

# MONTH IN REVIEW

A MONTHLY SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COUNTY'S NEWS PROGRAM  
"WEEK IN REVIEW"

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## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

► **Panhandling banded:** County Executive John R. Leopold recently launched an information campaign directed to county panhandlers who will no longer be able to solicit donations in roadways or on roadway medians in Anne Arundel County effective October 1, 2007, thanks to a Maryland General Assembly measure pushed by the County Executive last April.

► **Storm Water Management Fund (SMART Fund):** County Executive John R. Leopold introduced legislation to create the Stormwater Management and Restoration of Tributaries (SMART) Fund, a special, non-lapsing fund of fee revenues used to implement restoration programs throughout the county. Bill 76-07 is currently pending before the County Council. Please contact your council member to express your thoughts on this or any piece of legislation at 410-222-1401.

► **General Development (GDP):** County Web users will now have access to specific information about the County's General Development Plan, or GDP, including opportunities to provide input and stay informed by joining an email list.

► **Land Preservation:** A public forum outlining the county's vision for the future of the U.S. Naval Academy Dairy Farm was recently held in Gambrills. County Executive Leopold is keeping his commitment to preserve over 800 acres of land as agricultural passive use property. A Dairy Farm Advisory Committee will be formed later this year, and will meet once a month for the following year, for the purpose of assisting in the project and guiding future work.

► **Recycling in County Parks:** County Executive John R. Leopold announced, October 3, that county park visitors will now be able to recycle, thanks to newly placed recycling receptacles at seven county-operated parks. Designated parks include Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, Kinder Park in Millersville, Downs Park and Fort Smallwood Park in Pasadena, Bell Branch Park in Gambrills, Davidsonville Park in Davidsonville, and the B&A Trail.

► **BRAC Meeting:** County Executive John R. Leopold will join Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown to host a public information meeting for the Governor's Subcabinet on base realignment and closure (BRAC) at Quiet Waters Park on Thursday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m.

For access to all press releases, please go to [www.aacounty.org](http://www.aacounty.org) and click on News. For access to all proposed, pending, and approved legislation, go to [www.aacounty.org](http://www.aacounty.org) and click on County Council under Quicklinks.



County Executive John R.  
Leopold and his dog, Dora

County Executive John R. Leopold encourages everyone to get out and enjoy Anne Arundel County's beautiful and boundless shorelines. Bordered by the Chesapeake Bay, North America's largest estuary, Anne Arundel County boasts over 500 miles of shoreline. Please remember to do your part caring for our shorelines by packing up your trash and recycling!

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## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COUNTY RESOURCES



### A Message From **JOHN R. LEOPOLD** *County Executive*

#### **Need help understanding your property tax**

**bill?** We have received several questions recently regarding property tax assessments. Property values have risen and your bill may show a significant increase in the assessed value of your property. However, a significant increase in your property assessment doesn't necessarily mean that your property tax bill will increase accordingly. For most residential property owners an increase in your property's assessed value is usually offset, for the most part, by an increase in the homestead credit on your property tax bill. That results in a minimal increase, or possibly a decrease in property taxes.

For property tax information and options, go to [www.aacounty.org](http://www.aacounty.org) and click on [View/Pay Bills Online](#). Choose [View or Pay Real Estate Taxes](#), and then you are on your way to accessing past and present tax records for any property in Anne Arundel County. Still have questions? Contact the AACO [Office of Finance](#) at (410) 222-1144 for questions about the *taxes or bills*, but contact the [Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxes](#) if you have questions or comments about *the assessment process*.

## IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

▶ The South County Connection, or C-50 bus route, was scheduled to be disconnected by the City of Annapolis Transit Authority. However, in response to a petition signed by many south county residents, County Executive John R. Leopold announced, on September 28<sup>th</sup>, that the bus route would continue under county management. Funding will be provided through a partnership with the Department of Social Services and the Office of Planning and Zoning.

▶ County Executive John R. Leopold's continues to work to preserve rural land in South County through several programs offering land owners many alternatives including the Agricultural Land and Woodland Preservation program. These programs provide considerable tax savings for the property owner while protecting farmland from development. For more information contact Barb Polito, Agricultural Program Administrator at 410-222-7317.

▶ County Executive Leopold urges all county residents to create a disaster preparedness kit that includes the following items: a battery operated radio, a flashlight, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, a 3-day supply of non-perishable foods, water, a can-opener, a knife, a map of the area, a signal flare, a change of clothes, and any necessary specialty items (medications, infant formula, family documents, etc.)

▶ If your community is interested in establishing a Citizen Emergency Response Team or requesting a speaker for your community association meeting, please call 410-222-0600



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