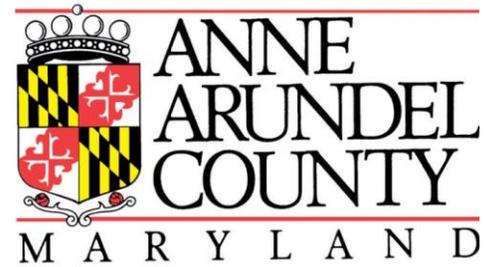


# County Connections



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## Anne Arundel County Executive Laura Neuman Appoints Richard C. "Rook" Rogers as New Chief of Staff

"Rook is a proven business leader with a commitment and passion for Anne Arundel County," said County Executive Neuman. "His organization skills, team approach to management and dedication to hard work will be a tremendous

asset to my Administration and the citizens of our County." Mr. Rogers joined the Seaford Foundation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the McKinney Drilling Company, in 1976 as a laborer. He was promoted to several various executive positions within the company, including President, before retiring in 2010. As a dedicated citizen of the County, Mr. Rogers volunteers his time and talent to several community projects and charitable organizations. Rogers was a Special Project Manager for the Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN), Advisory Board member for Sandy Spring Bank, Co-Chairman of the Anne Arundel Medical Center Golf Fund Raiser, Trustee for OS Charitable Trust and member of the United States Naval Academy Sponsor Parents Program. He has also been involved with youth sports as a volunteer coach and active with several committees for St. Mary's Schools.

## Community Connections Day to be Held at Old Mill High School followed by a Town Hall Meeting about the County's Budget

Anne Arundel County Executive Laura Neuman will host the next Community Connections Day from 4-7 p.m., **February 19th** in the media center of Old Mill High School. The school is located at 600 Patriot Lane, Millersville.

Community Connections will be followed by an educational seminar where you can ask questions about the Budget process and to learn how your non-profit could apply for a community support grant.

"My commitment to the residents of Anne Arundel County is that their government will be active and visible in their community," said County Executive Neuman. "I read every email residents send to me and my Constituent Services' staff is in the community every day. I look forward to Community Connections Day because it allows us to take our entire team to residents, where we can meet with them one-on-one and answer any questions they have."

Community Connections Day is held quarterly and rotates throughout every quadrant of the county. Participating departments and organizations include Public Works, Inspections and Permits; Planning and Zoning; Social Services; Aging and Disabilities; Animal Control; Police; Fire; Recreation and Parks; Economic Development Corporation; Emergency Management; Arundel Community Development Services; the Volunteer Center; and Workforce Development Corporation, among others.

## Around the county with Laura Neuman:



County Executive Neuman visited the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) to gain a better understanding of all that is involved during a winter event.



Appearing before the Board of Public Works with School Int. Super Mamie Perkins, Senator Reilly & Delegate Vitale



County Executive Laura Neuman speaking at the Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast at AACC.

## County Executive Neuman to Hold Town Hall Meetings on the County's Budget

County Executive Laura Neuman will hold a series of town hall meetings to explain the County's budget process, priorities and to hear from residents on the issues that most matter to them.

The public hearings will be held:

- Thursday, February 13, 7-8 p.m., Lake Shore Elementary School  
4531 Mountain Road, Pasadena
- Wednesday, February 19, 7-8 p.m., Old Mill High School, Media Center,  
600 Patriot Lane, Millersville (*Immediately following "Community Connections Day" event.*)
- Wednesday, February 26, 6-7 p.m., Deale South County Branch Library  
5940 Deale-Churchton Road, Deale

*Note: The Anne Arundel County Budget will be presented to the County Council on May 1.*

## Anne Arundel County Reinstates Trade Desk

County Executive Laura Neuman today announced the reinstatement of the Permit Application Center's Trade Desk, which expedites the permitting process for electrical, mechanical and plumbing contractors. This move results in trade contractors being served in a timelier manner, which benefits both businesses and consumers who need their services.

"The new desk saves contractors time and allows them to get back to the worksite where they can be more productive," said County Executive Neuman. "Since the bulk of the permits we issue are to trade contractors, it makes good business sense to reinstate a service focused to specifically serve their needs. As we work to remove barriers to doing business in Anne Arundel County, this is one solid way to show that we are serious about becoming more business-friendly."

An added benefit to the Trade Desk is that it allows the Permit Application Center to more speedily assist residents seeking general permits. They will no longer have to wait in line with trade contractors. Anne Arundel County issues approximately 35,000 permits to trade contractors annually; this represents 75 percent of permits issued.

The Trade Desk announcement is one of a number of improvements being made in the Permit Application Center to help improve efficiency. In November, the Department of Inspections and Permits implemented a technology enhancement that allows permit application comment letters to be sent electronically in order to shorten agency response time. The Department also has been undergoing office renovations to make better use of its space to better serve customers.