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## **Holiday Schedule for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday January 18**

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 18:

**County Offices** – closed

**Libraries** – closed Sunday, January 17 and Monday, January 18

**County Liquor stores** – closed

**Recreation** – aquatics programs and facilities open; all other classes and programs canceled; Administrative office, senior centers and community centers closed

**Montgomery Parks** - for operating schedule, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org)

**Ride On** – Modified holiday schedule (check schedules at [www.Rideonbus.com](http://www.Rideonbus.com))

**Metro rail** – Will operate from 5 a.m. to midnight on a Saturday schedule. Off-peak fares all day and free parking at all Metro-operated facilities.

**Metrobus** – Metrobus will operate on its Saturday supplemental schedule. MetroAccess will operate normal hours with subscription trips cancelled unless specifically requested. Additional information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

**TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights)** -- closed

**Refuse/recycling pickup** – no collection\*

**Transfer Station** – closed

**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – free

**MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices** – closed

**State offices and courts** – closed

\*Collection for Friday provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

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**Montgomery County Plans Day of Service and Musical Celebration on  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday; Service Projects Will Include Packaging 100,000 Meals for  
Area Food Banks  
Monday, January 18**

[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?PrID=15637](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15637)

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*Upcounty residents, organizations & businesses . . . Your comments are needed!*



**County Executive Leggett to Hold Public Forum on the FY17 Budget**

**Monday, January 25 7:00pm**  
**BlackRock Center for the Arts**  
*(for the Upcounty Regional Services Center)*  
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, MD

This is a great opportunity for the community to provide input for the County's budget for fiscal year 2017 which begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017. Come out with your questions and suggestions! Click for map [BlackRock Center for the Arts: January 25, 2016.](#)

The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget in March. The County Council must approve the operating budget by the end of May.

Learn more about the County's operating budget at <https://reports.data.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb> !

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, TTY 240-773-3556 or email a request to [Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov)

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**Montgomery County Council to Host Town Hall Meeting for Clarksburg Area**

**Wednesday, January 27 8:00pm**  
*(a pre-meeting reception begins at 7:30pm)*  
**Rocky Hill Middle School**  
**22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg**

The Montgomery County Council, which each year holds Town Hall Meetings throughout the County in its efforts to find out what issues most concern residents, will meet with residents of the County's fastest-growing community when it hosts a Town Hall Meeting for Clarksburg. Residents will be encouraged to ask questions on any issue. Among the issues that are expected to be discussed are the continued development of Clarksburg, the impact on the community of the future outlet mall, efforts to protect the Ten Mile Creek area, schools, transportation needs, public safety including the location of a new fire station and the upcoming process to formulate the County's Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget.

*For more information regarding the Town Hall Meeting, call 240-777-7931.*

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## County Executive and County Council Issue Statement on Deportation Threats Against County Residents

*Read the entire statement by clicking on one of the links below.*

English: [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?PrID=15642](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15642)

Spanish: [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?PrID=15643](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15643)

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### Montgomery County's Commission for Women presents The 36th Annual Women's Legislative Briefing

Sunday, January 31 11:30am – 6:00pm

*(program begins at 12:00n)*

The Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg II  
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville

The 36th Annual Women's Legislative Briefing will provide information about state and federal legislative proposals of special concern to women. Special Seminars for Grades 7-12. Questions? Contact Jodi Finkelstein at (240) 777-8333 or [cfwinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:cfwinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov)

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### Leggett Seeks Applicants for New Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District Advisory Committee

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the newly established Greater Shady Grove Transportation Management District Advisory Committee (GSGTMDAC). The vacancies are for representatives of the following in the GSGTMD: 4 private sector employers, of which 2 must be employers of 50 or more employees, and 2 must be employers of fewer than 50 employees; 2 major public sector employers, including the Universities at Shady Grove and the National Cancer Institute or other public sector employers of more than 50 employees; 4 residents of neighborhoods (such as The Villages at Decoverly, Avalon at Traville, the Crossings at Washingtonian Center, and the City of Derwood) in the unincorporated areas of the County; and 3 development interests selected from among developers active in the area; 1 member of the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce; and non-voting residents of properties located within the GSGTMD that are also within the municipalities of Rockville and Gaithersburg.

The GSGTMDAC will also include the following ex officio members: the Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation Director or designee; Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission designee; Montgomery County Chief of Police or designee; Upcounty Regional Services Center Director or designee; City of Rockville designee (a representative from Community Planning and Development Services or similar agency); and City of Gaithersburg designee (the Planning Director or representative of a similar agency).

