



# Mayor Mike Pantelides' Monthly Newsletter



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I am proud to announce the Annapolis Police Department is responsible for the indictments of twenty-four Annapolis heroin dealers. APD's Drug Enforcement Unit launched a recent effort to specifically target drug dealers who continued to sell dangerous drugs on the streets of Annapolis even after multiple arrests. Illegal drug activity in Annapolis, in particular heroin, is an epidemic and an issue that both Governor Hogan and the County Executive Schuh understand is affecting our communities across the board. These recent indictments are just one more example of how the Annapolis Police Department, the City of Annapolis, and our new County State's Attorney, Wes Adams, are working together to rid the city of illegal drugs, making it a safer city for all.

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*Mayor Michael Pantelides, Police Chief Michael Pristoop, and Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Wes Adams at the Tuesday, August 25th press conference.*



*Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Adams and Mayor Pantelides looked over the many, weapons, money and heroin confiscated during a series of drug busts over the past six months.*

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure to sign a lease with the owners of Annapolis Solar Park, LLC, the company hired to develop a 16.8 megawatt solar park at the site of the city's closed landfill.

The project will be operational by the end of 2016 and is anticipated to generate more than \$5 million in revenue to the city over the course of the 20-year lease. This Park will turn a large plot of unused land into a revenue generator and a job creator, taking a liability and turning it into an asset. This project, when completed, will be the largest solar project identified by the Environmental Protection Agency exclusively installed on a closed landfill in the United States.



Meanwhile, we recently launched an updated version of our online permitting system called E-TrakIt. The new version, made available by the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs, offers a fresh look to the old system by offering new options on the city's website. The new system is at [etrakit.annapolis.gov](http://etrakit.annapolis.gov). For more information you can also call 410-263-7946.



In other news, according to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau, at least 1,000 hotel rooms are expected to be booked when the Young Republicans National Convention comes to town in 2017. I went to Chicago last month to promote the economic vitality of Annapolis and its desired location as a visitor destination. Annapolis was chosen to host the event after the selection committee

recommended us at their 2015 National Convention.



Finally, in case I have not outwardly thanked, or publicly stressed how important our volunteers are, let me say that these men and women are critical to the success of Annapolis. Hundreds of local residents give of their time and talents to sit on various boards and commissions... helping to administer rules, interpret City Code or provide analysis. That is why I am asking area residents to become part of our volunteer team and serve on one of the numerous City's boards or commissions.