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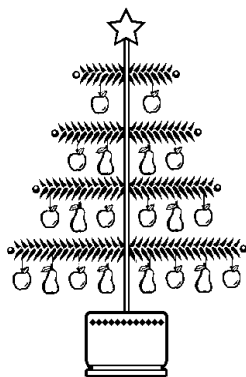
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November-December 2019

Hallowe'en is over.



We are now in the throes of Thanksgiving and football. Christmas is coming next!



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**Union Memorial United Methodist Church**

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**Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 pm**

A long-time celebration held by Union Memorial, Holy Family, Davidsonville United, and All Hallows over the past 25 years (or more?), hosting is rotated among the four churches. Union Memorial is on Davidsonville Road between Mount Airy Road and the Maryland Farm Bureau (formerly the Ruritan Club). Come on the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving to meet and greet your neighbors in friendship with hymns and prayers of thanksgiving. The plate collection will be donated to provide food for the needy, so join your neighbors with a generous spirit.

Do you like the sound of music? Come to sing and hear

**Messiah by George Frederick Handel**

**Sunday, November 24, 4:00 pm**

**St. James Church, Route #2 at #258, Lothian**

Join your neighbors in the choruses of Handel's Messiah and hear fine professional soloists, conducted by Michael Ryan. Free will offering to support Salvation Army. This may be the final performance of this community tradition after 33 years at St. James Church.

### DACA people

Many thanks to Allan and Christine Tassej for their generous contribution to DACA in addition to renewing their membership!

Simply saying, you are doing a major communications job amazingly well, is not enough, but that's it for today. J. F.

You put together a great newsletter for a grateful community. Best wishes. Tom

Thanks to all of you! Gail

### DACA Scholarship

Tom Angelis and the DACA Board of Directors invite you to contribute to this fund so we can offer larger grants to applicants. **To support the fund**, make your check in any amount payable to DACA and write "scholarship" in the memo space. Every bit helps, whether coming in to DACA or going out to a recipient! In 2018, the DACA Board approved using funds from the scholarship to match prize money for winners of the Green Expo poster contest. In 2019 we awarded an academic scholarship. Tell us how you would like to see it used in 2020!



### 1,000 trees!

Yes, DACA's board is already thinking about Green Expo 2020. Homestead Gardens will host it and DACA has ordered 500 trees —300 redbuds and 200 northern red oaks to give away to our visitors. Bud Reaves of the AA County Forestry Board will bring beautyberry, buttonbush, winterberry holly, hazelnut, and pawpaw trees.

**Paper shredding at Arundel Federal Savings Bank** on September 14, was a huge success as a long line of cars kept it busy until the shredder was full, about 1 pm. Final result: 300 cars brought 9,600 pounds (4.8 tons) of paper filling the bin 32 times to be dumped in the shredder.

### Recycle those flimsy plastic grocery store bags!

The recycling collectors will not take them and we don't want them in the landfill. AA County Department of Public Works asks that you take only clean, dry plastic bags back to the store where you got them—Food Lion, Giant, Harris Teeter, Lowe's, Mom's, Safeway, Shoppers, Target, Walmart, Whole Foods, Wegmans—or take them to the Recycling Centers; South County Recycling is at 5400 Nutwell Sudley Road (south on Rte #2 to left on Owensville Road, right on Sudley Road until you see the sign). It is a pretty drive.

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## Forest Conservation Bill Past, Present, and Future?

At the request of the County Executive, Bill 68-19 was introduced in September and first heard at the County Council meeting on October 7. Strongly opposed by builders and developers and strongly supported by a broad swath of citizens' groups and environmental organizations, the bill would increase environmental impact fees imposed on developers, require more trees to be planted to replace those removed by builders, and increase fines for violations. The 2,775 acres of trees lost in the county between 2010 and 2017 amounted to 41 percent of the tree loss in the state during that time period, excluding Allegany and Garrett counties, according to data from the Chesapeake Bay Program. Builders have said they think the tighter regulations will make some land unfeasible to build on, which they say could prevent development necessary to meet housing needs for the county's growing workforce.

