



## Mayor Mike Pantelides' Monthly Newsletter



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**Three bond rating agencies assigned positive ratings for the city's first revenue bonds in December.** The city issued a total of \$30.75 million in bonds, both tax-exempt and taxable.

A goal of the revenue bond issuance is to restructure the majority of the city's water and sewer capital projects, currently backed by general obligation bonds.

These revenue bonds create a very strong foundation by establishing reserve requirements that will offer the water and sewer funds more operational flexibility and allow the utility funds to build reserves for the future.

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The restructuring will allow the life of the bonds to equal the expected life of the capital projects. When the utilities pay for capital projects based on the life of the project, it benefits the rate payer by creating intergenerational equity and financial flexibility. This allows the residents to pay for their share of the debt service now, paying only for what they use.

The following ratings were assigned by the three leading Bond Rating Agencies:

- Moody's Aa3
- Fitch AA-
- Standard & Poor's AA-

Anticipated cash flow savings is about \$620,000 each fiscal year through 2025.



**The City of Annapolis was pleased to welcome the Military Bowl to Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium on December 28th.** It was a real thrill to watch Navy take on Pitt and run away with the win! I was happy to take part in the Military Bowl Parade and I'm glad to say that an estimated \$1 million dollars was spent in the area during the December bowl game.

**I was also glad to recognize our seniors during this year's Senior Holiday Luncheon.** These men and women have extraordinary talents and are worthy of recognition due to their significant contributions to our community. Each year our seniors join the thousands of workers and volunteers who provide crucial support to the programs and services offered by our schools, churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, and community centers. Their selfless service is an example we should all choose to emulate. This luncheon provides us the opportunity to say "thank



you” to the senior citizens of Annapolis.

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**Despite the spring-like weather during the end of December, we need to get prepared for winter weather, because we all know it is coming!**

When cold weather hits, make sure to check on friends and neighbors who may be particularly vulnerable or who live alone. Also follow the National Weather Service and local news media to stay informed about potential winter weather.



The City of Annapolis Office of Emergency Management recommends taking the following actions prior to the winter season:

- Put together a home preparedness kit that includes winter supplies such as snow shovels, ice melting products, extra warm clothes, blankets, flashlights, and batteries
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home and set the thermostat to no lower than 55° Fahrenheit
- Check and winterize your vehicle, including all fluids, wiper blades, lights, and systems before the winter season begins. Have a car emergency kit in your vehicle
- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines
- ID your pet with up-to-date name tags and rabies tags; include your cell phone number on the tag

For more information about how to get started preparing for winter, call the Annapolis Office of Emergency Management at [410-216-9167](tel:410-216-9167) or follow them on social media by searching for Annapolis OEM on Facebook and Twitter. Additional information can be found on the Annapolis Office of Emergency Management website at [www.annapolis.gov/oem](http://www.annapolis.gov/oem), and MEMA’s website at [mema.maryland.gov](http://mema.maryland.gov).

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### Looking ahead...

On Monday, January 18, 2016 the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Dream to Reality Parade will kick off from Amos Garrett Boulevard at noon. The parade will travel down West Street to Church Circle, around the circle to Main Street, down Main Street, and end at City Dock. Streets along the route will close at noon and are expected to remain closed until approximately 2 p.m. The parade was a huge success last year and had more than 60 units. This year, the parade units will include floats, bands, dignitaries, and civic groups and is sponsored by the Annapolis Drum and Bugle Corp and the City of Annapolis. If want more information, please contact Pat Montague at [MLKparade2@gmail.com](mailto:MLKparade2@gmail.com). You can also call Darius A. Stanton at [410-703-1898](tel:410-703-1898) or Josephine Brown [301-335-6344](tel:301-335-6344).