

County Notes: Montgomery lobbyist takes job with Pepco

Pasternak began working for utility Monday

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A registered lobbyist in Montgomery County has been hired by Pepco to lobby on the utility's behalf and act as a community liaison.

Jerry Pasternak, an attorney, is the company's new Region Vice President for Maryland Affairs. Pasternak, who began work Monday, said he will manage outreach with community leaders, businesses, consumer and nonprofit groups in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, as well as in Annapolis.

Pasternak will report directly to Pepco Region President Thomas H. Graham, according to a Pepco news release.

"There's a very capable group of people here who have been doing a great job," Pasternak said of Pepco. "We can always do better, and we all know that."

In his most recent position, Pasternak served for four years as senior counsel for Garson/Claxton LLC, a Bethesda-based real estate law firm, the news release states. Prior to joining Garson/Claxton, he spent 12 years as a special assistant to the county executive of Montgomery County.

Montgomery libraries announce new feature for holds

Montgomery County library customers who will be unable to pick up items they have placed on hold can use a new feature beginning Monday to suspend their holds.

The feature will delay the hold until the customer is available to pick up the item, allowing other customers waiting for the item to use it, according to a county news release.

For details, go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library.

County, state co-host foreclosure workshop

Montgomery County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development are partnering to host a free workshop Monday to help people facing foreclosure.

The event will be held from 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, according to a news release.

Topics covered during the workshop will include Maryland's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program, which helps homeowners who have been laid off or have fallen behind in their mortgage payments due to medical issues.

To pre-register for the workshop, go to www.mdhope.org or call 410-514-7324.