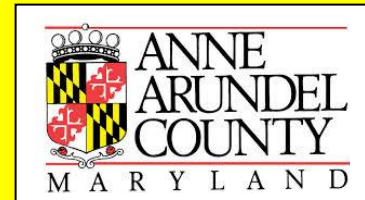


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Districts 3 & 5



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## SPRINGTIME STATE OF MIND



Now that Spring is officially here, I can dust the snow off my flip flops, put away the snow boots and the shovel, and think about getting in better shape. This week my office mates and I decided to take the challenge from the Anne Arundel County Wellness Connection and start walking up and down the stairs instead of using the elevator in the building. So far, so good. Since we're on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the building, we'll be getting lots of exercise!

The Department of Recreation and Parks has many family activities in the spring including the bike ride in conjunction with the Police Department, The Lifeline 100 Century Ride (see the next page). Check out the Rec & Parks facebook page on this event also.



## NEW FORMAT ALLOWS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We're in the process of making changes to the layout and content of this newsletter, in an effort to provide you with as much information as possible in one spot! The old format was limited to two pages, which required several attachments to be included in the email process. We've increased the number of pages and hope to share a wealth of information with you in the future.

Our goal is to continue providing information directly related to Anne Arundel County, as well as spotlighting associations and organizations in our area. We certainly appreciate your patience while we undergo "growing pains" in order to improve our ability to provide information for and about your communities.



The Anne Arundel County Lifeline 100 Century Ride will offer a great experience for cyclists of all levels with 100, 56 and 15 mile route options as well as a 'kiddie and family' ride. These routes will wind throughout scenic Anne Arundel County including views of downtown Annapolis, the Severn River, southern Anne Arundel County, BWI/Marshall airport and the B&A Trail.

The Anne Arundel County Lifeline 100 Century Ride will also welcome the community through an all day "Make Health Happen Community Health Fair" at Kinder Farm Park with representatives from the Healthy Anne Arundel Coalition, including local hospitals and public agencies. The fair will offer health screenings, fun activities for kids, families and more.

## Call for Employers for AACC's Spring Job Fair

Anne Arundel Community College will host its annual spring job fair from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 29, in the David S. Jenkins Gymnasium on the Arnold campus. The event is open to all job seekers and typically attracts more than 1,000 students, alumni and county residents.

Participating private employers and government agencies expected to attend include those offering entry-level positions, as well as mid- and senior-level jobs, and those that require security clearances at the top secret or secret levels.

## County Executive Neuman Addresses Transportation Needs

*Partners with Howard County to form Regional Transportation Agency*

Annapolis, Maryland (March 27, 2014) — Anne Arundel County Executive Laura Neuman today announced that the County will partner with Howard County to form a Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) that will result in a more cost effective and efficient system that better serves public transit commuters.

"I am very excited about this partnership with Howard County and the benefits that the Regional Transportation Agency creates," said County Executive Neuman. "As equal partners in this collaboration, both Counties will have more effective management over operating costs, provide expanded service areas to public transit customers at a lower unit cost and have a more active role in transportation planning."

The Anne Arundel County Transportation Commission reviewed the business model for becoming part of a regional transit entity and found that it was the most cost effective and efficient manner in which to operate the County's public transportation needs. Over the next three years, the RTA will result in an overall cost savings of 10% - 15% (approximately \$600,000) to Anne Arundel County taxpayers.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Anne Arundel and Howard Counties was signed late last week and becomes effective July 1, 2014. The current agreement with Central Maryland Regional Transit ends June 30, 2014. Service to public transit passengers should not be impacted.

An official groundbreaking for a Regional Transit Facility located at 8800 Corridor Road, Annapolis Junction is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. The 22,000 s.f. facility will house multiple transit vehicles, 5 maintenance repair bays, vehicle and chassis wash bays and employ about 200 employees. Construction is expected to be completed mid-November 2014.



Healthy Eating  
Healthy Actions  
Healthy Thoughts

*April is* **HEALTHY  
ANNE ARUNDEL  
MONTH**

Join the Movement for a  
Healthier You Today!

