



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

CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY COMING TOGETHER

This month marks the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. As an ardent Lincoln admirer, I would encourage everyone to participate in this celebration by learning more about the president who brought our nation out of Civil War.

I will also be hosting a special program on February 12th, Lincoln's birthday, to honor his life and his legacy. From 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., we will present a program at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts that includes a history lesson on Lincoln's travels through Annapolis seeking peace in a war-torn country.

The program will also include the Annapolis High School Gospel Choir and students reading their essays about what Lincoln's philosophy means in today's world. Please join us. The event is free.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

► [Five General Assembly Bills Focus on Environment, Health, Bingo](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold submitted five bills to the Maryland General Assembly this year. The bills strengthen State regulations regarding fly ash disposal, including required air quality monitoring; seek reimbursement from the State when the County inspects nitrogen-reducing septic systems; extend the statute of limitations for enforcing stormwater management plans and allow "instant bingo" for another year.

► [Recycling contest aims at high school videographers to spread the message](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold announced a new contest for high school students to make videos promoting recycling. Anne Arundel County high schools participating in the contest will be supplied with video cameras and video editing software. Contestants will be challenged to show why recycling is so important for Anne Arundel County.

► [Clergy Advisory Committee will counsel on targeting resources to needy](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has reached out to members of the faith community and assembled a committee to identify the greatest needs of the most vulnerable citizens during these difficult economic times. The 22-member Clergy Advisory Board met for the first time on January 27th. It is charged with advising the County Administration on how best to target resources toward the people who need them most and explore ways the County can help the clergy serve the needs of their parishioners.

► [Outsourcing County mail sorting and postage saves taxpayers \\$130,000](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold reported that a change in how the County handles its mail has led to a savings to taxpayers of \$133,830 over the past year. Through a contract with CMS Mail Stream Solutions, mail is pre-marked with a bar code and presorted by zip code, allowing a discounted postage rate compared to paying retail prices sending mail directly through the U.S. Postal Service.

If any of the above links do not work, or to view all current and archived news, please [click here](#). To view all proposed, pending, and approved legislation, [click here](#) to visit the Anne Arundel County Council.

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*County Executive John R. Leopold joins
Ravens Quarterback Joe Flacco at the
Polar Bear Plunge, held at Sandy Point
State Park.*

VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER



*Kathy and Bob Rude
own the Rude Ranch
in Harwood, an animal
rescue center that
takes in neglected cats
rescued from abusive
situations. County
Executive John R.
Leopold honored them
with a citation for their
service to the
community.*

AROUND THE COUNTY...

► **Public Forums Set for General Development Plan:** The following dates remain for Public Forums to solicit public input on the draft plan, which sets development policy for the next decade: Tuesday, February 3rd, at Southern High School, and Thursday, February 5th, at Meade High School. The 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 until February 16th.

► **Attend the Arts Council Mardi Gras Gala:** The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County will host the 11th annual Mardi Gras Gala on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Loews Annapolis Hotel. Local talents provide a New Orleans experience for guests. This year the Gala will begin with a French Quarter reception. The evening will continue with exquisite Creole dining, and end on the dance floor to the sounds of "New Monopoly." Tickets for the gala are \$125 per person, or \$1,250 for a table. Call 410-222-7949.

► **South River High Presents Broadway Revue:** South River High School Theater Company will be presenting its second annual student-directed Broadway Revue on Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14. This high energy production features 35 student singers, dancers, and actors performing music from The Music Man to All Shook Up! to Mamma Mia to South Pacific. Call 410-956-5186. 201 Central Avenue East, Edgewater 21037.

► **Golden Dragons at Maryland Hall:** The Golden Dragon Acrobats are recognized around the world as the premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company. They will be performing at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts on Friday, February 20th at 7:30 p.m. Direct from Hebei, China, the company has traveled around the world to all 50 states and to over 65 countries on five continents. Tickets are \$33. Call 410-280-5640.

► **Celebrate Black History Month on the Freedom Train:** Come see the thrilling story of Harriet Tubman in a fascinating show with dance, dialogue, and music of the period at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Call 800-497-5007.

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](#)

