlers are quickly learning that this is an issue that this County Administration takes seriously," Mr. Leopold said.

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County Executive John R. Leopold and his dog, Dora

County Executive John R. Leopold is dedicated to protecting the health of AACO residents. He encourages everyone to get a flu vaccination this season. The AACO Department of Health has made getting vaccinated easy by providing free clinics throughout the county, beginning in October through mid-December. A complete list of dates and locations are available at [Department of Health online](#) or by calling the Flu Information Line at 410-222-7343. Immunizations are free, but a \$20 donation is appreciated to help cover costs. Medicare Part B will cover the donation if the Medicare card is provided at the time of the vaccination.

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County Executive John R. Leopold attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at **Sands Road Park** in Lothian on October 20. The park was dedicated for long term use to the local chapters of the **Boy Scout Troops of America**.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COUNTY RESOURCES



A Message From JOHN R. LEOPOLD County Executive

Did you know that you can track the status of your Inspections and Permits application or complaint online? Using the address, tax ID number, or case number, you can access the most up to date information available at the [Online Tracking System](#), 24 hours a day, seven days a week! You can also request a permit inspection, apply for several types of permits, and view all recently issued permits online.

To obtain additional information about a case, call 410-222-7746 for building cases, 410-222-7780 for environmental (grading) cases and 410-222-7446 for zoning cases. You can also [email the Department](#) or receive personal assistance by visiting the Heritage Center, 2664 Riva Road in Annapolis.

AROUND THE COUNTY...



Community and Constituent Services

▶ The **Community Center** in **Severna Park** held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly expanded and renovated facility on October 7. Visit the [Community Center's website](#) for complete lists of programs and activities available to Severna Park residents.

▶ The **Student Model Government program** is quickly approaching. Information can be obtained through local schools or by calling 410-222-2222. The deadline for entry is November 30th.

▶ Citizens of AACO may now register to **receive Police Department News Releases** via email by clicking [HERE](#) and submitting your name and email address.

▶ In its continuing efforts to promote public safety, the AACO Fire Department is distributing **free battery powered smoke detectors** to the public. Contact Firefighter Mark Smith at 410-222-8303 for details.

▶ Congratulations to Corporal Jonas Ignatavicius for being named the **2007 Northern District Police Officer of the Year** by the Northern AACO Chamber of Commerce!

▶ The AACO Department of Public Works approved a road abandonment petition from Elm Street Development resulting in the permanent closing of a portion of **Clark Road in Hanover**.

▶ Don't miss the **Anne Arundel County Farmers Market** on Saturdays from 8:00 am-12:00 pm at the corner of Riva Rd. and Harry S. Truman Pkwy. The Fall Market continues through November 17 and includes seasonal produce, eggs, apples, winter squash, pumpkins, gourds, jams, jellies, herbal products, soaps, lotions, coffee, honey, baked goods, and much more. The Christmas Market takes over from November 24 through December 22, and includes additional seasonal items such as decorations, jewelry, and fresh garlands made onsite.

▶ On **December 8**, at the Farmers Market, **Santa** will make a special appearance and the Friday Four Bell Choir will perform.

▶ The [Greater Odenton Improvement Association](#) will hold its **Citizen of the Year Awards** banquet at the Odenton Fire Hall on November 17.

▶ Visit the **new and improved Community and Constituent Services website!** It will be continuously updated with photos of your community events and organization meetings, as well as with helpful information and calendar items. Use the [Community Calendar](#) and the County's televised calendar on [Channel 98](#) (call 410-222-0099) to **publicize your upcoming events or fundraisers**.