



# MONTH IN REVIEW

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

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**JOHN R. LEOPOLD**  
*County Executive*

## MORE TAX RELIEF ON THE WAY FOR SENIORS

Senior citizens and disabled residents on fixed incomes are particularly feeling the pinch when it comes to this difficult economy. Last month the County Council unanimously passed [legislation](#) that allows qualified residents to defer any property tax bill increase with no interest penalty.

The deferral is valid for up to 50 years. The new program proposed by this administration eliminates a 6 percent interest payment and gives our most vulnerable citizens flexibility in balancing their home budgets.

I have made tax relief a priority even in these tough times. We increased the County supplemental tax credit to the Homeowner's Property Tax Credit, a program I led the effort to save when I was a State Delegate in the Maryland General Assembly.

## COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

### ▶ [County on Pace to Detain Twice as many Illegal Immigrants as Last Year](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has instituted several policies to assist federal authorities in detaining and deporting illegal immigrants. Last year, the County made 959 referrals resulting in 234 transfers to customs agents. Through June of this year, the County recorded 408 referrals resulting in 170 detainers. Among those referred and deported were two convicted sex offenders.

### ▶ [District 7 has a new Councilwoman, former School Board Member Johnson](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold welcomed School Board member Tricia Johnson to the County Council, where she will serve the remainder of Ed Reilly's term. Reilly is now the State Senator for the 33<sup>rd</sup> District, and Johnson is the councilwoman for District 7. County Executive Leopold said he looks forward to working with Johnson and wished Reilly the best of luck in the Maryland General Assembly, where Leopold served for two decades.

### ▶ [Smart Use of County Credit Cards Saves \\$200,000 of Taxpayer Money](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold has enacted strict rules for the use of County credit cards to closely monitor spending by County employees and also maximize rebates offered by the lender. Anne Arundel County has earned a \$196,215.23 rebate through the Office of Central Services' Procurement Card Program in accordance with the provisions of its contract with US Bank. This rebate represents a 27% increase over last year's \$154,196.84 rebate.

### ▶ [New Program will Mean Swift Notification of Residents near Oak Hill](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold responded expeditiously to [escapes](#) at the New Beginnings Youth Center in Laurel, the detention facility formerly known as Oak Hill. He demanded that D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty improve security at the facility and also offered assistance from the County to notify residents immediately when an escape occurs. The district government has agreed to participate in a new "e-alert" program so neighbors of the facility know about breaches immediately.

*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 joins  
Rand Griffin, CEO of Corporate Office  
Properties Trust, to celebrate a  
groundbreaking for more expansion at  
National Business Park.*

## COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



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

County Executive Leopold has implemented policies that help clamp down on hiring illegal immigrants. Have you seen evidence that this issue is negatively impacting your community?

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

[www.aacounty.org](http://www.aacounty.org)

## AROUND THE COUNTY...

▶ **National Night Out:** Several communities hold National Night Out celebrations to take a stand against crime and violence while promoting community unity. [Fort Meade](#) and [Shady Side](#) will have their events on August 4. Come out and show your dedication by participating in crime prevention and stamping out drug and alcohol use among our children.

▶ **Got Raccoons?** The Health Department will be vaccinating raccoons for rabies starting next month. If you have seen raccoons in your neighborhood, please contact the department by August 28 at 410-222-7168. Baiting will begin on Sept. 8. The baits contain liquid rabies vaccine that poses no hazard to raccoons or pets. A raccoon is immunized when it bites into the bait. They will be placed in neighborhoods by teams of trained Department of Health staff. Teams will wear orange vests and travel in marked County vehicles.

▶ **Council Hearings on General Development Plan:** The County Council will hold its first public hearing on the General Development Plan on August 17 at 7 p.m. The plan is a master document for land use policy and zoning for the next decade. This phase of the process follows extensive staff review of County policies and deliberations by the citizen-led Special Advisory Committee. For more information about the draft plan, click [here](#).

▶ **Learn How to Swim at County Pools:** Swimming lessons are available at both of our County pools for all ages that start at just \$35. Our facilities offer a wide array of programs geared toward swimming, including special events, water fitness and learning different strokes. You can view a full list of programs at the [Arundel Olympic Swim Center](#) in Annapolis and the [North Arundel Aquatic Center](#) in Glen Burnie.

▶ **Nominations Due for Dallas Pace Award:** The County's Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations for the Dallas Pace Award, which honors people who make valuable contributions to the community. The award recognizes the achievements and contributions made by a person who has significantly enhanced the realization of human relations goals and objectives for the citizens of Anne Arundel County. Nomination forms are available [here](#). The deadline is September 1.

*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](#)*