

**MEMORANDUM**

September 16, 2011

TO: Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee  
Public Safety Committee

FROM: Linda McMillan, Senior Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Discussion: Crime Trends in Urban Parks**

During last spring's budget worksessions, Council President Ervin said that she had heard some constituent concerns about crime trends in some of the down-county urban parks that are adjacent to residential neighborhoods. Council President Ervin asked if the Public Safety Committee and PHED Committee (since it is Park Police) would schedule a discussion of the issue.

Montgomery County Department of Parks (M-NCPPC) Director Mary Bradford and Montgomery County M-NCPPC Park Police Chief Darien Manley will be present at this session to provide the joint Committee with an overview of recent crime trends in the parks that are located in the more urbanized areas of the county and how the Park Police work to address issues with the community, with proactive patrols, and through other methods.