



# MONTH IN REVIEW

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

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County Executive John R. Leopold

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**JOHN R. LEOPOLD**

*County Executive*

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY YOUR OWN WAY

Earth Day is April 22. This is an excellent opportunity to do your part to help the environment.

You can develop an energy saving plan for your house, help educate your co-workers about how to recycle, or volunteer to plant trees. Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to clean up after their pets outside.

My Administration is committed to protecting and restoring our environment. We have purchased hundreds of acres of land for preservation, restored streams and banned the disposal of fly ash.

There is so much more to do, and it takes effort from each one of us to make our environment a healthy place to raise our children and grandchildren.

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

### ▶ ["Your Tax Dollars at Work" page debuts on County Web site](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has launched "Your Tax Dollars at Work," a Web page that organizes information about government spending in one easy place. You can view the site [here](#). The page includes a link for taxpayers to submit their own ideas as to how to reduce government spending, as well as a list of County contracts over \$25,000 and budget documents that show County Executive Leopold's budget goals and objectives.

### ▶ [Federal stimulus aid will be used for new bus route around Ft. Meade](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold will use \$386,000 in federal stimulus funding to purchase two ultra-low sulfur diesel-powered buses in order to provide service to Fort George G. Meade, surrounding communities and nearby MARC rail stations. The goal is to have the new route up and running by next fall. The money will also be used to purchase the buses, as well as radios, GPS devices, fare boxes, wheelchair equipment and bike racks. The County assumes operating costs.

### ▶ [More than 100 vacant positions will be cut to save \\$5.7 million annually](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold plans to cut more than 100 vacant positions from County Government in his upcoming budget presentation to save \$5.7 million each year. Public safety positions are exempt from the cuts. The vacant positions have been frozen since October 2008, when County Executive Leopold initiated the third hiring freeze of his term. The third freeze has saved more than \$3 million so far this fiscal year.

### ▶ [Pasadena man clears yard of junk and debris after serving jail time](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold thanked the Office of Law for securing jail time for a man who had failed to clean up his yard after years of complaints from neighbors. Joseph M. Zahl, Jr. of 1815 Cremen Road in Pasadena was found in contempt of court and sentenced to 89 days in jail. His family later cleaned up the yard to have Mr. Zahl released from jail, removing porta-potties, chemical toilets, old scrap, dismantled, inoperable or dilapidated motor vehicles, machinery, household furniture and appliances, tanks and drums, tires and other material.

*If any of the above links do not work, or to view all current and archived news, please [click here](#). To view all proposed, pending, and approved legislation, [click here](#) to visit the Anne Arundel County Council.*

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*County Executive John R. Leopold signs an application to create the Brooklyn Park Arts & Entertainment District, the second such district in the County.*



*County Executive John R. Leopold and his dog, Dora.*

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...


The County's cable channel features live coverage of County Council meetings, our Week in Review program and popular shows such as Pet Court.

What kind of shows would you like to see added to the channel?

Send your thoughts to [County Executive Leopold](mailto:County Executive Leopold).

<http://www.aacounty.org>

## IN YOUR COMMUNITY...

	<p>▶ <b>Community Connections Day:</b> Do you want to learn more about the services the County offers and the resources available to our citizens? Come join us for County Executive Leopold's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Connections Day on April 25. The event is a great opportunity to meet experts in County departments as well as other community organization leaders. Community Connections Day will be held in the Village at Waugh Chapel Community Room in Gambrills. For more information, call 410-222-2222.</p>
 <p><b>Bea Poulin</b> <i>Community and Constituent Services</i></p>	<p>▶ <b>Earth Day at Quiet Waters Park:</b> The countdown to Earth Day will begin with several series of lectures on environmental issues leading up to Earth Day. Come join us April 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and view the many environmental friendly exhibitors throughout the region. Enjoy hayrides and great food from Quiet Waters Café. There will be a special musical performance as well. Bring your family out to this family friendly event. Call 410-222-1777.</p> <p>▶ <b>Go Native with Planting:</b> Going Native: A Workshop on Planting Wisely at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary will be held on April 4. The sanctuary is located at 1361 Wrighton Road in Lothian. The lecture starts at 1 p.m., and field trip at 2 p.m., weather permitting. This workshop will provide tips for creating an eco-friendly landscape using native plants and non-invasive exotics suitable to the Mid-Atlantic region. To register go <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
	<p>▶ <b>Wine Festival in May:</b> The Great Grapes Wine, Art and Food Festival will be held this year at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds on May 2 and 3. For its fourth year in Anne Arundel County the festival will include tastings of over 300 wines from around the world. There will be an expanded Kids Activity Area, live music, about 60 artists and crafters, and cooking and wine-pairing seminars, along with a host of other interesting activities. Get tickets <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

*To take a look at a complete Recreation and Parks calendar of events, [click here](#), including activities for all ages, everything from cooking classes to free concerts. Our Senior Centers also offer a wide range of classes and social opportunities. To discover each center's upcoming events, [click here](#).*