A recent OpinionWorks poll showed that 76 percent of Anne Arundel County voters support Bill 68-19 as introduced without amendments. A statewide poll taken in conjunction with the Forest Conservation bills introduced to the state legislature in the early part of 2019 showed that Maryland voters favored forest protection by an 87 percent margin, even at a cost to growth and development.

Developers and builders pay impact fees to the County for increased services required by residents of newly constructed residential units. These services include increased need for schools, roadway improvements for additional cars, and public safety. The largest component is the cost of new schools. The costs to expand parks, ball fields, libraries, and such, also rise as new residential units are built, but impact fees do not cover these costs. More than ten years ago, AA County's impact fees were the lowest of any of the larger Maryland counties and developer opposition to increasing impact fees was strong. They persuaded the Council at that time to set fees at 80 percent of actual impact costs, leaving the balance of the costs to be covered by increased taxes on the public, or by weakening existing infrastructure when adequate funds were not received.

Builders speak for smart growth, but they do not want to pay the costs of tree removal. Most of the County's residential units are built on green areas and farms. Clearing forests

degrades air quality, reduces habitat for birds and other animals, and increases costs to taxpayers for managing storm water. The sediment resulting from storm water is the single largest pollutant to rivers and streams. There are many acres of already developed housing and commercial facilities that need rehabilitation or conversion to other uses—not forested, where trees will not be lost. New neighborhoods can be built where schools already exist and infrastructure is in place. Taking forested lands and farms for new construction deprives citizens of the many benefits of trees, farms and open space.

DACA wrote to the County Executive and the Council asking them to support Bill 68-19.

The Council allowed public testimony at the October 28 hearing. More than 20 amendments had been added, of which 14 were accepted by the Council, weakening the original bill, and more than 80 people had signed up to speak about it. On November 4 the bill was heard again, and the hearing was continued until the November 18 council meeting when additional amendments may be made. At the first council meeting in December the council members will hear testimony on the bill as amended. County Executive Stuart Pittman said he will sign the bill if it is passed. If the council does not vote in favor of it on December 4, Bill 68-19 will die on December 7, and a new bill must be reintroduced at a later date.

*Information from Capital and GAN*

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**AA County meets PG on the Governors Bridge**

Bruce Stein and Ed Woods attended the public information meeting held by the Prince George’s Department of Public Works on September 25. Bruce reported that Anne Arundel County was well represented by James Kitchin, Matt Pipkin, and three folks from our Department of Public Works. Anne Arundel people seemed on board with DACA’s choice, option #3, but Prince George’s County officials are committed to the no-build option and they want to keep the bridge closed to traffic except maybe to bicycles and pedestrians. Basically, they do not want to spend their allocated federal funds on it because they say they have higher priority bridges that carry a lot more traffic than the Governors Bridge did.

In reply to Ed’s excellent comments about why fire and emergency medical services need the bridge, PG officials offered words to the effect that there has been no need for cross-bridge service since it was closed to trucks several years ago. Ed later noted that they had not consulted fire departments and EMT services from either county.

PG officials also said that option #3 had only six positive “votes” from the public and the no-build option got more. Bruce pointed out that 11 members of the

DACA Board supported option #3, citing DACA’s letter sent in August. PG replied that the only “votes” that counted were those received within 45 days of the first public meeting in 2018 (yes, 2018!), per some federal rule, not yet located.

Bruce learned that a good number of residents of the PG side on Governors Bridge Road were pretty upset with local problems resulting from the bridge closure, a variety of which were described, such as trash dumping, and they hoped that re-opening the bridge would halt these. It was also noted that large portions of their communities could end up trapped in the event of a closure on the west end of the road, with no exit east-bound on Governors Bridge Road.

