



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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UCAB Meeting
Monday, January 27 7:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Discussion: “What’s Up in Planning for Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village, and Shady Grove?”

Guests: *Trudy Schwartz, City of Gaithersburg; David Humpton, Montgomery Village Foundation; and Steve Findley, Montgomery County Planning Dept.*

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) will receive an update on residential and commercial development that is under construction, planned, or under discussion for these areas.

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, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Leggett to Hold Last Two FY15 Operating Budget Public Forums Next Week to Obtain Residents’ Input on Budget Priorities

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is sponsoring the last two of five budget forums on Monday and Wednesday next week to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget priorities.

The final forums are scheduled for:

- Monday, January 27, Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring; and
- Wednesday, January 29, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring.

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The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget on March 17. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May.

**Council Public Hearing:
Clarksburg/Ten Mile Creek Area Limited Master Plan – Concerning Boundary Change**

**Tuesday, January 28 1:30pm
Council Office Building, 3rd floor hearing room
101 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

This hearing was postponed from 1/21/14 due to the weather conditions. *The PHED/T&E Committee worksession tentatively scheduled for 1/24/14.*

Reminder!

**Open Data Town Hall
Tuesday, January 28 7:00pm-8:30pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

The community is encouraged to attend this important event! Students from eight Upcounty high schools who are enrolled in government and technology courses will participate and will learn about the role of open data in good governance and the potential technical applications. An Open Data Town Hall held in November was the first event of its kind *in the county and the country!*

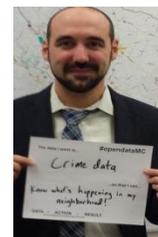
The event will also include presentations from the County's Chief Innovation Officer Dan Hoffman and Chief Information Officer Sonny Segal. Other guests include representatives from the Sunlight Foundation, a nonprofit organization specializing in improving government transparency, and Socrata, the industry leader in open data software.

Come and suggest datasets for publication! The feedback received will be an input to the Open Data Implementation Plan being developed by the County.

For more details and a video from November's event, visit <http://mcinnovationlab.com/montgomery-county-to-hold-second-open-data-town-hall>.

Join the open data social media campaign that just launched!

Visit <http://mcinnovationlab.com/data-action-result/>



**County and City of Rockville Human Rights Commissions to Hold Public Forum on Race Relations
Saturday, February 1 1:00pm-4:00pm
Executive Office Building, Lobby Level Auditorium
101 Monroe Street, Rockville**

The Montgomery County and City of Rockville Human Rights Commissions will host a public discussion featuring a diverse group of community relations experts to explore racial, ethnic and community relations in Montgomery County. For topic and details, visit http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13314.

For more information about the forum, call James Stowe, Director of the Office of Human Rights, at 240-777-8490.

Volunteer at the Polls! Gubernatorial Primary is June 24th & General Election is November 4th

The Board of Elections will be out at County Office Buildings looking for volunteers. Come by for information:

- Volunteer to become an Election Judge
- Register to Vote
- Update your Voter Registration
- Absentee & Early Voting Information

Wednesday, January 29th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at Health & Human Services, 1301 Piccard Drive, Rockville (Lobby)

Wednesday, February 5th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the Rockville Center, 255 Rockville Pike, Rockville (First Floor)

Tuesday, February 11th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St, Rockville (Cafeteria)

Tuesday, February 18th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at Health & Human Services, 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville (Lobby)

Wednesday, February 26th from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at Health & Human Services, 1301 Piccard Drive, Rockville (Lobby)

Healthy Montgomery Releases Action Plans for Addressing Behavioral Health and Obesity: Seeks Public Comment on Draft Action Plans

The Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee invites residents to review and make comments on the Behavioral Health Action Plan Report and the Obesity Action Plan Report. Healthy Montgomery, the County's Community Health Improvement Process, was launched in June 2009 and is an ongoing effort that brings together a broad range of individuals representing County government agencies, the five community hospitals, minority health programs/initiatives, advocacy groups, academic institutions and the health insurance community to develop action plans to improve the health and well-being of all Montgomery County residents, especially groups most at risk for poor health.

The **Healthy Montgomery Behavioral Health Action Plan** includes three recommendations to improve the overall behavioral health (including mental health and substance abuse) of County residents. See recommendations at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13217

A link to the complete action plan reports can be found at <http://www.healthymontgomery.org/>.

Residents are asked to provide comments by email to Healthy.Montgomery@montgomerycountymd.gov. Comments are due by close of business on Friday, January 31, 2014. Comments received will be reviewed and shared with the action plan work group members and the Healthy Montgomery Steering committee for possible inclusion in the final reports.

For more information about Healthy Montgomery, contact Susan DeFrancesco at 240-777-1704 or by email to susan.defrancesco@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Cooperative Enforcement Authority Agreement Signed by Departments of Permitting Services and Housing - See details at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13231

See where the traffic cameras are!

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation has developed this interface to the County's ATMS VIDEO MONITORING SYSTEM that allows you to view our traffic monitoring cameras. There are several ways you can view the camera images. Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-TMC/cam.html>

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

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

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases/

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

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>