



# MONTH IN REVIEW

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

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County Executive John R. Leopold

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**JOHN R. LEOPOLD**  
*County Executive*

## GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVISION

Work continues on the drafting of a revision of the General Development Plan, a document that sets land use policy for the County for the next decade.

Three goals of this plan are to keep South County rural, revitalize older communities and create mixed-use, transit-oriented development.

We encourage your help to ensure that our blueprint takes everyone's views into account. Take a moment to review the draft documents and comment on changes you would like to see in your neighborhood after the draft is released on January 20. If possible, attend one of our four forums around the County. You can find out more information at the [HGDP HomepageH](#).

## COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

### ► [Impromptu Odenton Inspection Leads to 18 Nuisance Violations](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold led a team of inspectors from the Police Department, Public Works, Planning and Zoning and the Health Department through the area where a double homicide occurred recently near Fort George G. Meade to document nuisance violations. The spot check yielded 18 violations for weeded lots, unsafe structures, illegal signs and junk and debris. Property owners have been ordered to correct the violations.

### ► [Annapolis Attorney Hollmann Named Administrative Hearing Officer](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold appointed Douglas Clark Hollmann as Administrative Hearing Officer, replacing Stephen M. LeGendre. Hollmann's background includes clients in the business and civic communities. He is a former attorney with the County Office of Law and the U.S. Department of Justice. The Administrative Hearing Office conducts public hearings on all petitions for zoning reclassifications, special exceptions and variances.

### ► [Economic Stimulus Plan Should Make Room for BRAC Projects](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has asked Maryland Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown to join him in lobbying for a dedicated fund within the federal economic stimulus package explicitly for Base Realignment and Closure projects. These projects would include improvements to Route 175, park and ride facilities that support mass transit and new bus routes to transport workers around Fort George G. Meade and the surrounding area.

### ► [Encourage Your Children to Learn about Lincoln on his 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold will participate in a special event February 12 at Maryland Hall to celebrate the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. In advance of the celebration, he has asked students to write essays explaining how the president who pulled the nation back from the brink of separation would respond to current events facing the country and the world. The essays by middle school students are due by January 15.

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County Executive John R. Leopold welcomes Kinder, the fire accelerator detecting dog, to the Fire Department, stating the pooch has "big paws to fill."

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



County Executive John R. Leopold and his dog, Dora.

The end of this month is the 53rd Anniversary of the Maryland Oyster Roast Fire, which occurred in Brooklyn Park on January 29, 1956. Were you or a family member there? Send your thoughts to [County Executive Leopold](#).

<http://www.aacounty.org>

## AROUND THE COUNTY...

► **Public Forums Set for General Development Plan:** Public Forums will be held in January and February to solicit public input on the draft plan.

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at Annapolis High School  
Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at Old Mill High School  
Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Southern High School  
Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at Meade High School

All forums will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Public comments on the draft plan may be submitted in writing or via email between January 20th and February 16th.

► **Meet the County Executive:** County Executive John R. Leopold will be holding the first Constituent Open House on January 27 at Arundel Center, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., in Room 161. No appointment is necessary, but you can send an e-mail if you would like your issue to be researched beforehand. Department heads will be on hand to assist you as well.

► **Join a Voluntary Community Association:** Unlike homeowners associations, many community or improvement associations have voluntary membership. For example, of the 1,300 homes in greater Olde Mill, only about 300 are members of the Villages of Olde Mill Community Association (VOMCA), even though yearly membership fee is very low. Joining a larger group can help your community speak with one voice.

► **Program Gets You Ready for Digital Television:** The Pascal Senior Center located at 125 Dorsey Road will host an informational program on January 6 at 12:30 on converting from analog to digital television. After February 17, consumers who have analog televisions and use an antenna to receive over-the-air broadcast signals will need to obtain a separate digital-to-analog converter box. For details, contact the center at 410-222-6685 or [pascalcenter@aacounty.org](mailto:pascalcenter@aacounty.org).

► **Countywide Spelling Bee at Old Mill High School:** Anne Arundel County Public Schools will be hosting a countywide Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Old Mill High School. The champion will win an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 2009 Scripps Spelling Bee from May 24 through May 29. For more information go to [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com).

*To take a look at a complete Recreation and Parks calendar of events, [click here](#), including activities for all ages, everything from cooking classes to free concerts. Our Senior Centers also offer a wide range of classes and social opportunities. To discover each center's upcoming events, [click here](#).*

