



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

COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES BUDGET

The County Council voted unanimously to approve the Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010, retaining 99 percent of the amount this Administration recommended.

It was a difficult process that required sacrifices by every County agency, but priorities such as the Streetlight Program, the Parenting Center at Anne Arundel Community College and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program will continue.

The budget keeps my promise not to raise taxes in this difficult time for our citizens.

This Administration will continue to do everything possible to reduce spending where possible and maintain the services our residents expect, just as we have done for the last three budget cycles.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ [County Coaches Recognize Leopold and Callahan for Work on Turf Fields](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold and Chief Administrative Officer Dennis Callahan were honored with the Bob Pascal Award by the Anne Arundel County Coaches Athletic Association for their efforts to install turf fields in all County high schools. So far the fields have been installed at six schools, including Annapolis, North County, Arundel, Severna Park, Glen Burnie and Meade.

▶ [Glen Burnie Junkyard Pays \\$20,000 in Fines for Multiple Code Violations](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold was pleased to report that an illegal junkyard in Glen Burnie has paid a \$20,000 fine to the County for multiple code violations. The defendants, American Auto and Truck Parts, Inc., illegally operated an automobile and truck dismantling and recycling facility without the required zoning approvals. They also graded and expanded the operation without proper grading approval.

▶ [New Online Tax Sales allow "Little Guy" a Better Chance to Compete for Bids](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has instituted a new real-time online bidding system for the annual Tax Sale process. Through June 4, anyone can go [online](#) and bid on a property that has a delinquent property tax bill. The auction used to be held in person, but was dominated by a small pool of large investors. Moving the process online stretches out the duration of the auction and benefits the "Little Guy" investor.

▶ [New Health Officer Tackles Swine Flu in his First Week on the Job](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold welcomed Dr. Edward Van Oeveren as the new Health Officer last month, and on Dr. Van Oeveren's very first day he was thrust into the outbreak of Swine Flu nationwide. Dr. Van Oeveren quickly became one of the trusted faces on the daily newscasts about how to respond. He has an extensive professional background, including a law degree, military training and a similar post in Fairfax, Va.

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
receives the Bob Pascal Award from
County Coaches for his efforts to bring
turf fields to County high schools.*

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



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

County Executive Leopold is very concerned about the health of our waterways. What do you think is the best approach to cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay?

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY...

- ▶ **Constituent Open House:** County Executive Leopold will hold his second Constituent Open House in Glen Burnie on June 23. This is your chance to meet with the County Executive face to face to discuss whatever issue you chose. The Open House will be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Glen Burnie High School. You are requested to [sign up in advance](#) so our staff can research your issue, although walk-ins will not be turned away. Department heads from every department and technical staff will be on hand to help resolve your constituent matter.
- ▶ **Come See the New Jonas Green Park:** On June 6, there will be a ribbon cutting to unveil improvements to Jonas Green Park, located at the foot of the Naval Academy Bridge in Annapolis on the Severn River, at 10 a.m. The event was scheduled for this date because of National Trails Day. Long enjoyed as a scenic family picnic site along the Severn River and terminus of the popular B&A Trail, park amenities have been expanded and include a fishing pier, cartop boat launch, and new Visitors Center. For more information, call 410-222-7317.
- ▶ **Magothy River Day:** June 14 is Magothy River Day, the commemoration of the day in 1608 that Captain John Smith sailed into the Magothy River. The 401st anniversary will be celebrated starting at 1 p.m. Boaters will start to gather at the Dobbins Island Anchorage around noon. An on-Water Concert is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. They are hoping to set a world record with their "Wade-In" water quality event open to all. Other environmental events are planned for Saturday and Sunday. Find out about the other environmental events at the [website](#).
- ▶ **Beach Water Quality Reports:** The Anne Arundel County Department of Health will provide water sampling results for 105 County beaches on its Web site and Water Quality Phone Line from Memorial Day through Labor Day. County residents and visitors can check the Department's Web site, www.aahealth.org, for water quality results, or call 410-222-7999, an information-only line that operates 24 hours daily. The phone line and Web site also report emergency closings of local waterways. You can also sign up to receive [free e-mail notifications](#) when a County recreational waterway is closed or an advisory is issued by the Department of Health due to a wastewater spill or high bacterial level. The Department's waterway notices are also available through Twitter at www.twitter.com/aahealth_water

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](#)

