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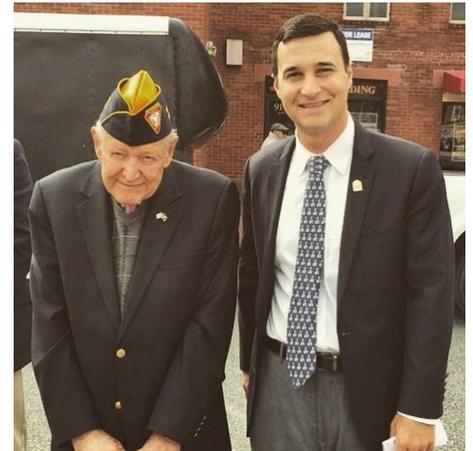
November was a very busy month, and I am happy to announce that our ongoing partnership with the county has resulted in shared utility initiatives, benefiting both taxpayers and government.

The city and county have agreed on a utility easement through Quiet Waters Park for the proposed development known as Parkside Preserve. The easement will allow for a more favorable alignment of the water and sewer systems that serves the development. It will alleviate the need for a new sewer pumping station in favor of gravity flow, resulting in tremendous savings in operations and maintenance costs over the lifecycle of the sewer system. The developer of Parkside Preserve has been actively working with the city on the optimal alignment of the water and sewer systems, and the county will grant the utility easement as part of the agreement. The agreement also includes the city taking ownership from the county of Old Annapolis Neck Road, which will serve Parkside Preserve, after intersection improvements required to accommodate the projected increase in traffic are completed.

Meanwhile, utility initiatives that benefit both the city and county include working together on the sewer line alignment and associated utility easements for the Mayo-to-Annapolis sewer force main project. Wastewater from Mayo will be sent to Annapolis Water Reclamation Facility, which is co-owned by the city and county, for treatment. For more information on this project, go to <http://bit.ly/1kptd5B>.

Meanwhile, I was proud to be part of this year's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony, hosted by the Fleet Reserve Association. While we may never know the stories behind the men and women who fought for our freedoms, we owe them so much. We owe them a debt of gratitude that will never be repaid, but we will try every day by always saying, "thank you."

Photo: Vice Admiral James A. Sagerholm, USN (Ret.) and I at the Fleet Reserve Veterans Celebration



This month also offered me an opportunity to work side-by-side with local business owners. On Thursday, November 19, I hosted a resiliency workshop to help businesses prepare for unexpected emergencies that may impact our local economy. The Annapolis Police Department, the Annapolis Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management were all part of the workshop that offered solutions to possible issues threatening local businesses. By simply showing up, local business owners increased their chances of success during a number of different emergencies they could

face at any given time, without warning.

During the two hour workshop, several scenarios were played out by our public safety officials including Business Continuity & Severe Weather Emergencies, Nuisance Crimes, Bomb Threats & Suspicious Packages, Active Shooter and Civil Unrest. If you would like to see the PowerPoint presentations, please contact me at mayor@annapolis.gov.

I had the pleasure this month to be a part of Construction and Installation of Living Shoreline at Annapolis Maritime Museum.

Executive Director of the Annapolis Maritime Museum Alice Estrada, Chesapeake Bay Trust Executive Director Jana Davis, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Chesapeake & Coastal Service Project Manager Chris Beacraft, Department of Natural Resources Habitat Restoration and Conservation Division Director Kevin Smith, and Director of the Annapolis Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs Maria Broadbent all gathered at the Annapolis Maritime Museum to talk about the importance of Living Shorelines.



The project is on city property and Annapolis officials have been partnering with the Annapolis Maritime Museum (AMM) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to continue its watershed protection goals. This AMM Living Shoreline project will use an estimated 2,000 plants, approximately 300 tons of sand, and 500 tons of rock.

This effort has received technical and funding support from Chesapeake Bay Trust and Maryland DNR along with the Maryland Conservation Corps and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

The area where land and water meet is critical to the health of the Chesapeake Bay. When protected in its natural state or reestablished through restoration efforts, the shoreline traps sediment, filters pollution and provides important habitat for both aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, such as juvenile blue crabs and fish.

Looking ahead to the holiday season in Annapolis, don't forget Midnight Madness on December 3rd and 10th, with the Eleventh Hour shopping event on December 17th.

Meanwhile, I want to extend a special invitation to all of you. Before heading out to Midnight Madness on December 3rd, I want to invite you to stop by 160 Duke of Gloucester Street for the City Hall Holiday Open House from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Then on December 5th, the SOFO Ho Ho begins at 11 a.m. with the West Street Chocolate Binge festival tempting your taste buds at noon on Sunday the 6th and the Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade on the 12th at 6 p.m.

You will have plenty of time to shop, eat, or catch a cold one, because three hours of free parking will be available at all bagged parking spots on Main Street, Francis Street, West Street, Maryland Avenue, Prince George Street, City Dock, and Market Space from Friday, November 27 through January 1. Finally, let me remind

everyone that due to the bulkhead replacement project at City Dock, the city is offering a free, three hour valet service in downtown Annapolis. The valet service will be offered each Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from Friday, November 27 through Thursday, December 24:

- Thursdays – 4 p.m. to midnight
- Fridays – 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturdays – noon to 9 p.m.
- Sundays – noon to 5 p.m.

Vehicles can be dropped off at the valet tent, which will be located in Market Space.