



MONTH IN REVIEW

A MONTHLY SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COUNTY'S NEWS PROGRAM
"WEEK IN REVIEW"

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County Executive John R. Leopold

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JOHN R. LEOPOLD
County Executive

REMEMBER THE NEEDY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The holidays are a great time to reconnect with family and friends. But we also must not forget those in our community who are in need of help in this difficult economy.

With [financial assistance from this Administration](#), the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis will open a facility three times the size of its current building a year from now.

The demand is high for this service to the homeless population, which was also evidenced by a high and growing turnout at our annual Homeless Resource Day event last spring.

There are individuals and families in our community in need of warm clothes, food, and the bare essentials of life. Let's do our part to help them in their time of need and unite to stamp out homelessness in Anne Arundel County.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ [Cell Phone Leasing of Water Towers Generates \\$1 Million in Revenue Annually](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold announced that revenue from leasing water towers to cell phone providers has reached \$1 million annually. The income produced by renting available space on water towers increases approximately 4 percent annually, and lease agreements are usually for 20 years. As cell phone usage continues to be popular, demand for space on water towers is strong.

▶ [Restructuring of Mail Routing Saves About \\$20K Annually Through Efficiency](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold ordered a review of the County's mail delivery system that has resulted in new efficiencies that will save about \$20,000 each year. The Office of Central Services coordinated with the Office of Information Technology to review mail routes used by the County. Using the Geographic Information System, staff was able to identify redundancies and unutilized routes.

▶ [H1N1 Vaccination Activities Continue and Expand to Public School Sites](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has been working to ensure that the H1N1 vaccine is distributed in an orderly fashion utilizing standards set by health experts. The first walk-in clinic was held last month where more than 2,600 people received free vaccine. More doses will be distributed at nine public high schools this month to priority groups. The schedule and locations can be found on the [County Web site](#).

▶ [Doug Hart Returns as Acting Health Officer as Van Oeveren Called Up for Duty](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has appointed Doug Hart as Acting Health Officer because Dr. Edward Van Oeveren, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve, was called to active duty. Hart came to the Anne Arundel County Department of Health in 1979 and has previously served as the Department's Deputy Health Officer, Director of Administration and the Human Resources Director. He previously served as Acting Health Officer for five months starting in December 2008. He has extensive experience in budget development.

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 and
Baltimore Ravens Running Back Ray Rice
team up to raise money for High Point
Elementary School at Texas Roadhouse.*



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

County Executive Leopold makes constituent service a priority. Do you have an issue or concern that you would like to bring to the attention of the County Administration?

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY...

▶ **Remembering Pearl Harbor:** The 68th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor will be remembered on December 7 in Annapolis at the Maryland World War II Memorial. Edward Chow, Secretary, MD Department of Veterans Affairs, will be the featured speaker from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the memorial, located at the Governor Ritchie Overlook near the [Naval Academy Bridge](#). The public is welcome rain, snow or shine.

▶ **New York City Trip Fundraiser:** The [Lake Shore basketball group](#) will host a bus trip fundraiser to New York City from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 8. The bus will depart from the Chesterfield Plaza shopping center. The cost is \$70 for the bus ride only or \$120 for the bus and a ticket to the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular. The bus ride includes snacks, drinks, door prizes and bingo. For details, call Lauren Smith at 410-255-8696.

▶ **Lunch with Santa:** Please help support your local fire department and join them for some holiday fun!! The Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company is hosting lunch with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 6, from noon to 2 p.m., and the Arundel Volunteer Fire Company on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is very limited, so make your reservations today by contacting Earleigh Heights at 443-790-2359 or by email at jdemasky@comcast.net or Arundel at 410-721-1967 or <http://arundelfire.com>

▶ **Santa Cruise:** In Crofton, this year's Santa Cruise will begin on Monday, December 14th, and will run until Sunday, December 20th. Check out the schedule at <http://Arundelfire.com> for up to date information on when Santa and the AVFD will be visiting your neighborhood!

▶ **Give to Arundel House of Hope:** Arundel House of Hope, which serves the homeless in the County, is seeking canned food and clothing items for people in need. Volunteers are also needed to help the organization. For more information, please contact Mr. Mario Berninzoni at 410-863-4888 or mberninzoni@arundelhoh.org.

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](#)