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On Monday, June 20, the City of Annapolis adopted a \$102.8 million Operating Budget and a one-year \$17.8 million Capital Plan. The Operating Budget passed by a 5-2 vote, with Ward Six Alderman Kenneth A. Kirby abstaining and Ward Seven Alderman Ian Pfeiffer absent, due to severe weather which grounded his flight. The two voting against the Operating Budget were Ward Five Alderman Jared Littmann and Ward Eight Alderman Ross Arnett. The City Council voted to increase community grants by \$90,000 while offering other cuts to the budget. There was some give and take in this budget and I am pleased we were able to agree on a budget that benefits the taxpayers. While vehicle maintenance was reduced by \$100,000 and the Deputy Harbormaster position was cut, two part-time liaison positions were added to improve on

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Latino/Hispanic and African American outreach. This is my third budget with no increase to the real estate tax rate.

Meanwhile, the Capital Plan passed by a 7-1 vote. Ward Five Alderman Jared Littmann voted against the plan. The Capital Plan was amended from a two-year plan to a one-year plan and includes:

- Road Resurfacing
- Cornhill Street curb and sidewalk repair
- City improvements to include:
 - Roof repairs to the Taylor Avenue fire station
 - Updating the woman's locker facility at the Eastport fire station
 - Replacing outdated police and fire radios
 - Re-bricking Main Street
 - An energy efficiency assessment which will save the city millions over the next several years
 - Improvements to the city's stormwater, water and sewer infrastructure

To read more about the FY 2017 budget, go to my [column published in the Capital newspaper](#) last week.

I was thrilled to know the Job Fair in Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles' Ward was such a great success. About 300 individuals showed up to take advantage of the 30 employers represented at the job fair, held at the Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center in Annapolis.

The job fair was sponsored by the City of Annapolis, the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the Anne Arundel County Workforce Development Corporation. The next fair is planned for September, and I will keep you posted on the time and date in upcoming newsletters.

I wanted to give a shout out to all the staff and volunteers of the annual Paca Girlfriends Flower Power Party. I had a blast as the guest bartender during a night that included food, fine wine,



friendship, flowers and lots and lots of fun. The William Paca House was the perfect backdrop for this annual fundraiser and I was pleased to be a part of it.

June brought a huge improvement to the residential parking permit process.

For the first time, Annapolis residents can purchase annual parking permits online at www.AnnapolisParking.com, effective immediately. Residents can still obtain a permit by going to the Noah Hillman Garage, located at 150 Gorman Street, in Annapolis. There are no changes to permit prices and all major credit cards are accepted. Proof of residency is required. Residents with questions can call SP+ at [410.263.4218](tel:410.263.4218) for additional information.



I am proud to announce that the Annapolis Fire Department will receive the International Association of Fire Chief's annual Billy Goldfeder Fire Service Organizational Safety Award.

The award is presented annually to fire service organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment or significant contribution to health and safety. The Annapolis Fire Department is receiving this award for its ongoing commitment to publish and accomplish annual goals that improve firefighter safety efforts. The award

will be presented at the August conference in San Antonio, Texas.

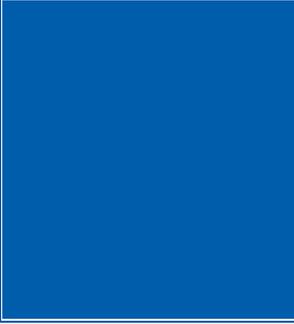
I am proud of these men and women who go the extra mile, not only to protect our citizens but also to protect each other, through ongoing informational and educational programs.

The Stanton Community Center Youth Recreation Programs will be available to the public on the weekends, starting on July 1. The Stanton Community Center, located at 92 West Washington Street in Annapolis, will offer an open gym opportunity to anyone who wants to come to the center and use the facility.

The additional hours will be:

Saturdays during April to November from 10 a.m. to 5





p.m.

Saturdays during December to March from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. all year long

The center will not change its workday hours. Hours of operation remain:

3 p.m.- 9 p.m. Monday-Friday for the Youth Recreation Program