



MONTH IN REVIEW

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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

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY YOUR OWN WAY

Earth Day is April 22. This is an excellent opportunity to do your part to help the environment. You can develop an energy saving plan for your house, help educate your co-workers about how to recycle, or volunteer to plant trees. Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to clean up after their pets outside. My Administration is committed to protecting and restoring our environment. We have purchased hundreds of acres of land for preservation, restored streams and banned the disposal of fly ash. There is so much more to do, and it takes effort from each one of us to make our environment a healthy place to raise our children and grandchildren.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

► **"Your Tax Dollars at Work" page debuts on County Web site**

County Executive John R. Leopold has launched "Your Tax Dollars at Work," a Web page that organizes information about government spending in one easy place. You can view the site [here](#). The page includes a link for taxpayers to submit their own ideas as to how to reduce government spending, as well as a list of County contracts over \$25,000 and budget documents that show County Executive Leopold's budget goals and objectives.

► **Federal stimulus aid will be used for new bus route around Ft. Meade**

County Executive John R. Leopold will use \$386,000 in federal stimulus funding to purchase two ultra-low sulfur diesel-powered buses in order to provide service to Fort George G. Meade, surrounding communities and nearby MARC rail stations. The goal is to have the new route up and running by next fall. The money will also be used to purchase the buses, as well as radios, GPS devices, fare boxes, wheelchair equipment and bike racks. The County assumes operating costs.

► **More than 100 vacant positions will be cut to save \$5.7 million annually**

County Executive John R. Leopold plans to cut more than 100 vacant positions from County Government in his upcoming budget presentation to save \$5.7 million each year. Public safety positions are exempt from the cuts. The vacant positions have been frozen since October 2008, when County Executive Leopold initiated the third hiring freeze of his term. The third freeze has saved more than \$3 million so far this fiscal year.

► **Pasadena man clears yard of junk and debris after serving jail time**

County Executive John R. Leopold thanked the Office of Law for securing jail time for a man who had failed to clean up his yard after years of complaints from neighbors. Joseph M. Zahl, Jr. of 1815 Cremen Road in Pasadena was found in contempt of court and sentenced to 89 days in jail. His family later cleaned up the yard to have Mr. Zahl released from jail, removing porta-potties, chemical toilets, old scrap, dismantled, inoperable or dilapidated motor vehicles, machinery, household furniture and appliances, tanks and drums, tires and other material.

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 signs
an application to create the Brooklyn
Park Arts & Entertainment District, the
second such district in the County.*

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



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

The County's cable channel features live coverage of County Council meetings, our Week in Review program and popular shows such as Pet Court.

What kind of shows would you like to see added to the channel?

Send your thoughts to [County Executive Leopold](#).

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AROUND THE COUNTY...

► **Senior pool tournament:** Come out and support our seniors as they compete in the annual Multi-Center Billiards Tournament on April 3. Teams from five Anne Arundel County senior activity centers will participate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the O'Malley Senior Activity Center annex, 1270 Odenton Road, Odenton. Corporal Jimmy Miller, county police liaison to the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities, will oversee tournament play. Players from Pascal, South County, O'Malley, Annapolis, and Pasadena centers will participate.

► **“Walk for the Woods” for Earth Day:** The Scenic Rivers Land Trust is holding its 4th Annual Walk for the Woods on Saturday, April 18, in Crownsville. Participants will be the first to walk along the yet-to-be-opened South River Greenway, featuring upland streams, lily-filled ponds, nesting birds and spring wildflowers. Donations are greatly appreciated but not required. Bird Walks begin at 7 a.m., followed by Open Walk from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can register online [here](#). Earth Day is officially April 22, but this is your chance to get out on a weekend.

► **Ambulance Fee Information Session:** Starting April 1, Anne Arundel County will begin billing insurance companies for ambulance transport. This fee is not charged to County residents regardless of whether they have health insurance coverage or not. Do you have questions? Matthew Tobia with the Fire Department will be at the Brooklyn Park Senior Center on April 6 to explain the billing process. Chief Tobia will be present at 10 a.m. to give his presentation. The center is located at 202 Hammonds Lane. For more information, call 410-222-6847.

► **Community Connections Day:** Do you want to learn more about the services the County offers and the resources available to our citizens? Come join us for County Executive Leopold's 2nd Annual Community Connections Day on April 25. The event is a great opportunity to meet experts in County departments as well as other community organization leaders. Community Connections Day will be held in the Village at Waugh Chapel Community Room in Gambrills. For more information, call 410-222-2222.

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](#)