



## TAKING CARE OF OUR CITIZENS



Commissioners Courtney Billups, Gene Ransom, Eric Wargotz M.D., Carol Fordonski and Paul Gunther prepare to break ground for the Queen Anne's Emergency Center.

- The QAC Commissioners broke ground for the Queen Anne's Emergency Center in Grasonville, a collaborative effort with the University of Maryland Medical System and Shore Health System.
- QAC acquired grant funding for upgrading the Emergency 9-1-1 system, creating a more efficient and state of the art system for the safety of county residents.



The Sudlersville Senior Center and adjacent Foxxtown Apartments were a hit with the Commissioners and the residents of the area.

- QAC acquired over \$1.2 million in grants for projects and programs implemented through the Department of Housing and Community Development. The funds are used to help residents with the purchase of homes, emergency assistance and a proposed homeless shelter.
- QAC implemented the Ready to Serve exemption program to assist sanitary district customers.
- QAC acquired start up grant funding to open the Corsica River Mental Health Services outpatient clinic in order to meet the needs of the community.
- QAC Commissioners dedicated Foxxtown Senior Housing, Sudlersville Senior Center and Safe Haven Manor Assisted Living complex.
- QAC Commissioners dedicated an addition to the Detention Center.

## RECREATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

- Opened the county's first public beach on the Chesapeake Bay at the Matapeake Clubhouse. The Clubhouse features a full service café and wedding and meeting facilities.
- Ferry Point Park was dedicated next to the Chesapeake Exploration Center and includes a 530 foot boardwalk through marshlands and woods out onto Piney Creek.
- Historic Christ Church building, including Tiny Tots pre-school was dedicated.
- Queen Anne's County and the Talbot YMCA took over management and operations of the Chesapeake College pool in order to provide recreation, swimming lessons, fitness classes and swim team facilities for both Queen Anne's County High and Kent Island High.



The historic Matapeake Clubhouse and Beach opened to rave reviews and were a destination for tourists and locals alike.



U.S. Senator Ben Cardin joins the County Commissioners and state and local officials for the unveiling and dedication of Ferry Point Park.

## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT

- QAC continued its efforts to improve transparency and accountability in government with the web publication of the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, or CAFR.
- For the tenth consecutive year, the QAC Finance Office earned the excellence award for the CAFR.
- The Finance Office improved service to the county by implementing the Disabled/Fallen Emergency Worker county tax credit.
- Information Technology deployed a new, more robust and more inclusive anti-virus software for all county network computers.
- Information Technology replaced over 60 desktop computers with new or refurbished computers at an average cost below \$400.
- Information Technology installed software providing real time duplication of critical applications and files to a remote backup site for emergency operations and disaster recovery.
- Information Technology and Human Resources developed and implemented the county intranet for employee access to policies, procedures and job descriptions.

Finance Department receives the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.



## EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN

- Completed the renovation and rededicated Kent Island Elementary School.
- Completed the design phase for new Sudlersville Middle School.
- Completed HVAC system upgrade and parking lot design for Bayside Elementary School.
- Completed bleacher upgrade for Queen Anne's County High School gymnasium.



*Students, parents, teachers and local officials celebrated the renovation of Kent Island Elementary School.*

## PROTECTING AND IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT



- Formed the Blue Ribbon Panel on Smart Growth and Rural Development which resulted in recommendations to the Planning Commission for inclusion into the Comprehensive Plan update.
- Opened the Queen Anne's County Recycling Center.
- Adopted Ordinance 09-10, the Queen Anne's County Critical Areas Program which updated regulations to meet new state laws pertaining to growth allocation.
- Started computer and bicycle recycling programs.
- Initiated the Southern Kent Island sewer impact study.

## GROWING OUR ECONOMY

*60th Anniversary of the Delmarva Chicken Festival.*



*Queen Anne's County and the Town of Centreville receive an award for their efforts on the Centreville Community Plan.*

*QAC Commissioners received the Portland Cement Association Award.*



- Created 45 new jobs with the relocation of Power Electronics to Millington.
- Brought more than 20,000 visitors to the county for the 60th Anniversary of the Delmarva Chicken Festival.
- QAC collaborated with the Upper Shore Regional Council on the Chesapeake Wine Trail to help promote tourism, agriculture and land preservation.
- Secured over 1,700 acres through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation and Maryland Rural Legacy Program.
- Completed all code changes necessary to implement the Chester/Stevensville Community Plan.
- Received "Best Small Town Initiative Award" from the Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association for the 2009 Centreville Community Plan.
- Completed work on the County's Comprehensive Plan, including meetings of the Citizen Advisory Committees and Topic Committees.
- Completed all Chapter 18 code changes and map amendments necessary to implement the Kent Narrows Community Plan.
- QAC Commissioners received the Portland Cement Association Award for Sustainable Leadership for pervious parking lots at Whitmarsh Park at Bloomfield Farm.