For more information and events  
to make health happen, visit  
[www.HealthyAnneArundel.org](http://www.HealthyAnneArundel.org)



### Kickoff Ceremony

Saturday, April 5 9:30 a.m.  
Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market  
Riva Road and Harry S. Truman Parkway  
Annapolis



Sponsored by the  
Healthy Anne Arundel Coalition





## **The Board of Education...**

Unanimously approved the opening of schools and offices on April 21, the day after Easter.

State Superintendent of Schools Lillian Lowery also granted Anne Arundel County Public Schools a three-day waiver of the 180-day requirement for students -- moving the last day of classes to June 18.

Parents should note the following key items for the remainder of the school year:

- \*At high schools and middle schools, April 21 will be a "B" day
- \*The last day of school for graduating seniors will be May 29
- \*The last day of class for half-day prekindergarten and ECI students will be June 12
- \*With the exception of the eight schools noted below, the last day of school for students will be June 18
- \*Schools will dismiss two hours early from June 13-18 to accommodate high school exams.
- \*The last day of class at the two Centers for Applied Technology is June 12
- \*The last day of work for employees covered by negotiated agreements has not yet been determined.

Lowery also approved waivers of the state's 180-school day requirement for eight schools - Annapolis High School; Magothy River and Severn River middle schools; and Annapolis, Benfield, Crofton, Mills-Parole, and West Annapolis elementary schools - so that they can prepare for summer construction projects.

The waivers mean that the school year for students at those schools will end on June 17.

## **Schools to have four roundtable meetings on Common Core**

The county public schools will have four informal roundtable sessions on the new Common Core curriculum. The sessions are intended to bring parents together to answer questions on the standards and to share how they can help students achieve individual goals. Parents will also be given resources to help students remain academically engaged at home throughout the year. The roundtable discussions will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on: April 8<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria at North County High School; April 24 in the cafeteria at Severna Park High School; May 8<sup>th</sup> in the team teaching room at Annapolis Middle School; May 13<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria at Arundel High School.

For more information, contact Patricia Flores at [410-224-7657](tel:410-224-7657).

## **"ARTISTS WITHOUT LIMITS" DEADLINE APPROACHING**

Artists of all ages with disabilities who reside in Anne Arundel County are invited to submit artwork to the 2014 Artists Without Limits Art Exhibit. This exhibit will feature works of art created exclusively by Anne Arundel County artists with disabilities. The exhibit will kick off with an Opening Night Reception on May 12, 2014 at the Arundel Center, 44 Calvert Street, in Annapolis.

The 2014 Artists Without Limits Art Exhibit is sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues in partnership with the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County.

Entry procedures and application forms are posted on the Disability Commission's website at <http://www.aacounty.org/Aging/DisabilityCommission/Index.htm>. Up to three original works may be entered in the exhibit. Artwork will be selected by jurors arranged through the Arts Council.

Please submit all entries by April 14, 2014 to: The Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues, Attn: 2014 Artists Without Limits Art Exhibit, 2664 Riva Road, Suite 170, Annapolis, MD 21401 OR [2014artistswithoutlimits@gmail.com](mailto:2014artistswithoutlimits@gmail.com).

### **About The Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues**

The Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues advises the County Executive and the County Council on the coordination and development of government policies, programs and services for people with disabilities. For more information, you can contact the Commission at [410-222-4464](tel:410-222-4464) voice, or via TTY using Maryland Relay 7-1-1. You can also visit the Commission's website at <http://www.aacounty.org/Aging/DisabilityCommission/Index.htm>.

### **About The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County**

The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County, a.k.a. the Cultural Arts Foundation, works to create a strong financial support system for the entire spectrum of arts groups in the County. Through a partnership of public and private interests, it provides funding for music, dance, drama, and the visual arts. For additional information, please visit the Arts Council website at [www.annearundelartscouncil.org](http://www.annearundelartscouncil.org)

## **Anne Arundel County to Sponsor “New Opportunities in Construction”**

The Anne Arundel County Office of Central Services, in conjunction with the county Department of Public Works, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation and the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Committee, will host ***New Opportunities in Construction*** on Tuesday, April 15 from 4-6 p.m., at the Central Sanitation Facility Complex, 445 Maxwell Frye Road in Millersville.

