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Paper Bags are Better for Recycling Your Yard Waste

Beginning in 2017, the County will no longer accept plastic garbage bags with the taped "X" for yard waste.

Why?

Plastic bags were more convenient in the past because there were few alternatives available.

Now you can buy paper bags at all of the major home improvement retailers. Meanwhile, plastic garbage bags are causing problems for vendors who grind up yard waste into compost.

They have informed the County that they can't continue to accept plastic because of environmental regulations and the mess that they cause.

Paper can be easily ground up into compost, whereas plastic jams in the machine and has to be disposed of separately.

Please start using paper bags when you are leaving grass clippings, tree limbs and other yard waste at the curb.

If you have any questions, please call 410-222-6100.



County Awarded for Innovative Programs

The National Association of Counties has recognized Anne Arundel County for efforts to curb heroin addiction and improve communications between government agencies. The awards will be presented at a luncheon in Los Angeles on July 24.



Know the Facts about the Zika Virus to Protect Your Family

The County's Health Department has all of the information you need to protect against the mosquito-borne Zika virus. There have been no reported cases in the U.S., but health officials are concerned with mosquito season upon us.

Watch Week in Review



My community organization has new officers or contact information

I want to volunteer for the Citizens Emergency Response Team

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From the County Executive



Public safety has been a major priority of my administration, and investments have been made to increase pay and staffing as well as improve our physical infrastructure.

That is why recent comments by our firefighter's union that our budget jeopardizes public safety are just plain false.

The recently enacted FY 2017 budget is a reflection of my commitment with a 5 percent increase in compensation, funding for ten additional firefighter positions, and capital funds to develop four new fire stations as well as refurbish two others. This is a total investment of more than \$27 million.

Over the next six years, the county will be constructing or refurbishing Lake Shore, Galesville, Jacobsville, Herald Harbor, Harmans Dorsey, and South Glen Burnie fire stations.

The first funded recruit school will begin July 5th and start with 77 recruits and graduate based on our experience approximately 71 firefighters. While these new recruits are going through the academy, we predict that we will lose 24 firefighters due to retirements and other reasons. When we place the 71 graduating recruits in the field at the end of this class, we will reduce our vacancies from 54 to 7. This greatly improves our ability to staff positions, minimize hold-overs, and control our overtime costs.

We made a fiscally-responsible decision to forgo applying for a federal grant that would increase staffing but would also disappear in two years and create a fiscal cliff. This compromise improves public safety in a responsible manner.

Community Calendar



County Council Legislation



Councilman John Grasso

This month I am submitting two resolutions that I hope will fix a broken process with our Liquor Board. These resolutions will call for removing the three current members of the board and also expanding it to five members. Without these controls, I believe the board can issue liquor licenses by playing favorites and can spend taxpayer money without the needed oversight. The system now allows people to sit on the board forever, and decisions can be made by one person, and one person alone. I will also work with the governor and the county delegation to make these changes.