



MONTH IN REVIEW

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"WEEK IN REVIEW"

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County Executive John R. Leopold

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JOHN R. LEOPOLD
County Executive

FALSE ALARM LAW WILL HELP FIGHT CRIME

Our police department is working hard to address crime in our communities, whether it is the recent arrests in the attack on a 14-year old in Crofton or shutting down a crack house in Brooklyn Park. My Administration has responded swiftly to both situations with help from the public.

But there are also things that can be done legislatively. I signed a bill into law last month that penalizes those who have repeated false burglar alarm calls to police. These are automated calls that can be fixed relatively easily. Meanwhile, false alarms waste thousands of hours of time for our officers to respond.

This new law will go a long way toward ensuring that our officers are devoting their time to crime fighting—not responding to false alarms.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

► [Maryland Committee Honors Employment of Guardsmen and Reservists](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold received a citation from the Maryland Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve to honor his commitment to hiring National Guard and Reserve Members. During this Administration, 56 veterans have been hired as detention officers, surveyors, police officers and recreation workers. The County has also dedicated memorials to fallen veterans at Fort Smallwood Park and the Arundel Center.

► [First Online Tax Sale Process Yields \\$2.5 million in Unpaid Property Taxes](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold declared the County's first online tax sale a success. The number of bidders increased by 55% over the 2008 sale and the successful bidders increased from 3 in 2008 to 32 in 2009. There were about 1,400 properties with taxes and fees due and 98% of the tax lien certificates were sold recovering approximately \$2.5 million for the County. The sale took place from June 4 until June 12.

► [Sarah's House Makes a Difference by Getting a Families into Jobs and Housing](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold continues to support Sarah's House in the budget because it aids children and families. Sarah's House is a partnership between Anne Arundel County, the U.S. Army and Catholic Charities, Inc. that provides 66 emergency shelter beds and 22 transitional beds for families seeking to move from homelessness to permanent housing. Eighty-five percent successfully move on to permanent housing.

► [Administration Submits General Development Plan to County Council](#)

County Executive John R. Leopold thanked the members of the Special Advisory Committee for their dedication to ensuring public participation during the drafting process for the General Development Plan. Legislation implementing the General Development Plan has been submitted to the County Council. Citizens may read the final draft of the General Development Plan and stay informed of important dates on the [GDP Homepage](#).

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
false alarm legislation into law that will
free up police resources. He is joined by
Police Chief James Teare, Councilman
Josh Cohen and others who worked on
the effort.*

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD WANTS TO KNOW...



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

County Executive Leopold plans to spend his summer vacation in Maine this year. How are you going to spend your vacation, and have you changed plans with the downturned economy?

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

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AROUND THE COUNTY...

► **Summer Concert Series:** The Department of Recreation and Parks is offering free concerts at Downs Park and Quiet Waters Park all summer long. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and relax under summer skies while listening to a variety of musical styles performed by extraordinary musicians. From country to jazz to classic rock, there are sure to be selections for the young and young at heart. Call the Downs Park office at (410) 222-6230. Downs Park is located at [8311 John Downs Loop in Pasadena](#). Call Quiet Waters Park office at (410) 222-1777. Quiet Waters Park is located at [600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis](#).

► **Fireworks and Parades!!!!** Fireworks displays can be found all over the County to celebrate our Nation's Birthday, July 4th. Locations, times and dates vary. Want to watch the fireworks in [Annapolis](#)? How about the [Severna Park](#) Red, White, Blue and GREEN parade? Looking in [Laurel](#)? [Herrington Harbour](#)? Please be sure to attend professional displays and avoid backyard fireworks, which can be quite dangerous.

► **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.

► **Find Out about Services for Seniors:** The Department of Aging and Disabilities will offer a free program geared toward services for senior citizens at Arundel Mills Mall on July 20. The program, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., will be located at Baltimore-Washington Medical Center's Arundel Mills Mall Outreach Center between Dave and Busters and mall entrance #4. For more information, contact 410-787-4367. To view a variety of exciting programs for seniors, [click here](#).

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](#)