The GSGTMDAC will advise the County government and/or a designated contractor on all aspects of programs, management, and finances relating to the implementation of transportation demand management in the GSGTMD and vicinity, including proposing guidelines and monitoring employer traffic mitigation plans and developer traffic mitigation agreements; evaluating progress and recommending actions to attain commuting goals, advising the Dept. of Transportation Director on transit, pooling, bicycling, bikesharing, pedestrian, parking, and related policies and programs; and reviewing traffic patterns and control measures in the GSGTMD.

Members will serve three-year terms (initially staggered) without compensation, but will be eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings dates, times and locations will be determined.

To view the boundaries of the GSGTMD, see the map at the following link and use the mapping tools to zoom in on a location: <http://gis.montgomerycountymd.gov/tmd/>. For more information on the GSGTMD (and other TMDs), please click on the following link: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/commuter/tmd/index.html>. For additional questions, please contact James Carlson, at (240) 777-8382 or [james.carlson@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:james.carlson@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## County Launches New Initiative Aimed to Ensure Every Student Has Access to Their Own Library Card

This week, Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) launched **Library Link**. This program is part of a national initiative to connect students with the wide-ranging resources of the library system to guarantee every child enrolled in school can receive a library card. The launch comes before Leggett is scheduled to attend a January 19 White House conference to discuss and share Montgomery County strategies in support of President Obama's [ConnectEd Library Challenge: Answering the Call](#).

Read more [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?PrID=15654](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15654)

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## Candidate Filing Deadline Approaches

The Board of Elections wishes to remind anyone who is planning to run for office that the deadline to file as a candidate for the 2016 Primary Election is Tuesday, February 3 at 9 p.m. Montgomery County individuals interested in running for Board of Education (Districts 2, 4, and At-Large) may file a Certificate of Candidacy with the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, in Gaithersburg. Candidates for all other offices on the 2016 Primary ballot should contact the Maryland State Board of Elections for deadlines and filing locations.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will be open to accept filings on Tuesday, February 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. To arrange an appointment, please contact Christine Rzeszut at **240-777-8585**.

For more information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org), the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at <http://elections.state.md.us>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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## WSSC to Hold Three Public Hearings in February on FY17 Preliminary Proposed Budget

WSSC will hold three public hearings in February on its preliminary proposed budget for FY17 as follows:

### Montgomery County

February 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.  
The Stella B. Werner Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue, 7th Floor  
Rockville, MD 20850

### Prince George's County

February 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.  
The RMS Building - Room 308  
1400 McCormick Drive  
Largo, MD 20774

### WSSC Headquarters – Laurel

February 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.  
WSSC Headquarters  
14501 Sweitzer Lane  
Laurel, MD 20707

The formal budget document will be available on January 15, 2016, on WSSC's website at <https://www.wsscwater.com/about-us/financial-information.html>. WSSC is using paid advertising and social media to alert the public about the budget hearings.

Written comments can be submitted electronically to [BudgetGroup@wsscwater.com](mailto:BudgetGroup@wsscwater.com), or mailed to Letitia Carolina-Powell, Budget Group Leader, WSSC, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD, 20707 until February 16, 2016.

Questions can be directed to Jim Neustadt, [jim.neustadt@wsscwater.com](mailto:jim.neustadt@wsscwater.com), 301.206.8100.

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## New Ride On Bus System Maps Now Available

Ride On has published an updated system map that is available [online](#) or as a paper map. The map is another tool to help residents and visitors plan their travel using transit. In addition to Ride On's 78 routes, the map shows other transportation options including Metrobus, Metrorail, MARC Commuter Rail, MTA Commuter Bus, local shuttles, Amtrak and Greyhound.

See press release for details [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?PrID=15645](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15645)

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## Election Judges Needed for 2016 Presidential Election

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election judges at polling places for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on April 26, 2016.

In accordance with the Election Code, to serve in this paid position on Election Day or during Early Voting, an election judge must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. They must also be able to speak, read, and write the English language, and while acting as a judge must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election judges may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign financial entity.

In order to be placed in a precinct, you must complete both an online quiz and hands-on training. All applicants who are selected for these positions will be compensated at rates that vary based on the position, as advertised at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

To apply online, or for more information, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) and select the Election Judges' link. For other election information, call **240-777-VOTE**, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at <http://elections.state.md.us>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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*For other news and meeting agendas, visit:*

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>