This outreach event targets local contractors and will focus on providing small businesses, women, minority and veteran-owned construction firms, suppliers, engineers and landscape architects with specific information and requirements for conducting business with Anne Arundel County in relation to new stormwater management initiatives and upcoming capital projects.

Starting in fiscal year 2015, Anne Arundel County will spend more than \$460 million on pond retrofits, storm drain outfalls, stream restoration and infrastructure rehabilitation. This event is the first of many opportunities to promote these projects to local contractors. Tours of the Central Sanitation Facility, Anne Arundel’s only municipal building certified by the U.S. Green Building Council for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) will also be provided.

For companies interested in learning more about financing programs for businesses, minority certification and other issues, staff will be available to speak with attendees about available County resources. Agencies and organizations exhibiting at the event include:

- Anne Arundel County Office of Central Services - Purchasing Office
- Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation/SBTDC
- Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works
- Anne Arundel County Public Schools
- Anne Arundel Community College
- Arundel Community Development Services
- Chesapeake Bay Trust
- Women President’s Educational Organization (WPEO)
- CDM Smith/Haskell JV

**There is NO cost to attend however seating is limited. The deadline to register is April 8.**

**To register, please visit:**

**<http://www.aaedc.org/news-events/events/event/307-new-opportunities-in-construction-event>**



Displays

Health  
Information  
for all ages

invites you to our  
**Open House**

In observance of Public Health Week and Healthy Anne Arundel Month

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

Giveaways

Lower Level Conference Room  
Health Services Building  
3 Harry S. Truman Parkway  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Free

Come to the following presentations by Department programs:



**Healthy Babies/Safe Sleep – 9 a.m.**

Learn the ABCs for safe sleeping. Presented by Healthy Babies. [www.aahealthybabies.org](http://www.aahealthybabies.org)



**Infant CPR – 10 a.m.**

View a demonstration of proper technique and get hands-on practice. Presented by CPR Training Staff.



**Breastfeeding 101 – 11 a.m.**

Get educated about the WIC program, basic breastfeeding skills and the importance of breastfeeding for the development of a healthy child. Presented by WIC. [www.aahealth.org/wic](http://www.aahealth.org/wic)



**ReThink Your Drink/Dental Health for Children – noon**

Discover the amounts of hidden sugar and calories in popular drinks and learn how to develop dental care habits. Presented by Learn To Live and Dental Health Services. [www.learntolivehealthy.org](http://www.learntolivehealthy.org) and [www.aahealth.org/programs/children-services/dental](http://www.aahealth.org/programs/children-services/dental)



**Sneezes and Wheezes – 2 p.m.**

Learn about allergies and asthma symptoms and treatments. Presented by School Health Services. [www.aahealth.org/programs/children-services/school-health](http://www.aahealth.org/programs/children-services/school-health)



**Bats, Cats and Things that Go “Woof” in the Night – 3 p.m.**

Understand how to protect your family and pets from rabies. Presented by Infectious Disease Prevention and Control. [www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/orv/rabies-fact](http://www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/orv/rabies-fact)



**Take Your Best Shot at Health – 4 p.m.**

Find out how immunizations keep you in the game of life. Presented by Infectious Disease Prevention and Control. [www.aahealth.org/immunizations](http://www.aahealth.org/immunizations)



**Septic Systems and the Bay Restoration Fund – 6 p.m.**

Explore the regulations for your septic system and get copies of your septic installation records from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Presented by Environmental Health Bureau. [www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/well-septic-systems](http://www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/well-septic-systems)

