

# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMUNITY News

County Executive Steve Schuh

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## Back to Work! General Assembly Looks at County Priorities

The General Assembly will spend February sifting through this year's budget with a new governor, Larry Hogan, and several fiscal challenges.

County Executive Schuh and members of the Anne Arundel County Council have presented priorities to the State House delegation. They include protecting funding for improving roads and schools, combatting heroin abuse and allowing police to work part-time at restaurants, bars and casinos. There are many ways to see the process in

action or participate in public hearings. You can call 410-946-5400 or visit the Maryland General Assembly's website.

There are many other ways to keep yourself informed. The General Assembly has an online bill lookup page, the public hearing schedule and a full list of contact information for your individual delegates and senators.

The legislative session continues until April 13, 2015. Listen here live!



### Plunge raises \$1.5 million for Special Olympics

Thousands of brave people participated in the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge. The event was more than a fundraiser. It was a chance for the region to show it's flair for the absurd.



### Schuh declares heroin "State of Emergency"

A concerted effort is being made to stem a drug epidemic that has led to a fatality a week from heroin abuse. Initiatives include improved outreach and education, better enforcement and more treatment.

## Watch Week in Review



My community organization has new officers or contact information

I want to volunteer for the Citizens Emergency Response Team

Zoning cases before the Board of Appeals

What road construction projects are underway?

I need recycling bins!

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## From the County Executive



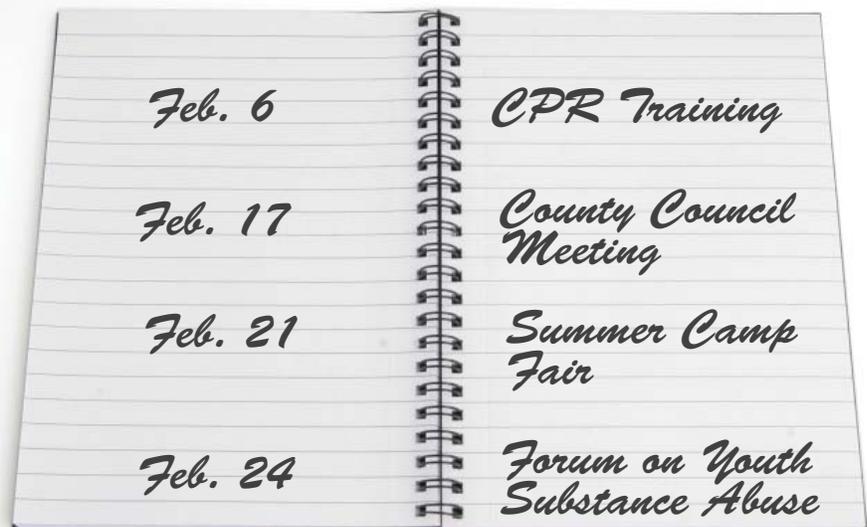
For the first time in nearly a decade, my experience related to the Maryland Budget comes from a different vantage point. Instead of viewing things as a State Delegate, I have to look at what is best for Anne Arundel County as the chief administrator.

In my first opportunity to present priorities to the delegation, I highlighted the main goals of this administration: cut taxes and fees, enhance public safety, make government operate more efficiently and improve our environment.

But we also discussed a number of issues at the State level that directly impact our County. First, we discussed the first budget presented by Gov. Larry Hogan. I believe that fiscal responsibility outlined in this budget will benefit everyone because government needs to live within its means. Second, we discussed legislation I support that makes it easier for police to administer the drug Narcan to citizens who have overdosed from heroin, and also allows police to work secondary jobs at our local businesses.

We also discussed initiatives to improve our roads infrastructure and fix broken stormwater pipes, as well as create an elected school board to bring our system in line with other jurisdictions. I pledge to work with our delegation, the governor, the public schools and other important partners to make sure that Anne Arundel County is moving forward on a path to becoming a model for the State of Maryland and the best place to live, work and start a business.

## Community Calendar



## County Council Legislation



Councilman Jerry Walker

Recently a local business owner contacted me about a liquor license issue, so I went to see him. We discussed the success of brewery operations in Maryland and decided to introduce a bill to permit production breweries on commercial, industrial, and mixed-use zoned land. We also added the term "Farm Breweries" into the code in an effort to offer our farms the potential ability to develop their facilities similar to the successful farm vineyards we have in Anne Arundel. The public hearing on Bill 8-15, Zoning – Breweries, Craft Breweries and Farm Breweries, is scheduled for February 17.