Ed also commented on the presentations. “By the time P.G. Public Works reached the end of their presentation, it felt like we were listening to a eulogy for an unwanted and unneeded bridge. Several residents of the PG side added their comments, showing support for the replacement as well as some objection. It was clear that PG Public Works doesn’t want to spend the money. They spent far more time scrambling for excuses not to do something, rather than providing solid information. I waited to be the last speaker intentionally, and spoke strongly correcting some of their opinions. It’s far from over.”



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## Working with the new Director of Planning and Zoning and the GDP

Growth Action Network members met with Steve Kaii-Zeigler on October 29 to discuss how citizen organizations can work with the County on zoning issues. Ann Fligsten, Executive Director of GAN, reported that Mr. Kaii-Zeigler was generous with his time and held very good discussions with members of the audience.

GAN learned that the Planned Land Use Map may change as Planning and Zoning is now accepting applications for changes from landowners in the county. This can be a first step to a later request for rezoning. The new land use map will be a key feature of the 2020 General Development Plan. The deadline for applications was November 15, 2019. Applications will be posted on line, reviewed by staff, and shared with members of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the General Development Plan. As with the entire GDP the new map must be approved by the County Council at the time of their review of the document, and the Council may amend the Land Use Map during their review. You can see the requests posted on the Plan2040 website and you may submit comments.

GAN requested a briefing on the status of the GDP and any applications for land use changes that are being filed with P&Z. The next meeting with Mr. Kaii-Ziegler will be January 28, 2020.

The General Development Plan is Anne Arundel County's comprehensive plan to guide land use in the County, to capitalize on its assets, and conserve critical resources. It is prepared in compliance with State requirements and guidelines. When adopted by the County Council, the GDP establishes policies and recommendations to guide land use decisions over the next 20 years. All master plans and development regulations adopted by the County must be consistent with the goals, policies and recommendations of the GDP. Instead of 16 Small Area Plans as in 2009, the new GDP will recognize nine Regional Area Plans. Rezoning of the Regional Plan Areas will occur after the Regional Plans are passed, after lots of local direction and input.

The Citizens Advisory Committee has drafted the Plan2040 Vision and the nine Regional Planning Areas. You can find them by going to GAN's website, [www.growthaction.net](http://www.growthaction.net) and following the links under Resources. CAC meetings are scheduled for November 20, December 4, December 18, and January 15, in Building 2664 on Riva Road. Mr. Kaii-Zeigler agreed to meet quarterly with GAN to discuss issues of mutual concern and keep members up to date on land use actions or changes, the largest of which is the GDP. These meetings serve to discuss legislation and policy, not individual applications. Separate meetings with the P&Z staff on projects being reviewed by the department are useful.

To stay informed go to the Plan 2040 pages; you can find a lot of great information there at <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/long-range-planning/general-development-plan/updates/index.html>.

Ann Fligsten will step down as Executive Director of GAN at the end of 2019 to take on the volunteer position of Chairman. To support this work you can send contributions to Growth Action Network of Anne Arundel County P.O. Box 748, Arnold, MD 21012.

Go to [www.growthaction.net](http://www.growthaction.net) for links to all these issues.



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**Riva Rd/Governors Bridge Rd/Homewood Rd**

**D**ACA received the following in response from AA Department of Public Works on October 28 to Bruce Stein’s request for an update: The advertisement for the project was delayed due to the two outstanding issues—the planned detour of Governor Bridge Road and relocation of utilities. As Dan Anderson’s e-mail stated, DPW is looking into the detour plans and will have a meeting with the public to discuss the results at a future date in December or January. Two utility relocations must be completed prior to construction. BGE is on site currently relocating the gas line and should be completed by mid-December. Verizon has completed their relocation design and has been given Notice to Proceed. DPW is waiting for a schedule from Verizon stating when they will start moving their cables.

Kate noted that DPW is running a simulation on a temporary two-way light in the construction zone. Bruce said DPW may consider closing Homewood Road for the duration, which pleased Cambria’s Board of Directors. James Kitchin said he will back the residents on this issue.

