



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

POLL SAYS COUNTY HEADED IN RIGHT DIRECTION

Fifty-two percent of citizens who responded to a recent [Anne Arundel Community College poll](#) said they believe the County is headed in the right direction.

This is good news, but it says a lot more when you compare the results to a recent [Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll](#) that found trust in government at a 12-year low.

My Administration has been working hard for three years to hold the line on taxes in these difficult fiscal times, while also cutting wasteful spending and focusing on priorities such as education, public safety and the environment.

These poll results are an encouraging sign that our citizens believe their local government is improving their quality of life.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

► [Thousands of County Residents Received H1N1 Flu Vaccine Last Month](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has taken several steps to distribute flu vaccine quickly. Last month, The Health Department administered more than 2,000 nasal spray and about 1,000 injectable doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine to people in the targeted priority group. Almost 15,000 doses of nasal spray seasonal flu vaccine were administered to public elementary school children in October. Get all the latest flu news [here](#).

► [County Switches to Low-Phosphorus Fertilizer for Grass at its Facilities](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has directed County departments to stop using fertilizers with high levels of phosphorus in order to decrease the concentration of the nutrient running into waterways. In 2008 over a six-month period, for example, the Department of Recreation and Parks purchased 95,000 pounds of fertilizer with a phosphorous content of 19 percent. All future purchases will contain less than 5 percent phosphorous.

► [Conservation Easement in Bacon Ridge Approved to Protect Forest and Habitat](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold announced that the County has been granted a Conservation Easement for 630 acres of the Bacon Ridge Natural Area in the South River Greenway. This Conservation Easement marks a significant landmark in Mr. Leopold's commitment to protect over 1,000 acres within the South River Greenway. The Bacon Ridge Natural Area, in the heart of Anne Arundel County, contains one of the largest tracts of unbroken forest in the County and provides critical habitat for forest birds and rare, threatened and endangered plants.

► [Hand Sanitizers Installed in County Government Buildings to Ward Off Flu](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold making it easier to fight germs and ward off the flu by providing hand sanitizer dispensers in County buildings. Dispensers have been installed at the Arundel Center, the Heritage Office Complex, the Circuit Court, as well as other County buildings. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control advises that keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. The goal is to promote this good practice and also cut down on lost work days due to illness.

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 is working to make a cemetery on the grounds of Crownsville Hospital open to the public for historical purposes, as well as for ancestors of the patients buried there marked only by numbers.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



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

County Executive Leopold is committed to helping expand recreation opportunities for residents. What improvements would you like to see in our trails system?

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY...

▶ **Come Visit Farmer's Markets:** Two of the Anne Arundel County Farmers Markets are still open! The market at Riva Rd. & Harry S. Truman Pkwy is open Saturdays from 7 a.m. to noon through December 19. The Piney Orchard Market, located at Stream Valley Dr. and Piney Orchard Pkwy, is open on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. until November 25.

▶ **Winter Clothing Drive:** H.O.P.E. and the Northern Anne Arundel Chamber of Commerce are collecting winter clothing on November 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Glen Burnie Towne Center, for students in need within public elementary schools. Donators will receive a 50% discount at the Glen Burnie Town Center ice rink. For more information, contact Leo Zerhusen at lzerhusen@peoplepc.com.

▶ **Come Celebrate Crofton's 45th Birthday:** The Greater Crofton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a tribute to those men and women who have made significant contributions to the community for Crofton's 45th Anniversary on November 13. The event will be at 6 p.m. (RSVP by November 6th) at the Crofton Country Club. Contact Judy Wilson at 410-721-9131 or judywilson@verizon.net. There is more information [here](#).

▶ **Check out the Retro Rock Cheer Competition:** North County High School will host the Retro Rock Beach Challenge on November 15. All cheer and dance teams are welcome to attend. Spectators and coaches attend for free. Registrations are due by November 5. More information can be found [here](#).

▶ **Support Hero Helpers:** Hero Helpers of South County is hosting a dinner and dance at the Deale Elks Lodge to benefit the wounded troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center on Saturday, November 7 in Deale. Tickets are \$25 each. Call 410-867-4577 for more information.

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](#)