



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

TARGETING NUISANCE CRIMES MAKES AN IMPACT

Making the County's response faster to complaints of high grass and weeds in their neighborhood does not exactly grab headlines. Neither does the installation of stations along our trails to encourage people to clean up after their pets, or installing a streetlight on a dark corner.

But these initiatives are crucial to improving our quality of life, because a clean and orderly community tends to be a safer and happier community. Especially in these difficult budget times, it is important to maximize our resources and mobilize the community to solve problems.

Overall crime in the County has decreased despite our budget challenges, and that improvement can be partly attributed to my strong stance against nuisance crimes.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

► [Big Victory for Seniors as Property Tax Relief Program is Expanded](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold signed legislation into law passed by the County Council that increases the income eligibility criteria for seniors who need to defer the increase in their property tax bills. The bill increases the maximum income to \$50,000 from \$30,000, and follows legislation earlier this year that removes any interest from the amount that is deferred for up to 50 years. For more information, call 410-222-4257.

► [Weeded Lots Complaints will be Taken Care of Faster under New Policy](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has directed the Department of Public Works to modify its policy on Weeded Lots, which covers complaints about properties with overgrown grass and weeds. By automating the process of notifying a property owner, a 27-day process will be cut to 16 days. The County will then clean up the property and bill the property owner. For more information, call 410-222-7582.

► [Abused and Neglected Dogs from Orchard Beach are Ready for Adoption](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold is encouraging loving families to adopt dogs who were kept in deplorable conditions and rescued by Animal Control in Orchard Beach. The owners were charged with abuse and neglect and the dogs are being nursed back to health. Seven of the 21 animals are now available for adoption at the Annapolis SPCA and Animal Control in Millersville. They were rescued after a call from a neighbor to the County Executive.

► [World Trade Center Steel is Coming to Arundel to build a Memorial to 9-11](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has asked the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for two 30-foot long steel beams from the World Center to build a memorial in Anne Arundel County to the emergency personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty in the County, as well as those who gave their lives to helping others after the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York City, Shanksville, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

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 legislation into law at the Pascal Senior Center making it easier for seniors and people with disabilities to defer property tax increases.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



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

County Executive Leopold is committed to providing information to citizens via the Internet in the most user-friendly ways. What do you think of our Web site?

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY...

► **Get Your Seasonal Flu Shots:** The Health Department is offering free flu shots throughout the month of October at clinics, senior centers and other locations. The full schedule and list of locations is [here](#). Walk-in clinics are located in Glen Burnie, Odenton and Parole. A \$20 donation is appreciated but not required. Seasonal flu vaccinations are recommended for anyone who wants to reduce the risk of becoming ill with seasonal flu or transmitting it to others. You can also learn more about the H1N1 Virus at the County's [homepage](#).

► **Come to the West River Oyster Festival:** A full slate of entertainers, artists, authors, craftsmen, and food vendors will be on hand at the West River Heritage Day Oyster Festival from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, at the Captain Salem Avery Museum, 1418 E.W. Shady Side Road, Shady Side, MD. For more info go to <http://shadysidemuseum.org/>

► **Disability Awareness Day is Coming:** Disability Awareness Day in Anne Arundel County will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009, at Westfield Annapolis. October is National Disability Awareness Month. This event highlights the many contributions of people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities, family members and service providing agencies will be in attendance to provide information on resources in a festival-like atmosphere. The program will be held near the Pottery Barn inside the Bestgate Road side of the mall, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 410-222-4383 or use Maryland Relay 7-1-1.

► **Check out Severna Park Heritage Day:** The Association of Severna Park Improvement, Renewal, and Enhancement (ASPIRE) will present Severna Park Heritage Day on Saturday, October 24, 2009 beginning at 10 a.m. The celebration will highlight Severna Park's history and community spirit through a variety of events including a walking tour, model train display, and musical presentations. For more information visit www.severnaparkaspire.org or www.severnaparkchamber.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](#)