**A**nne Arundel County’s **Bureau of Highways** is housed in the **Department of Public Works**, Christopher Phipps, Director. The Bureau of Highways is responsible for all maintenance activities associated with the County’s 6,715 roads, approximately 1,825 miles of the County’s roadway system. Public Works engineers work on design and construction of public works infrastructure—roads, bridges, governmental buildings and plants. Officials of the Bureau of Highways are responsible for construction, maintenance and restoration of County roads.

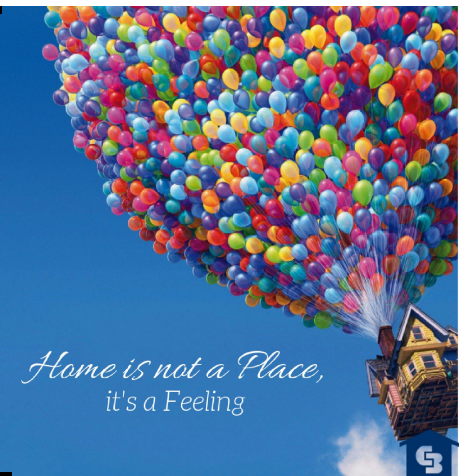
**...and on Defense Highway**

**T**he Maryland Department of Transportation/State Highway Administration is currently working on a \$1 million project that replaces four underground culverts under MD 450 for tributary streams to Bacon Ridge Branch. This project seeks to address deteriorating structural conditions and minimize the likelihood of pipe failures or a subsequent roadway collapse. The construction crew is nearing completion and has another set of weekend work scheduled for November 8-11, 2019. This project was initiated a few years ago and has no impact on the additional \$1 million commitment made towards the MD 450 flooding reduction effort. The existing MD 450 alignment, its natural topography, surrounding tidal and non-tidal wetlands, and streams, all contribute to the current flooding conditions. Additionally, MD 450 lies within the 100-year flood plain. SHA reports initial assessments, along with community representative feedback, have led them to identify four locations for additional review. Ed Woods recalled from history that the original construction of the road, about 1930-35, was built on a foundation of logs—a corduroy road—all rotted out by now and thus providing no support for the road surface; the current crop of road engineers know nothing about this.

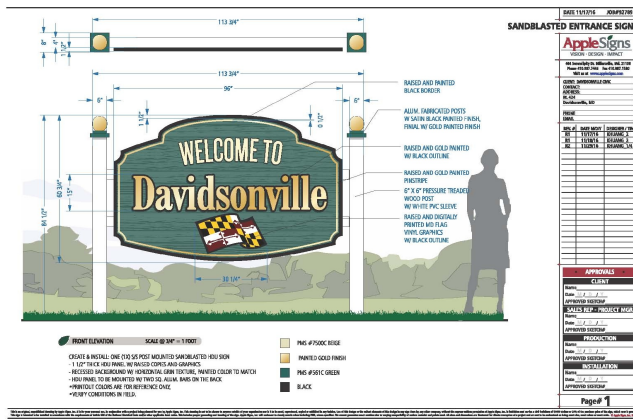
**T**he **Maryland State Highway Administration** (SHA) is the state agency responsible for maintaining Maryland’s numbered highways. Formed originally in 1908 by the General Assembly of Maryland as the State Roads Commission (S.R.C.), it is tasked with maintaining non-toll bridges throughout the State, removing snow from the state’s major thoroughfares, administering the State’s “adopt-a-highway” program, and developing and maintaining the State’s freeway and expressway system. It is a division of the larger establishment of the Maryland Department of Transportation and is currently overseen by an administrator.



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Can it be?



Michelle Vrikkis, in the Transportation Office at the Maryland State Highway Administration acknowledged receipt of all the information necessary for DACA’s permit application. She said the Transportation Office has approved the location and will instruct the Utilities Office to issue the permit after the Landscape Office reviews the plan. This may take another three weeks. Ms. Vrikkis said DACA’s volunteers will be working with the Landscape Office for the final installation of the sign.

