

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMUNITY

# News

County Executive Steve Schuh

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# FY18 BUDGET

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## FY18 Budget Proposal Includes Tax Cuts, Lots of Groundbreakings

On May 1, County Executive Steve Schuh presented his third budget proposal to the County Council.

The budget includes a reduction in taxes and fees, pay raises for teachers and public safety personnel, and many capital projects that will start construction in the coming year.

The projects include the new Crofton High School, elementary schools for Arnold and Jessup, a new Police Academy and two new boat ramps in Shady Side and Curtis Bay.

Your chances to weigh in on the budget are coming up with public hearings May 8 at North County High School in Glen Burnie and May 11 at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts.

Please attend the budget public hearings. You can also read the entire budget online on our website or watch Schuh's speech presenting the budget to the council.

The budget is expected to be approved by June 15 and becomes effective when the Fiscal Year starts on July 1.



### College Students to Present Exciting Projects

Please come to the Arundel Center on May 12 to see some exciting projects completed by University of Maryland students, such as a future vision for Tipton Airport and Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center. The work done by the students is impressive.



### Safe Stations Offer Safe Harbour From Addiction

Our fire stations are now available 24-7 for people suffering from addiction to check themselves in and get help with no questions asked. The Safe Stations program connects walk-ins with medical attention and anti-addiction medications.

# Watch Week in Review



My community organization has new officers or contact information

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# From the County Executive



I am so proud to present my third budget to the County Council for the Fiscal Year 2018.

To date, my Administration has provided nearly \$64 million in tax and fee relief to taxpayers while also making important investments in education, public safety, infrastructure and recreation.

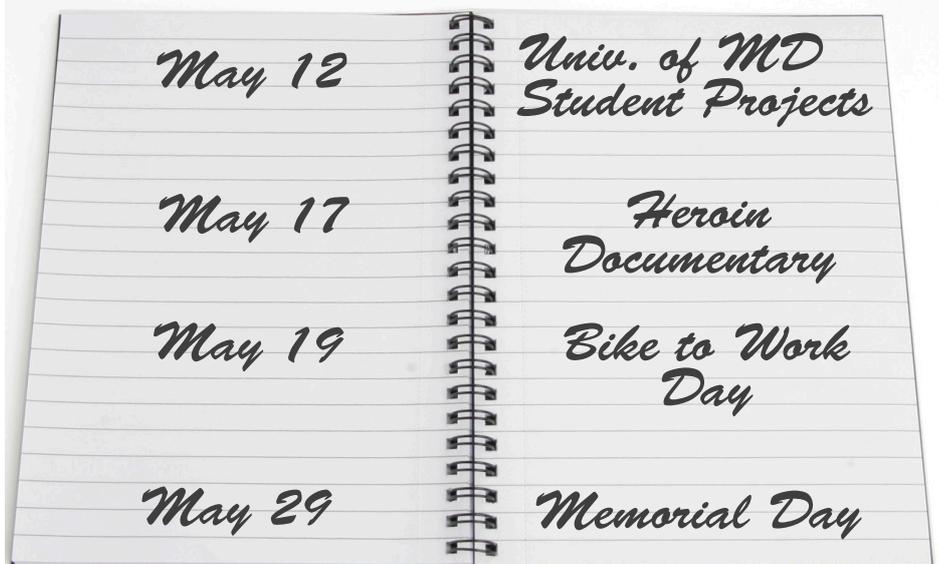
In addition to reducing the property tax rate for the third year in a row, we also provided funding to increase compensation of teachers, police officers, firefighters and other County employees.

The new budget includes funding to finally begin construction of Crofton High School, a facility residents in West County have been pleading for since I was a kid. We are also breaking ground on a new Police Academy in Davidsonville and a new Central Booking facility in Annapolis.

The new Fiscal Year will also start with a more responsive and customer-friendly government. We launched our 3-1-1 program last month, which includes a mobile application to report issues such as a pothole on your phone, as well as a single phone number to reach any County department. Our permit times are faster than ever. Approvals to build a deck on the same day you apply have risen from 31 percent to 70 percent, for example.

We are working every day to make Anne Arundel County the best place to live, work and start a business. I hope this new budget will be a blueprint for future success.

## Community Calendar



## Helpful Safety Tips

Many of our citizens are out enjoying the water now that the summer weather has arrived. If you are out on a boat as a driver or a passenger, here are some good tips to remember. Consider taking a boating safety course. There are many offered locally. Avoid going out on the water alone. Be sure to wear a life vest and avoid consuming drugs and alcohol. Have an ignition cutoff lanyard attached to your wrist so the engine will stop running if you are thrown from the boat. Obey posted signs and warnings. Don't let anyone board or get off the boat while the engine is running. Use sunscreen. Fill out a float plan, which has all of the important information necessary for responders to know about you in the event of an emergency. All of us at Anne Arundel County hope you enjoy the summer out on the water!