



MONTH IN REVIEW

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"WEEK IN REVIEW"

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JOHN R. LEOPOLD
County Executive

PLUNGE SHOWS THE SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR THOSE IN NEED

As I scanned the crowd at the recent Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Special Olympics, it was clear that no amount of snow was going to stop droves of people from showing up to support a worthy cause.

At the event I announced that the County will soon open an adaptive athletic facility at Lake Waterford Park for people with disabilities. The project is unique in the state. This County is home to many great recreation facilities, and this summer we will have yet another completed.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ [New Law Provides \\$1.6 million for three new STEM Labs at College](#)

Anne Arundel Community College has built an impressive program to train our future workforce for jobs in sustainable energy, the defense industry and the technology sector known as STEM. Legislation I signed into law last month provides funding to build three new state-of-the-art laboratories at the Arundel Mills campus. The Administration provided funding to establish the program two years ago.

▶ [Severna Park and Pasadena residents meet the Recycling Challenge](#)

Increased recycling is crucial to a healthy environment and also helps pay for County services, but for years our recycling rate hovered at around 32 percent Countywide. We responded with the 50/50 Challenge, encouraging residents to recycle at least half of their household trash. Service Area 8, which includes parts of Severna Park and Pasadena, recently surpassed that goal.

▶ [Dog fighting case shows power of awareness in Stopping Animal Cruelty](#)

Four men were arrested last month after police observed them engaging in a dog fighting event in Lothian. The case shows that dog fighting still exists in the shadows until a vigilant citizen stands up and reports animal cruelty and neglect. The County's Animal Welfare Council continues to work with Animal Control to increase awareness so that animals are given a voice and no longer victimized.

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
Team Maryland celebrates \$5.6 million in
federal funding for Base Realignment
and Closure, about half of which will be
used to pay for intersection
improvements around Fort Meade.*



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

County Executive Leopold is fascinated by Abraham Lincoln, who was elected president exactly 150 years ago. In the 1860 Presidential Election, he only received three votes in Anne Arundel County. Why do you think that was the case?

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY

► **Community Connections Day is coming!** We'd like to provide you with the tools necessary to gather information effectively and efficiently within our County Departments.

Learn about county resources and services directly from the experts in an exhibition-style setting. Share ideas with us to improve how we can serve you. Speak to County Executive Leopold or a member of his cabinet directly.

The event will be held Monday, March 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Old Mill High School. If you have a specific issue, send us an e-mail so we can properly research it beforehand. Send questions to erobey@aacounty.org.

► **Congratulations to Old Mill Patriots:** A boy's basketball game at Old Mill High School will be the site of a celebration honoring the Varsity Football Team's State Championship.

The championship banner will be unveiled at halftime on Friday, February 5, at about 7:30 p.m. Come out and support the first football state champions from Anne Arundel County in 15 years!

► **County Sports Hall of Fame Reception:** The County will unveil a special plaque honoring the most influential and successful athletes from Anne Arundel County at a reception on March 2.

The event at the Arundel Center, 44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, will start at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Honorees include Mark Texiera, Alan Pastrana and Betty Hallmark.

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](#)