Martin Zehner and the AA Farmers Market

AA Farmers Market honors Martin Zehner and Michael Cirino

The Anne Arundel County Farmers’ Market (AACFM) Board of Directors renamed its pavilion at Harrt S Truman Parkway in honor of Mike Cirino and Martin Zehner. The market was first organized in 1981 by the County Office of Planning and Zoning, under the guidance of Michael Cirino as Market Manager. The market was sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Farm Preservation Board, Farm Bureau, Co-operative Extension Service, and the Department of Agriculture. Peter Perry was the first president. The market opened its first season in the Board of Education parking lot on Riva Road on June 27, 1981, with no roof and a handful of vendors offering summer produce only. Two years later they were granted space on the corner of Riva Road and Truman Parkway.

In 1984 Martin Zehner became president and County Executive James Lightheiser dedicated the pavilion to shelter vendors and customers. Under Mr. Zehner’s leadership, as he lobbied the County for a better facility and more parking space, the number of vendors grew, the season lengthened, and the variety of items offered for sale increased. In 1992 the second pavilion was dedicated by County Executive Robert R. Neall. AACFM is now an Agricultural Service Corporation running the market for its member. In 1994, AACFM rededicated both pavilions buildings to the memory of Michael R. Cirino.

The AACFM at the Riva site now has over 50 vendor members. It is open on Sundays year-around, and Tuesdays and Saturdays in the summer. A wide variety of items are offered and it has the longest season in the state, opening in April and continuing until the Saturday before Christmas. AACFM participates in the state WIC program to provide fresh fruit (continued on page 10)

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**A deeper view of Forests in Anne Arundel County** by *Albert Tucker, President, CEPA*

Forests, like the oceans, are the heart and lungs of the planet; they provide untold resources enabling a way of life that we have come to expect. We now realize that preserving existing forests is critical to the survival of the planet, and that we can no longer treat them as an infinite resource. Some call trees a renewable resource, but this is only the case if appropriate and adequate areas of land are conserved.

At the local level, forest resources are dwindling rapidly. Development not only destroys forests, but it also fragments the remaining forests, and thereby leads to an increased loss of ecosystem services. For Anne Arundel County, these services include air quality improvement, carbon sequestration, groundwater recharge, nutrient uptake, wildlife habitat and biodiversity, and stormwater mitigation. Each of these services has an economic value. At the 2016 CEPA Forum, the annual estimated value of ecosystem services for Anne Arundel County was \$287.6 million per year, representing a natural capital asset of \$4.6 billion. From a revenue point of view, this represents about 17 percent of current county revenue.

The forest conservation bill before the Anne Arundel County Council pits two views about the future quality of life

against each other. One views economic well-being through residential and commercial development with the unvoiced implication that Anne Arundel has sufficient forest resources and adequate regulations to protect the environment. The other sees land preservation and forest conservation as a bulwark against further degradation of quality of life and anticipated impacts of climate change. The central question in this debate that is not being asked is, "Does Anne Arundel County have adequate forest cover to provide ecosystem services for maintaining the status quo in the face of climate change?"

Two studies help bring the question into sharper focus: first, a study of the Patuxent River watershed conducted for NOAA by the Rand Corporation looked at development practices and environmental best management practices under scenarios of population change and expected climate change. The inescapable conclusion was that current policies and strategies resulted in insufficient land to implement affordable best management practices to meet future environmental requirements. To put it bluntly, the Patuxent watershed will be over-developed using current building technology and land-use patterns. *(Continued on next page)*



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**Forests in Anne Arundel** *(from previous page)*

The second study by Anne Arundel County’s Planning and Zoning Department provides some insight into how much land, including forests, will be lost to sea level rise alone. It states, with the unvoiced implication, that Anne Arundel has sufficient forest resources and adequate regulations to protect the environment despite residential and commercial development. The other sees land preservation and forest conservation as a bulwark against further degradation of quality of life and anticipated impacts of climate change. The central question in this debate that is not being asked is, “Does Anne Arundel County have adequate forest cover to provide ecosystem services for maintaining the status quo in the face of climate change?”

