



Mayor Mike Pantelides' Monthly Newsletter



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On Monday, October 26, phase two of the City Dock Bulkhead Replacement Project began. The project has a budget of \$7.5 million and will extend from the existing boardwalk, near the water taxi, around the head of Market Slip (a.k.a. Ego Alley) to the corner of 110 Compromise Street. The money was set aside in the FY2015 budget and includes a federal grant worth \$1.5 million. Work is scheduled to be completed by April 8, 2016.

The City Dock project will include construction of the following:

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- 700 linear feet of cantilevered steel sheet pile bulkhead
- demolition and replacement of associated concrete cap/seawall
- removal and replacement of mooring piles
- utilities including upgraded power pedestals similar to the existing ones in Phase 1
- water connections and fire protection system for 17 boat slips
- extension of existing storm drains through new bulkhead
- replacement of approximately 120 linear feet of wood boardwalk along Donner Lot
- surface overlay of the Donner Lot
- replacement of individual parking meters with Multi-space parking meters in Dock Street and Donner Lots

If you have questions regarding the project, please call [410-263-7949](tel:410-263-7949).

I had the honor of giving the Oath of Office to five of our city's newest firefighters. They were sworn in at Monday's City Council meeting and we were joined by Fire Chief David Stokes.



From left to right, Deputy Chief Kevin Simmons, Public Safety Chair Sheila Finlayson, Annapolis Mayor Michael Pantelides, Firefighters Taalib Smith, Derryk Downey (back row Deputy Chief Doug Remaley) Mark Frangello, Ian Castler, Justin Goods, and Annapolis Fire Chief David Stokes.

Also, several local heroes were acknowledged for their life saving efforts. Three residents were given City Council Citations for their fast response during an emergency.

Michael Cote was acknowledged

for performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a choking victim at Westin Hotel. The Council also applauded Wiley Baker, Sean Easley, Jamie Moroney and John Ward who assisted with performing CPR on person who collapsed in cardiac arrest at Prince George Street and Randall Street after calling 911. And finally Sheree, Kelly, and Kris Bjornerud called 911 and began performing CPR on a drowning victim until emergency personal arrived. In all cases, the victim survived.

In an effort to accomplish a number of environmental goals, the City of Annapolis is requesting public input on the Stormwater Management Inventory and Watershed Implementation Plan. This plan will:

- Improve water quality
- Reduce runoff from rain events, thereby reducing localized flooding
- Improve overall health of natural resources in the city
- Comply with regulatory requirements including the 20% impervious area reduction



- Consider future funding structure for watershed improvements

A specific goal of the Implementation Plan is to achieve our 2025 target of reducing the nitrogen pollution levels by 25% and the phosphorous pollution levels by 24%. Preliminary analyses identified 52 potential Stormwater Management Projects and identified solutions for potential Best Management Practices (BMPs). Based on resident input and prioritization criteria, the city will choose 20 projects from the 52 potential projects. Input on ranking selected projects for implementation is critical as the city moves into the concept phase of the plan.

Go to <http://bit.ly/1OWbQF9> for the projects to be considered and an explanation on how to rank each. After choosing and ranking the top three projects, residents are asked to send the information, along with comments or additional recommendations, to dnep@annapolis.gov. Please send all information by November 6th. Anyone with questions regarding the projects should call [410-263-7946](tel:410-263-7946).



Road in Annapolis, and was attended by a number of family members and friends of the late Mr. Gilmer.

The new Samuel L. Gilmer Transportation Center sign was posted on the transportation facility and signaled the start of several up grades to the center:

- Renovation of the bus wash facility
- Construction of a new tire storage facility

I had the pleasure of attending an open house and rededication ceremony of the Samuel L. Gilmer Transportation Center in Annapolis. The event was at the complex, located at 308 Chinquapin Round



- Replacement of the HVAC system
- Renovation and expansion of transportation command center
- New exterior lighting and facility video security system

It was such a privilege to be a part of the rededication. The Samuel L. Gilmer Transportation Center was originally constructed in 1996, and covers a total area of approximately 80,232 square feet including a surface parking lot.

Samuel L. Gilmer was a 1940 graduate of Wiley Bates High School and attended the old Cortez Peters Business School in Baltimore, as well as George Washington University. He was also a World War II Veteran, serving as a staff sergeant in the medical corps. Early in his career he drove a cab for his father's cab company and later owned and operated Sammy's Taxi Service. Mr. Gilmer was also a civil rights activist who helped found the Anne Arundel County chapter of the NAACP. Mr. Gilmer served as City Alderman for the 3rd Ward for nearly 20 years. After he passed away in November of 2001, the City of Annapolis named its transportation complex in his honor.



More than 1,000 free seasonal flu shots were provided to residents in our area during the first of its kind drive-through flu clinic.



I want to thank the Annapolis Office of Emergency Management, the Anne Arundel County Health Department, the Anne Arundel Medical Center and other city and county agencies for making the clinic such a success. This exercise was a critical component of our ongoing efforts to test the city's pandemic response plans, specifically our ability to mass inoculate the public during an epidemic of an infectious disease. This is also an excellent example of how partnerships between the city and county benefit our residents.

Each year in the United States, thousands of people die from seasonal flu-related complications and approximately 200,000 people are hospitalized from seasonal flu-related causes. Flu vaccination is the most effective way to prevent the flu.

Meanwhile, during the months of September and October, the city participated in National Preparedness Month and National Fire Prevention Week by reaching out to members of the community and encouraging students to be prepared.

Officials from the Annapolis Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Management took part in several community events, including sponsoring a poster contest with students from St. Mary's Elementary, St. Martin's Lutheran and Eastport Elementary Schools participating. The Annapolis Fire Department chose three finalists from Eastport Elementary who created posters illustrating this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the beep where you sleep." This theme emphasizes the importance of working smoke alarms located near every bedroom in your home. The Office of Emergency Management chose six finalists, three from St. Mary's Elementary and three from St. Martin's Lutheran, who created posters illustrating how a natural hazard could impact Annapolis. Below are the finalists for the three schools:



St. Mary's Elementary School

Bryanna O'Neill
Erin Hooper
Bridgit Lyon



Eastport Elementary School

Trinity Bullock
Miranda Jacobs
Jeremiah Gayden



St. Martin's Lutheran School

Logan Barnhill
John Stock
Molly Bunker

The Public Safety Chair and I met with all nine finalists at City Hall and the students were given the title of Emergency Manager for the day. Along with touring a local fire station, the Fire Prevention Week finalists also met with Annapolis Fire Chief David Stokes and served as Fire Chief for the Day.



The U.S. Naval Academy and the City of Annapolis celebrated the Navy's 240th birthday on October 13. The Naval Academy and



the City of Annapolis came together for a Navy Birthday breakfast celebration at Carrol's Creek Café. Guests of honor include Naval Academy Superintendent Vice Adm. Ted Carter and Naval Academy Commandant Col. Stephen Liszewski.

The United States Naval Academy is one of the many things that make this city great! In this month's guest column in the Capital newspaper, I name several other reasons we are [happy to call Annapolis home.](#)