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# News

County Executive Steve Schuh

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## Groundbreaking Moves Forward on Town Center Boulevard

There have been quite a few exciting developments around Odenton Town Center this year.

It started with the opening of Giant Food at Odenton Shopping Center and All American Steakhouse and Sports Theater down the street, plus the announcement that Ruth's Chris Steakhouse is soon to follow and currently under construction.

The next major step starts now, as The Halle Companies broke ground on Town Center Boulevard in July.

The boulevard is a huge part of the overall town center because it travels right down the middle of the 128-acre site.

You can click on the banner to watch the ceremony announcing the project, as well as a promotional video about Odenton and an event with commerce officials.

This town center has been talked about for decades, and we are finally starting to see it come to life and invigorate West County.



### New Video on Brown Bags for Recycling Yard Waste

Starting in 2017, we will no longer accept plastic garbage bags for recycling yard waste, such as tree limbs, grass clippings and leaves. Customers will still be able to use any container marked with an "X" for pickup. Please spread the news.



### Cooling Centers are Available on Code Red Days

Hot weather can be dangerous for our most vulnerable citizens. Please be cautious and check on seniors, especially those who don't have air conditioning. You can also use our libraries, senior centers and police stations as cooling centers.

## Watch Week in Review



My community organization has new officers or contact information

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## From the County Executive



With the opening of the Summer Olympics in Brazil, we are hearing a lot about the Zika virus. There are several things we can do here at home to protect ourselves.

The most important thing to do is to use precautions if you do travel outside of the country to areas with known outbreaks. Wear insect repellent so that if you are somehow carrying the virus it will not be transmitted via mosquitoes.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommends using repellents that contain DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535. Also try to cover exposed skin and treat your clothing with permethrin. That will keep your clothing protected through several washings.

There are also steps you can take to control mosquitoes in your yard. Eliminate standing water from containers, like tires, buckets, flower pots, kiddie pools and tarps. Use a larvicide to treat standing water if you can't dump the water from the container. Treat areas like bushes, ivy and bamboo areas with insecticides in your yard where mosquitoes like to hide.

The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis. Contact a medical professional if you believe you are infected, especially if you are pregnant.

There is a risk of Zika being imported into Maryland and transmitted by local mosquitoes. Infection is linked to birth defects in babies, and pregnant women are urged not to travel to Zika-infected areas. In this country we benefit from an excellent early-warning system to prevent these viruses, but we must be vigilant.

## Community Calendar



## County Council Legislation



Councilman Derek Fink

The County Council will be in recess for the month of August, but we will be back in September with a full agenda. Our next meeting will be on September 6 at the Arundel Center at 7 p.m.

We hope that all of you enjoy your last month of summer. Of course you can always reach your councilman by calling, e-mailing or visiting our website.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to call our main number at 410-222-1401.