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County Executive Steve Schuh

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Read All About It! The FY 2016 Budget Proposal is Here

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County Executive Steve Schuh has presented his first budget to the County Council, and there are more ways for you to read it and get involved than ever before.

Highlights of the budget include a 3 percent property tax cut, 24 additional police officers and long-term plans for more parks, trails, libraries and schools.

If you missed the budget presentation, not to worry. It will all be available online, including a recording of the program that will also run throughout

the month on Arundel TV.

If you want to study the highlights, download the slide presentation that provides an overview. Or you can read the speech. You can even read the entire budget book page by page.

For the next several weeks, there will be public hearings and many opportunities for you to weigh in on what you think the final budget should look like. The budget must be approved by June 30.

[Click here to view the hearing schedule!](#)



Parents and Police Join to Help Kids with Autism

Thanks to a new partnership between Anne Arundel County Police and parents, kids with autism can now be tracked with GPS wristbands so that they don't wander into danger. You can find out more about the program by clicking!



Reading Across America Comes to Annapolis

Kids from Germantown Elementary got a real treat as Councilman Pete Smith joined Police Chief Tim Altomare and Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot at the Annapolis Library. The event aims to get children excited about reading. Click to watch!

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

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From the County Executive



The budget I presented to the County Council was the culmination of many hours hearing from residents and stakeholders, then combing through the details with our dedicated staff.

Priorities follow many of the issues I have spoken about before. Tax relief: starting with a 3 percent property tax reduction. Education: working to improve performance and start a plan to build smaller high schools. Public Safety: hiring more police officers and providing the equipment our firefighters, paramedics and other professionals need to do their jobs effectively. Effective government: Making investments in data-driven

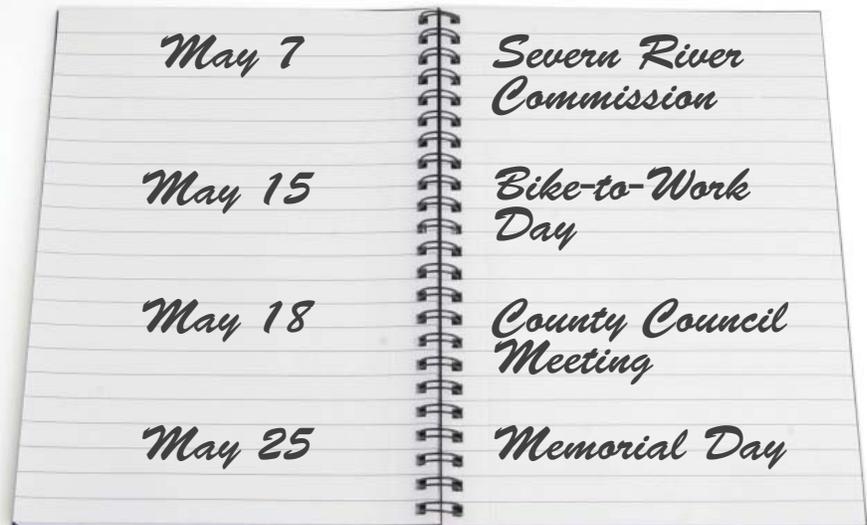
customer service. Environment: repairing our damaged waterways, failing stormwater pipes and other infrastructure.

This budget proposal also includes a new initiative I call "Jumpstart Anne Arundel" which will help accelerate construction of schools, roads, trails, libraries and other critical projects that will make Anne Arundel County the best place to live, work and start a business.

Simply put, Jumpstart Anne Arundel is about buying 30-year bonds instead of 20-year bonds for capital projects. This is the most common term length used by other jurisdictions and makes an additional \$25 million a year available to move forward with needed improvements, such as a new Crofton High School, increased investments in damaged roads and a healthcare professions building at Anne Arundel Community College.

I am very proud of this budget. It contains modest tax relief and enhanced services.

Community Calendar



County Council Legislation



Councilman John Grasso

Our local American Legions are a huge part of our community. I am sponsoring Bill 27-15, which exempts nonprofit veterans and military service organizations from paying public water and sewer hookup fees.

Religious organizations and low-income senior housing is already exempt.

I feel that extending this benefit to the folks who served our country is a no-brainer. We need to make sure that these important groups remain active.

Come on out and support the bill. The public hearing is Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m.