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AACAR Convention - Join Us!

Join Purple Cherry Architects at the Anne Arundel County Association of Realtors Convention at Anne Arundel Community College on June 3rd.

Sign up for the June 3rd 1:00 p.m. Critical Area continuing education credit course at the convention. Additionally, **sign up for the 3:00 p.m. Commercial/GDP** course with all of us again! This is a newly accredited course on Commercial Permitting, Updated Legislation and the General Development Plan. Please join Cathy Purple Cherry, Tim Martin of Bay Engineering and Betsie Russell of North American Title for this exciting and informative course! What a great way to get your CE credits...we will have our colorful, attractive, handy flip cards as a handout for all who attend. We are excited to see you there!

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Happy Spring to all!! We are thankful for the rain which has allowed wet season to open and perc tests to be performed at a rapid rate. Thanks to all at the health department.

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COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE:

{ Please refer to the Anne Arundel County Council Website for information on the newest legislation: www.aacounty.org/CountyCouncil/approvedlegis.cfm. }

Update: A bill was passed in the House and the Senate in March and April for the tolling of "specified construction and development permits". Briefly, any permit that was or is issued between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2010 will not begin it's one-year timeframe expiration until June 30, 2010.

County personnel in the permits and inspections departments are awaiting response from the Office of Law as to when it's adoption in the County will become effective. Updates will follow within the next few weeks.

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Nitrogen Removal Systems in the Critical Area

www.aahealth.org Environmental Health/Bay Restoration Fund

Most may have heard by now that it is Maryland State law that nitrogen-removal systems be installed on all new or replacement household septic systems in the Critical Area. A very good source of information on this requirement and funding for these systems for homeowners who wish to upgrade their current system and would like funding assistance is the Anne Arundel County Environmental Health website.

The Bay Restoration Fund provides homeowners with financial assistance. Application has to be made for approval. Very low priority is given to new construction on vacant lots in the Critical Area; but otherwise, this funding is available. Visit www.aahealth.org and click on Environmental Health/Bay Restoration Fund to get all needed information. In addition, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's own blog website (www.cbf.org) has additional information: http://cbf.typepad.com/bay_daily/2009/03

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