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- Nearly 2,200 acres of land are vulnerable under a zero- to two-foot sea level rise. Almost two-thirds of this

area (62 percent, 1,394 acres) consists of woodlands and open wetlands.

- When the inundation area is expanded under a zero-to five-foot rise, more than 6,900 acres of land are potentially impacted. In this scenario, 42 percent of the vulnerable area is woodlands (2,898 acres).

In the Chesapeake Bay, NOAA estimates that an intermediate rate of sea level rise will result in the two-foot inundation being reached by approximately 2060 and by 2100 for the five-foot level. If the high rate of rise materializes, the two-foot level will occur in 2040 and the five-foot level in 2070. The recent tidal flooding events of 2.5 feet or more indicate forest degradation in the critical area has started.

These studies do not answer the question I posed, but the question is answerable. High resolution land-use data exists, and the assessment technique developed by Rand Corporation would provide valuable insight concerning current development practices when applied to the entire county. It would provide a guide for the types of development that would conserve environmental services. It is imperative that studies like that outlined by Rand be performed. Without these assessments, individuals cannot evaluate the risk that the combination of population growth and climate change present.

The analysis of the Patuxent watershed is a wake-up call. To the unaided eye it would appear that it is covered with sufficient forest, but the analysis shows that it is not. The watershed actually is urban. Furthermore, the analysis shows that it will not provide the ecosystem the services needed to meet future environmental requirements, if current development *(continued on page 10)*

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**Forests under development** *from page 9*

practices continue in the face of anticipated climate change. New building technology will be required to have zero run-off and zero increase in ancillary impervious surface, such as roads and parking lots. But any development results in forest loss.

The public needs to know how much will be lost. And the answer starts with knowing if the existing forests in Anne Arundel County are adequate to meet the anticipated growth and the effects of climate change. Without these, the public cannot make an informed assessment of the risks posed by loss of forests.

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**Martin Zehner and the Farmers Market**

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and vegetables to women, infants and children and in the senior SEMNP program to help the elderly eat fresh produce by redeeming coupons at the farmers markets.

Martin Zehner took over as president in 1984 and guided its growth and passage for 35 years to its present and continuing success. With Mr. Zehner at the helm and

selling his goods every Saturday until 2019, he and the county worked to make the market more convenient and comfortable for its customers. In 2006, the two pavilions were connected to keep out inclement weather. A year later, the building was wired and a generator was installed to light the building in the early winter mornings and for evening events. In 2009 and 2010, with the help of AAEDC, wind breaks and shade screens were installed. Since 2006 AACFM runs monthly television programs and has a web page to provide customers with information about the market. These additions were made possible by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, television broadcasting stations and the many volunteers that help in the operation of this market.

You can find its web page at [aacofarmersmarket.com](http://aacofarmersmarket.com). Helen Perry, past treasurer of the market, continues presenting three or four cooking demonstrations at special events each year. She has also written cookbooks featuring ing market products The secretary is Deana Tice at Enticement Stables ([enticementstables@msn.com](mailto:enticementstables@msn.com)).

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## HOW TO AVOID FRAUD & SCAMS

from Lisa Hart

According to the Federal Trade Commission, there are a few things that you can do to avoid fraud, scams and identity theft. It may not always be preventable, but the following steps can help you better protect yourself and your information:

1. **Spot imposters** – Scammers pretend to be someone you trust, like a family member, friend, a charity or your banker. **DO NOT** send money or give out personal information to an unexpected request—be it from a text, phone call or email.
2. **Do online searches** – use your favorite search engine and type in the company name, product, phone number or search a phrase like “IRS call” with the words “review”, “scam” or “complaint,” to see if other people have reported them as scams.
3. **Don’t believe your caller ID** – It’s easy for scammers to fake the incoming number and name, so what you see isn’t always legitimate. If someone calls and asks for personal information or money, **HANG UP!**
4. **Hang up on robocalls** – If you hear a recorded sales pitch after answering the phone, just hang up. These calls are illegal, and the products are often bogus. Don’t press any number to be taken off the list or to speak with anyone as that could lead to more calls.

