



MONTH IN REVIEW

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

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Happy New Year!

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JOHN R. LEOPOLD
County Executive

PASSAGE OF SLOTS ZONING LEGISLATION COULD BOOST COUNTY'S BOND RATING

William Cobbs of Public Resources Advisory Group, the County's financial consultant, says now that legislation approving slot machines is law, the County has increased its chances of earning the highest bond ratings available from Wall Street. That means the County could secure a better credit rating and that I will be able to keep my pledge not to increase property or income taxes.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

► [Purchase Moves County Closer to Vision of South River Greenway](#)

The County is one step closer to acquiring 1,100 contiguous acres in the South River Greenway with the acquisition of 180 acres of forest and streams on three parcels of land. The purchase last month expands the County's Bacon Ridge Natural Area to 306 acres. With the pending settlement of another 120 acres and conveyance of a 546-acre Crownsville property planned for 2010, the vision is close to becoming a reality.

► [Congress Approves Earmarks that will Benefit BRAC and STEM](#)

Both houses of the U.S. Congress have approved millions of dollars in federal aid to make intersection improvements in and around Fort Meade, as well as help build our programs to provide a trained workforce in the global economy. The appropriations provide \$350,000 for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program at Anne Arundel Community College and more than \$5 million in roadway improvements. I was able to secure County Council approval of the landmark STEM program at the community college two years ago.

► [Community Grants Program Application Period is Now Open](#)

Local nonprofits are eligible for funding through the County Executive's Office for direct grants to provide services. The program provides direct benefits to organizations that help feed the homeless, provide job training, offer cultural experiences for the community, facilitate after-school activities for children, help the developmentally disabled and provide child care. To apply for a Community Grant, go to www.aacounty.org and download an application.

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
Aging and Disabilities Director Carol
Baker welcome the new Meals on Wheels
truck that can deliver hot and cold foods
to needy seniors in South County.*



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

County Executive Leopold has begun work on the budget for Fiscal Year 2011. With the County facing a projected \$93 million shortfall, what changes would you recommend?

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY

► **Need your H1N1 Vaccine?** The County continues to offer Free Walk-In H1N1 Flu Shot Clinics. They will be held at Anne Arundel Community College, Building Annex A, 101 College Parkway, in Arnold. The nasal spray may also be available in limited quantities. The following dates and times are available:

Monday, January 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5, noon - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday, January 7, noon - 6 p.m.

Friday, January 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Check www.ahealth.org for clinic cancellations due to weather.

► **Odenton Circulator Bus is Coming:** The County has purchased two 26-passenger buses with aid from the federal and state government to start a new service that will transport passengers from the Odenton MARC Station to Fort Meade. We want to hear from citizens about what route they think will work best. You comments at aacounty.org

► **Student Model Government Contest Open:** This contest is open to all 10th and 11th grade students who live in Anne Arundel County and want to be County Executive or County Councilman for a day. Students must complete an essay describing what the student would hope to accomplish if given the chance to serve. Entries must be received by Friday, January 15. Call 410-222-2222

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](#)