

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMUNITY

# News

County Executive Steve Schuh

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## Trick or Treat with your Ghouls and Goblins Safely

There are several opportunities this year to go trick or treating without worrying about busy streets or houses with the lights out.

If you are out and about, please remember certain safety tips. Wear reflective clothing so motorists can see you. Be sure to cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks where possible. Put your smart phone down and keep your eyes up. Make sure children under 12 are supervised by an adult. Use face paint

instead of masks when possible so it is easier to see.

If you would like to attend a safe event for trick or treating, check out the Howl-O-Ween Paw-Ty at Animal Control in Millersville on Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. or the Barkin Bash at Quiet Waters starting at 11 a.m.

Area malls are also sponsoring events, including Arundel Mills on Oct. 28 from 4-6 p.m. in the food court.

Make it scary, and make it safe!



### Program Expands Tree Planting

A new agreement with the Chesapeake Bay Trust will jumpstart spending of \$1 million to purchase easements and plant trees. Ten-acre or-larger properties are being first targeted to increase the County's tree canopy.



### Attend a "Not My Child" Anti-Heroin Presentation

Our Office of Constituent Services is crisscrossing the County teaching parents and educators how to stop addiction before it starts. You can join the effort to stop an epidemic that is costing us two lives every week. We need the whole community's help.

# Watch Week in Review



My community organization has new officers or contact information

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# From the County Executive



County Executives from Howard, Harford, and Anne Arundel all gathered for a tri-county summit on opioid and heroin abuse this month. Joining us in the discussion were Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford and WBAL radio and television personality Keith Mills.

Over the course of four hours, officials and experts discussed the science of addiction, partnerships between law enforcement and addiction specialists, and the expansion of drug court. Throughout these conversations it became evident that our county is not alone in the struggle against this scourge. It is in every community, neighborhood, and town across

our state and our nation. Winning this war will be a long, converted effort.

Heroin is Anne Arundel County's number one public safety, health and educational challenge. Its tentacles reach into every aspect of human existence. We will not turn the tide overnight, but I believe we are putting the right strategies in place here to help stem it. The epidemic is so bad that we are experiencing two fatalities a week here in Anne Arundel County. We must address this problem.

Our office has been instrumental in raising awareness in our fight against heroin through our Not My Child education program, which recently received the National Associations of Counties Award for Civic Education and Public Information.

During the program, parents, county officials, and those who have suffered from addiction tell their personal stories. By helping share others' stories of addiction, our Constituent Services Director Nancy Schrum and her team have help provide a first-hand education for students and parents across our County. We plan to continue shining a light on this problem so that the community can rebound.

## Community Calendar



## County Council Legislation



Councilman John Grasso

A new tax break I'm introducing could really help revitalize our communities. Here's how it works: If you tear down a house worth up to \$400,000, the County will waive your permit fees to build a new house, including the foundation. You will also pay property taxes based on the old assessment for five years. I believe this will raise property values in neighborhoods, encourage more energy efficient homes being built and eliminate eyesores. I believe the County will recoup these costs when the tax break ends after five years with a house generating more tax revenue.