

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMUNITY

# News

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## The holidays are coming Sponsor a family in need!

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## There are so many ways to give *Make the season bright for others*

The time of year is here when we are so caught up in making all of the preparations for a Thanksgiving meal, or buying presents for Christmas, Hanukah or Kwanza.

What about those who can't afford these things?

Consider pitching in to help, and teach your kids the value of service.

There are many ways to give.

The Department of Social Services sponsors the Holiday Sharing program

highlighted in the banner.

You can also volunteer at the Light House or the Food Bank! Just click on the particular program to visit their websites.

We want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

In the spirit of these wonderful times for all Americans, it is a great opportunity to reach out and meet those who are less fortunate.

These are the best gifts to give and get!



### Join the team Mobilize in emergencies!

Ordinary citizens can volunteer to be trained in how to respond to emergencies such as natural disasters, disease outbreaks, hazards and attacks.

It's easy to get involved. Simply visit their website at [www.AACERT.org](http://www.AACERT.org).



### Roundtable highlights Aging and Disabilities

Have you seen our show Roundtable? The latest edition features the Department of Aging & Disabilities and contains lots of useful information! You can visit our YouTube page to review all of our programming that informs you about our County.

# 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!

Sign me up for Code Red text alerts for severe weather notices

Where is my nearest Farmer's Market?

Place an event on our calendar

E-mail County Executive Schuh

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# From the County Executive



Members of the County's senior staff, several prominent citizens and I recently returned from a goodwill mission to Cuba. Our objective was to identify opportunities in commerce, education, athletics and the fine arts between Cuba and Anne Arundel County and to raise the profile of the first charter flight from BWI Thurgood Marshall's international terminal to Havana.

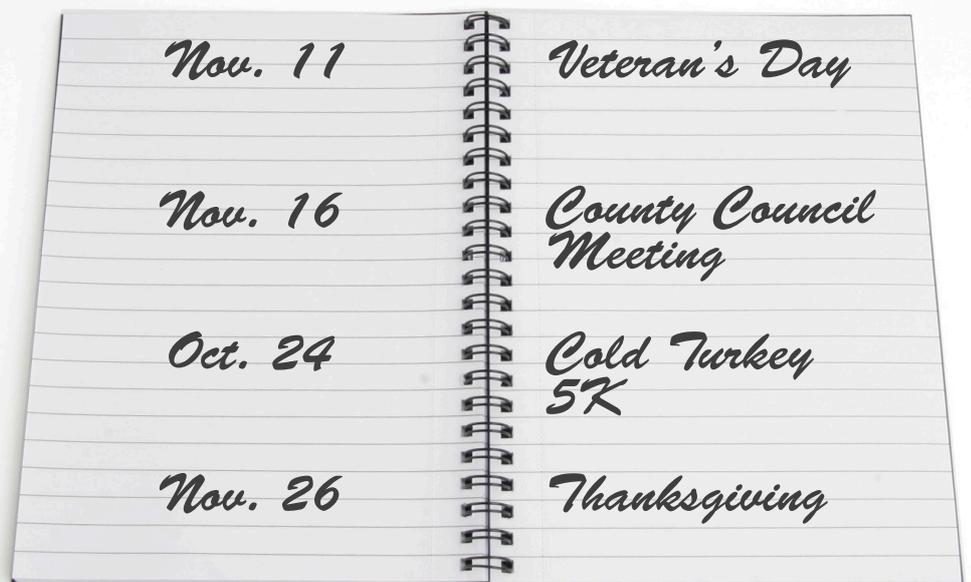
BWI is a huge economic driver in our county. The airport's economic impacts include nearly 100,000 jobs, \$4 billion in personal income, \$7.0 billion in business revenue, and over \$1.6 billion in local purchases. Being one of only 19 airports in the

United States with a direct flight to Cuba positions BWI to become a major player in international travel in the next decade.

Upon arrival in Havana, what struck me personally were the architecture, the cars, the people and the music. While government barriers and a lack of infrastructure may not be conducive to immediate business linkages, I do believe there are three target areas where we can take immediate action.

First, we will work with the Community College and Board of Education to develop study-abroad programs for our high school and college students. Second, we will focus on the fine arts and arrange for the Historic Annapolis Foundation to assist the Cuban people in preserving their rich culture and historical artifacts, as well as creating art exchanges between Cuba and our Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts. Lastly, we will work to coordinate with the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Board of Education to create an All-Star Anne Arundel baseball team that will compete in Havana next year. I am excited about these opportunities.

## Community Calendar



## County Council Legislation



Councilman John Grasso

The U.S. Geological Survey says that coal-tar-based sealcoat used on pavement can pose health risks such as increased risk of cancer.

That is why I am co-sponsoring legislation with councilmen Chris Trumbauer and Andrew Pruski to ban the use of this product. There are asphalt alternatives that work just as well. Many cities and states have already enacted similar bans. Big retailers such as Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace and United Hardware have stopped selling it.

This legislation will help protect our public health. The public hearing is on Nov. 2.