



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

MORE STATE CUTS ARE HITTING OUR COUNTY

The governor recently announced another \$210 million in budget reductions that will directly impact local jurisdictions, adding to our own budget challenges.

Unfortunately Anne Arundel County stands to lose another \$14.8 million in state funding. This will make it even more difficult to deliver services citizens are accustomed to, but I am committed to doing so without raising taxes on property or income.

In Anne Arundel County we have managed to weather this storm while keeping our offices open to serve the people. The daily news with regard to the budget, however, has not changed our approach to running government.

We will continue to reduce spending where possible, instead of asking you to pay more.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ [Public meeting will be held to offer information on H1N1 Virus at AACC](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold will host a public meeting on September 14 at 7 p.m. to present the latest information on the H1N1 Virus, formerly known as Swine Flu. As children head back to school it is more important than ever to follow precautions such as washing your hands regularly and staying home from work or school when you are sick. The meeting will be held in Room 219 of the Cade Building at Anne Arundel County Community College.

▶ [Inmates rack up nearly 100,000 hours working for County and nonprofits](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has extensively broadened the inmate work program during his term. For the Fiscal Year that ended June 30, inmates worked 96,953 hours at the landfill, picking up trash on roadways, helping out at the fire department academy and unloading trucks at the Food Bank. This program serves the dual purpose of saving taxpayer money and rehabilitating inmates through community service.

▶ [Outdoorsman Bill Burton honored with proclamation and flags at half staff](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold proclaimed August 22 Bill Burton Day in honor of decades of service to the public by encouraging people to enjoy the Chesapeake Bay. All County flags were flown at half staff on the same day a public memorial was held in Pasadena for Burton. He was a writer and editor for more than 50 years and endeared himself to the community by telling the story of the Bay and encouraging others to enjoy it.

▶ [Bond sale gives the County \\$3.5 million to spend on needed programs](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold announced that a bond sale held recently led to a \$3.5 million in savings to taxpayers because of the County's strong bond rating. Past bonds in the amount of \$53.3 million were sold in a process similar to refinancing your house. The sale netted a better interest rate of 2.81 percent. The County earned a AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's for the first time in history under County Executive Leopold.

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, who established the first County Marine Unit, signed an agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard that gives police more authority on the waterways.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



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

County Executive Leopold is bringing together the community this month to talk about the H1N1 Virus. What questions or concerns do you have about this public health issue?

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

www.aacounty.org

AROUND THE COUNTY...

▶ **Tee off to help the homeless:** Come out and hit the links this month for a great cause! Compass Pointe Golf Course will host a golf tournament on Sept. 24 to benefit Sarah's House, the only facility for homeless families in Anne Arundel County. Compass Pointe features 18 holes of golf, lunch and dinner in their restaurant and bar, door prizes, seated massages, raffles, silent and live auctions. For more information, call Saucha Wormley at 410-519-5093.

▶ **Seafood Festival at Sandy Point:** The 42nd annual Maryland Seafood Festival will be held Sept. 11, 12 and 13 at Sandy Pointe State Park. The festival features tons of food, but also the Mermaid Parade, the Senior Expo and the Crab Soup Cookoff. Tickets range from \$8 for the cookoff to \$75 for the VIP package. For more information, go to www.mdseafoodfestival.com.

▶ **Fishing Derby at Fort Smallwood Park:** The County is sponsoring the first annual Fishing Derby in honor of outdoorsman Bill Burton on Sept. 19. Be sure to come out for this exciting event. Admission for kids is free, and the first 200 will receive a free rod and reel courtesy of the Pasadena Sportfishing Group! The derby begins at 8 a.m. at the pier, which will also be dedicated to Burton. For more information, call 410-222-7300.

▶ **Learn about Agriculture:** Come out and bring the kids to Agriculture Education Day at the Pumpkin Patch on Sept. 26. You can learn about the important role agriculture plays in our lives and also enjoy Maryland wines, activities, educational displays, music, games and food. The event is from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Knightongale Farm, located at 3924 Solomons Island Road in Harwood. For more information, call 410-222-7410 or visit www.aedc.org.

▶ **Out of the Darkness Walk:** The Out of the Darkness Community Walk in Annapolis will take place on Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. The walk travels through Annapolis and City Dock, beginning and ending at the St. Paul Lutheran Church at 31 Rowe Blvd. Proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to fund research, education, survivor and awareness programs — both to prevent suicide and to assist those affected by suicide. Call Gwen Douma Haring at 410-925-3261 or e-mail gwen_harring@yahoo.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](#)