



MONTH IN REVIEW

A SUMMARY OF ALL THE HAPPENINGS AROUND YOUR COUNTY

February 2012

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JOHN R. LEOPOLD
County Executive

STATE BUDGET PRESENTS CHALLENGE

We are headed into the budget season again, and decisions made by the Maryland General Assembly will significantly impact the County. Teacher pension costs present the biggest challenge because the State could pass on a more than \$20 million obligation to our County. I will do everything possible to ensure that taxpayers in Anne Arundel County are treated fairly when the budget is finalized.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

▶ [Legislation targets Constellation, State Agency Relocation](#)

The Maryland General Assembly will consider several bills this year supported by the County Executive. The proposals would require Constellation Energy to pay more than \$3 million in property taxes, expand a property tax deferral program for County seniors and block a planned move of a housing agency.

▶ [Countywide Recycling Rate Soars to nearly 40 percent](#)

Thanks to an aggressive marketing campaign and the efforts of citizens, the Countywide recycling rate has increased from 32 percent to 40 percent over the last four years. The next phase is to reach the goal of all County residents recycling half of their household trash.

▶ [Citizen Input Needed for Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan](#)

Now is the time to let County planners know what amenities should be added or improved for walking and biking along our trails and roadways. A listening session will be held on Feb. 22 at Severna Park Middle School at 6 p.m. Call 410-222-7440 for more information.

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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Creating Jobs



*County Executive Leopold gets a
tour of the Maryland Live!
construction site from Joe
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*County Executive Leopold
walking his dog, Dora.*

The 2012 Maryland General Assembly session is underway. What do you think of the Governor's budget request?

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY

Arts Council Mardi Gras Gala

The Anne Arundel County Arts Council will host its annual Mardi Gras Gala on February 18th in Annapolis.

County Executive Leopold will serve as a host. The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Loew's Hotel, located at 126 West Street. Tickets are \$150. Join us in this festive evening as many of our local talents provide a New Orleans experience for our guests.

This year the Gala will begin with a French Quarter reception filled with many NOLA traditions. The evening will continue with exquisite creole dining, and end on the dance floor to the sounds of "New Monopoly." Sponsor a table for \$1,500.

Come Visit our Ice Skating Rinks

Whether you are thinking about skating in the Olympics some day or just want to enjoy the day in the outdoors, our two ice rinks are open for your enjoyment.

We have rinks at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis and Glen Burnie Town Center. There are many special deals targeted to seniors and kids.

For more information, call 410-590-5990 for Glen Burnie or 410-222-1711 for Quiet Waters.

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](#)