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"WEEK IN REVIEW"

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County Executive John R. Leopold

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JOHN R. LEOPOLD
County Executive

BUDGETING WITH THE FEDERAL STIMULUS

The roughly \$1 trillion federal stimulus is now law, and local jurisdictions are hoping the windfall will help them avoid painful cuts to services or their workforce.

Here in Anne Arundel County, I have asked the governor to use stimulus money for key construction projects, such as widening Forest Drive in Annapolis, replacing the Dicus Mill Road Bridge over Severn Run and restoring a stream in Gambrells.

This will be the most challenging budget year to date in the County, and my pledge is to continue vital services, cut wasteful spending and not raise taxes on property or income when I submit the budget to the County Council in May.

My hope is that we can maximize the benefit of the stimulus by using it for capital projects that preserve or create jobs.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ [Boat ramp facility proposed for Pasadena to provide public access to water](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold is seeking public comment on a proposal to add a boat ramp facility in Pasadena. If approved, the facility would become the first County owned and operated public boat launch. There are currently just two public facilities in the County at State-run Sandy Point State Park in Arnold and City-run Truxtun Park in Annapolis. For more information, call 410-222-7300.

▶ [Students wow Maryland Hall with their essays about Abraham Lincoln](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold hosted a well-attended event at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts recently and announced the three winners of his Abraham Lincoln essay contest. They were 8th graders Kevin Mak and Patrick Fowler from Severna Park Middle School, who took 3rd and 2nd Place, and 1st Place winner Kate Reed from the Severn School.

▶ [Prevention means fewer County worker injuries and vehicle accidents](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold is praising all departments for their successful efforts to decrease worker injuries and vehicle accidents, thus saving taxpayer money. The number of days of work missed due to vehicle collisions decreased by 74 percent, from 1,488 to 377, when comparing calendar years 2008 and 2007, while "at fault" vehicle accidents dropped 21 percent, from 228 to 181, over the same period.

▶ [Septic grants will allow residents to build additions that comply with laws](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has changed Anne Arundel County's Bay Restoration Fund grant agreements, eliminating a prohibition on home expansions after residents install nitrogen-reducing septic systems. Under the revised agreement, the grantee will be allowed to build an addition as long as it complies with all state and local rules and regulations governing home additions and septic system upgrades. For information, call 410-222-7193.

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
appears in costume at Marley Station
Mall to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th
Birthday.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



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

Anne Arundel County is home to more than 500 miles of shoreline and thousands of boaters and kayakers. Would you like to see more public access points to our waterways, or do you think there are enough already? If you would like to see more, where do you think would be the ideal location?

Send your thoughts to [County Executive Leopold](mailto:John.Leopold@aacounty.org).

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AROUND THE COUNTY...

► **Volunteer at Homeless Resource Day:** The second Homeless Resource Day will be held on March 28 at Annapolis Middle School, and volunteers are needed. Last year, volunteers helped process 73 photo identification cards and 46 birth certificates, which are necessities to access public services. Donations of travel size toiletries, socks, underwear, canned food, backpacks, and wipes are also needed and can be dropped off at the Annapolis Department of Social Services, 2666 Riva Rd., Annapolis, MD. Participation by local churches and civic organizations is strongly encouraged. To sign up, click [here](#).

► **Celebrate Maryland Day:** On Sunday, March 29, 2009 from noon to 5:00 p.m. you can rediscover Maryland history in your own backyard with family and friends in the Four Rivers Heritage Area, with this free, fun-filled festival highlighting our region's unique heritage. Local cultural and heritage sites will open their doors to offer special FREE activities and tours for the whole family. We welcome you to stroll through downtown Annapolis or take a drive to Historic London Town and beautiful South County for exciting and educational tours, costumed re-enactors, art exhibits, plenty of kids' activities, and more. Call 410-222-1805.

► **Community Engagement Summit:** Having trouble relating to today's children? The Community Engagement Summit 2009 brings together private and public sector education advocates as well as community advocates and parents to discuss how best to help students achieve academically and socially in school. The summit will share best practices, identify programs that will prepare students for entering the workforce after high school or attending college by providing more resources to students whose test scores indicate achievement gaps in math and literacy. The summit will be held March 18 at the Westin Baltimore Washington Airport in Linthicum. Tickets are \$40. For more information, call 410-222-5356.

School Board Candidates Wanted: The School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County is accepting applications for the Anne Arundel County Board of Education At-Large seat that will be open as of July 1, 2009. School Board Candidate applications will be accepted by the Commission until close of business April 1, 2009 by mail or email. Applications should be submitted to School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County, P.O. Box 591, Annapolis, MD 21404-0591 or e-mailed [here](#).

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](#)