

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMUNITY

# News

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## Get outside this summer and find out what our County has to offer

Now that the warm weather is here to stay, it's time to take advantage of all the great facilities and activities, including summer camps, swimming, hiking, biking and learning!

Public swimming is available for the first time at Fort Smallwood Park, home of our new trailered boat ramp.

You can check out our swim centers in Annapolis and Glen Burnie that offer tons of classes and swimming leagues.

And don't forget concerts in the parks. Quiet Waters in Annapolis and Downs in

Pasadena have a full slate of free shows throughout the summer where you can enjoy music under the stars.

You can even rent a pavillion at one of our parks for a family reunion, birthday, or any other fun event!

Maybe you have a teen looking for a summer job? Take the lifeguard training and safety course.

Whatever activity you prefer, please have a happy, healthy and safe summer of 2016, and check with us for fun ideas of things to do.



### Expanded WB&A trail opens to the public

A new link between Conway Road and the Patuxent River is now open on the WB&A trail in Odenton. This is the latest leg of a \$14 million project to connect the South Shore Trail with Prince George's County. Get your bike ready!



### Watch highlights of the proposed FY17 budget

In case you missed the presentation of the County Executive's proposed budget on May 2, we have highlights by topic on our YouTube page. Just click here and find the particular subject area you want to review, such as public safety or waterways.

# Watch Week in Review



My community organization has new officers or contact information

I want to volunteer for the Citizens Emergency Response Team

Zoning cases before the Board of Appeals

What road construction projects are underway?

I need recycling bins!

Sign me up for Code Red text alerts for severe weather notices

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# From the County Executive



With the recent actions of the Maryland General Assembly and the Anne Arundel County School Board Nominating Commission, I wanted to take an opportunity to discuss why I and every county executive before me have taken a strong interest in the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

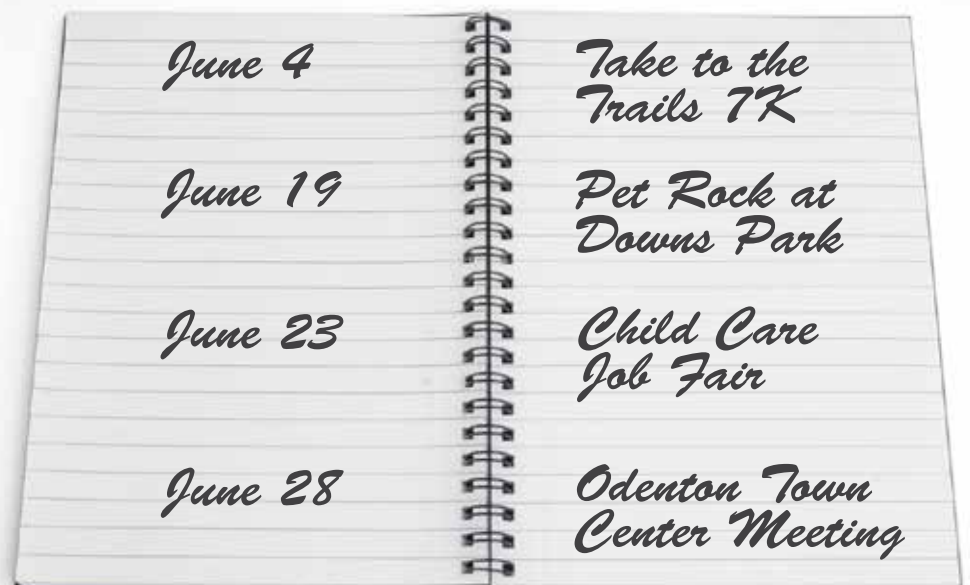
There are two main reasons: the first is practical and the second is personal. As a practical matter, education is the most important thing that county government does. Reason number two is personal. I believe deeply in the life-changing potential of education. I am myself a trained educator and believe my own modest success in life has been

attributable to the great education I received.

Under the O'Malley Administration, the convoluted process for selecting members of the school board was manipulated by the governor and the General Assembly to pack the school board with members of the Democratic Party and to make it extremely difficult for members of the Republican Party to serve on the school board. That is why, for the entire duration of the modern selection system, there has usually been only one Republican on the nine-member board, and at times there has been none.

The citizens of the county were the losers in this game. While Republicans, Democrats and Independents all share the goal of advancing our school system from good to great, they have different views on how to get there. This episode has made it clear that it is time to jettison altogether the county's appointed school board, which is answerable only to politicians, and to replace it with an elected school board answerable to the people.

# Community Calendar



# County Council Legislation



Councilman Peter Smith

This month marks the culmination of the most important responsibility we hold as elected officials, that of passing a county budget. The Council will finalize the submitted budget proposed by the County Executive and seek to continue to support efforts that make our county great. Significant focus will be placed on capital budget efforts to ensure the most vulnerable school initiatives are addressed. The Council will hear from the Auditor on June 7th, followed by the Administration, and expects to finalize the budget on June 15th.