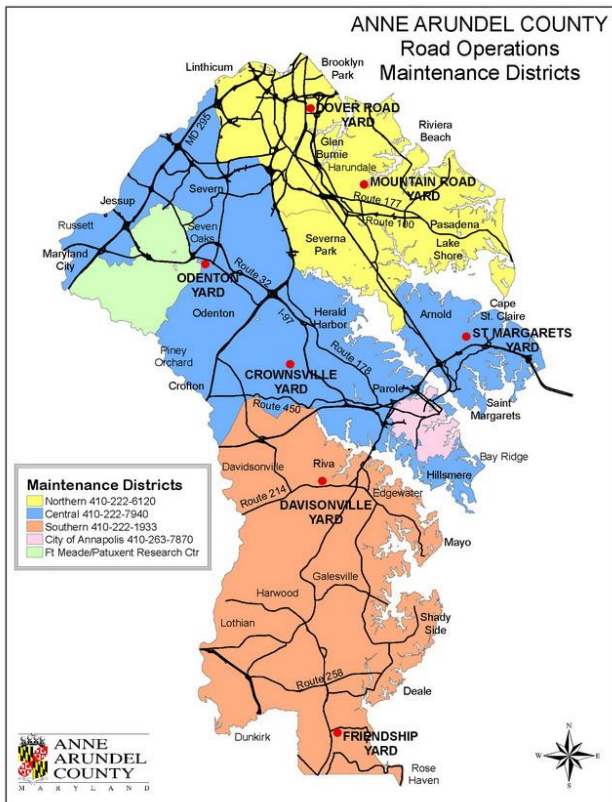
For more information about the open house, contact Public Affairs Specialist Joseph Pate at 410-222-4026 or [hdpate00@aacounty.org](mailto:hdpate00@aacounty.org).

## FOR THE RECORD... TALL WEED RESPONSIBILITY



The Bureau of Highways cuts the grass along all County-maintained roads and County-owned lots. Requests can be called into your appropriate road district.

Property owners are responsible for cutting grass on private lots; however, if the grass exceeds 12", the Bureau of Highways will become involved to insure the lot is cut. Requests can be called into your appropriate road district.



To determine your Road District, please visit <http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Highways/RoadDistricts.cfm>

## RESIDENTIAL POOLS: REQUIREMENTS AND SAFETY

The Anne Arundel County Property Maintenance Code requires each owner and occupant of a property to provide adequate barriers around residential swimming pools to safeguard residents against health and safety hazards, including accidental drownings and near-drownings.

A residential swimming pool is any structure intended for swimming, recreational bathing or other use that contains water over 24 inches in depth and is located at a single- or two-family dwelling. A residential swimming pool includes inground, aboveground, and onground swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

### What requirements must be met if I own a residential swimming pool?

- **Barrier Requirements.** A fence, wall, building wall or other approved barrier must be provided if you own or occupy a dwelling that has a residential swimming pool. The barrier must completely surround the residential swimming pool and prevent individuals from entering the swimming pool or pool enclosure area. Spas equipped with a safety cover are exempt from the barrier requirements. For more information, visit [www.aacounty.org/IP/Resources/PoolBarrierRequirements2012.pdf](http://www.aacounty.org/IP/Resources/PoolBarrierRequirements2012.pdf) and [www.aacounty.org/IP/Resources/PoolLadderAG.pdf](http://www.aacounty.org/IP/Resources/PoolLadderAG.pdf).
- **Height Requirements.** The fence, wall, building wall or other approved barrier shall be at least 48" (or 4') in height and shall comply with the Anne Arundel County Building Code.
- **Gaps or Openings.** Gaps or openings between the rails or railings of the fence, wall, building wall or other approved barrier shall not be greater than 4" or allow passage of a 4" diameter sphere.
- **Access Gates.** Access gates shall be self-closing, self-latching and equipped with a locking device.
- **Above ground Swimming Pools.** For aboveground swimming pools, the ladder or steps shall be capable of being secured, locked or removed to prevent access to the swimming pool, or a barrier must be provided that surrounds the ladder or steps that meets the above requirements.

Please visit <http://www.ahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/housing/pools-residential-pool-requirements-permits-and-safety> or call 410-222-7364 for complete information on permit requirements, regulations and safety information.



Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> \* Breakfast 9:30am - 10:30am

# Celebrate Easter

at Compass Pointe Golf Club

Rain or Shine Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30am at  
Compass Pointe Golf Course Pavilions. Over 1,000 Eggs!  
Easter Cookie Decorating Contest!



**\$13** ADULT

**\$7** CHILDREN 4-12

**FREE** CHILDREN 3 & UNDER

Prices excludes tax and service charges.

Reservations Required. RSVP by Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Book Online or Call 410.255.1868

[compasspointegolf.com](http://compasspointegolf.com)

## Breakfast Menu

Scrambled Eggs

Pancakes

Hash Browns

Bacon

Sausages

Toast

Tea & Coffee





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