5. **Be skeptical about free trial offers** – Before you agree to a free trial offer, research the company and read the cancellation policy. Some offers require you to pay only for shipping and handling, but they must take it out of your checking account. Once they have your account and routing number and you don’t cancel your trial offer, they will start to debit your account monthly. Always review your monthly statement for charges you don’t recognize.


6. **Don’t pay up front** for a promise – You’ve won a prize or the lottery, but first must pay taxes or fees to claim it. They may ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, loan offers, mortgage assistance or a job. Your money will disappear. To get real help with these issues contact **consumer.ftc.gov**.

7. **Consider how you pay** – Not all methods of payment have the protections most credit cards offer. Wiring money through Western Union and MoneyGram is risky because it is *nearly impossible* to get your money back. The same is true for reloadable cards like MoneyPak, Reloadit and gift cards such as iTunes or Google Play. Honest companies and government offices will not require you to use these payment methods.

8. **Don’t deposit a check and wire money back** – By law, banks must make funds from a deposited check available within days but identifying a fake (Turn to page 14)

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**School news**

Superintendent Arlotto submitted his proposed 2021 budget to the School Board in September, \$42 million more than for 2020. Go to [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org) and explore the links to see details. The formal presentation will take place in December. The Board of Education reviews the budget as recommended by the Superintendent. Public hearings will be held on January 7 and 9, 6:30-7:30 at the Board of Education on Riva Road. After a workshop on the budget, the Board may recommend the budget as it stands, reduce or expand it, and submit it to the County Executive by March 1.

The County Executive reviews the budget as recommended by the Board of Education. The County Executive may approve the budget as it stands, reduce it, or adjust funds within specified categories and submit to the County Council.

The County Council has 45 days to review the County Executive’s proposed budget. The Council may approve the budget as it stands, reduce it, or restore funds cut by the County Executive. The County Council’s approved budget is then provided to the Board of Education for final adoption.

**School Calendar**

Friday, November 22  
 Report card distribution to all students  
 Wednesday-Friday, November 27- 29  
 Schools closed for Thanksgiving holiday  
 Thursday, December 5 Two-hour early dismissal  
 Friday, December 13 Interim reports to be sent home  
 December 23-January 1  
 Schools closed for Christmas/winter break  
 Back to school on Wednesday, January 2!  
*All information is from the aacps.org website.*

**A Sidewalk for Central students**

The Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration will conduct a **public meeting on November 18, 6:30-8:30 pm at Central Special School**, 140 Stepney’s Lane. They will present plans for a sidewalk on the north side of #214 (Central Avenue) from the South River Colony Mall Plaza to MD 253, Mayo Road. Maps and displays will be available and representatives of SHA will answer your questions.



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For more information, go to [www.FairFarmsNow.org](http://www.FairFarmsNow.org).

### Avoid bank scammers

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check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you’re responsible for repaying the bank.

**9. Talk to someone** – before you give out your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. **Slow down**, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert—your bank will be glad to help you!

**10. The IRS, Social Security or Medicare will never call you** – you will receive a registered letter in the mail if any of these businesses are trying to contact you.

This is a billion dollar industry! Don’t be fooled. These scam artists want your hard-earned money! Don’t give it to them.

*Lisa Hart, with Arundel Federal Savings Bank, is available to come out to your churches, homeowners’ associations, clubs or organizations to present a free Fraud Prevention seminar. She can be reached at [Lhart@ArundelFederal.com](mailto:Lhart@ArundelFederal.com) or call her at 410-437-4770.*

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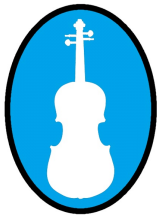
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