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## **Upcoming Meetings of the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board**

### **Land Use Committee**

**Monday, February 3 7:00pm**

The Committee will discuss their reactions to last week's presentations on planned development in the City of Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village, and Greater Gaithersburg/Shady Grove areas.

### **Quality of Life Committee**

**Monday, February 10 7:00pm**

The Committee will hear the state of our senior population and what "vital living" means to them in Montgomery County. Dr. Jay Kenney, Chief of Aging and Disability Services with the Dept. of Health and Human Services, will provide an overview and discuss our seniors' needs and the services that are available to them, their families and caregivers.

### **Full Board Meeting**

**Monday, February 24 7:00pm**

The discussion will focus on County and State transportation projects in the Upcounty, both planned and suggested. Details to follow.

*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](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).*

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## **County Council Welcomes New Member – Cherri Branson, District 5**



Ms. Cherri Branson was sworn in as the new Councilmember for District 5 on January 28. Councilmember Branson succeeds former Councilmember Valerie Ervin, who resigned from the Council on January 3. Councilmember Branson will complete the unexpired term, which ends on December 1, 2014. See press release for more about Ms. Branson at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_detailsnew.asp?PrID=13333](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsnew.asp?PrID=13333)

*Welcome Councilmember Branson!*

*Do you know which Council district you're in? Do you know where the early voting sites will be? Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections) to find the answers and much more information!*

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**Enrollment for Affordable Health Coverage Continues in February!  
Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22 10:00am-4:00pm**

Upcounty Regional Service Center  
[12900 Middlebrook Rd.](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/locations/12900MiddlebrookRd), Germantown

Health and Human Services Offices  
[8818 Georgia Ave.](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/locations/8818GeorgiaAve), Silver Spring

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**Another Council Worksession Added on Ten Mile Creek Discussion**  
**Tuesday, February 4 2:15pm**  
**Council Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Council Hearing Room**  
**100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

Another worksession has been added regarding the Clarksburg/Ten Mile Creek Area Limited Master Plan. The Council's PHED and T&E Committees will hold another joint worksession to continue their deliberations.

The anticipated schedule is that the issue will be brought to the full Council for discussion on February 11th after the public hearings at 1:30 pm in the third floor council hearing room. A second full council worksession will then be held on February 25th around 1:30 pm.

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**Council Completes Work on Zoning Code Changes**

On January 15, the County Council completed their work on the first proposed major [changes in the Zoning Code](#) since 1978. They took straw votes on the proposed revisions, but those votes remain tentative decisions until the **final and formal vote on February 25.**

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**Council to Hold Public Hearings on Bikeway Funding**

**Tuesday, February 11 1:30pm**  
**County Council Office Building**  
**100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The County Council will hold hearings on the following items affecting the current and future transportation network of the county.

- Amendment to the FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY14 Capital Budget, Department of Transportation - \$970,000 for Bikeway Program - Minor Projects. **Sign up to testify by February 10th at 5 pm.**
- Amendment to the FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and supplemental appropriation to the County Government's FY14 Capital Budget, Department of Transportation - \$1,930,000 for Needwood Road Bikepath. **Sign up to testify by February 10th at 5 pm.**

*To sign up to testify or for more information, call the Council offices at 240-777-7803.*

See press release at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dot/pressrelease/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13343](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dot/pressrelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=13343)

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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 2014 Primary Election is Tuesday, February 25 at 9pm.** Montgomery County individuals interested in running for County Executive, County Council, State's Attorney, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Register of Wills, Sheriff, Board of Education (Districts 1, 3, 5, and At-Large), or the Democratic or Republican Central Committees 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 2014 Primary ballot should contact the Maryland State Board of Elections for deadlines and filing locations.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is open from 8:30am to 5pm from Monday through Friday, and will be open to accept filings on Tuesday, February 25, from 8:30am to 9pm. To arrange an appointment, please contact Brian McKeivitt at **240-777-8502**.

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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## **Montgomery County Launches Mentoring Program to Train Green Entrepreneurs**

See details at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13347](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13347)

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### *A Message from the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce:*

#### **We Want to Help “Grow” More Non-Profits in Upcounty Region**

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce (GGCC) is dedicated to providing a venue that supports our Non-Profit partners in fulfilling their own missions by building community awareness, providing education and sharing resources. Non-Profit's can join the GGCC for \$175 annually and enjoy all the basic membership benefits, attend events and become an active member in our new group, the “Non-Profit Cluster”.

The mission of this group is “to create a network of non-profits, foundations, business partners and individuals dedicated to supporting GGCC’s non-profit members by becoming a resource to each other, a voice for the community and by raising the awareness of the important role and work of our non-profit community”.

This program provides our non-profit members a monthly opportunity to gather and share best practices, discuss common concerns and find ways to partner so that each group increases the value of their unique offering while creating a stronger and more effective local community.

The Non-Profit Cluster meets monthly at a different non-profit location. Please check the [events calendar](#) for details. Interested in hosting a meeting? Contact Laura Rowles at 301.840.1400 x14 or [lrowles@ggchamber.org](mailto:lrowles@ggchamber.org).

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#### **Montgomery County’s Commission on Common Ownership Announces Educational Videos**

The Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) has produced a number of educational videos posted on [YouTube](#) to inform residents of their rights and duties as members of common ownership communities. The short videos vary in subject matter and are aimed at a wide audience, providing easy to understand information about responsibilities of both owners and associations.

The 15 two- to three-minute videos provide information on the following topics: overview; architectural rules; filing a complaint; budgeting and the reserve fund; buying a home in a community association; condos, insurance and the duty to repair; holding an election; how association rules and governing laws interact; preparing for a hearing; roles and responsibilities of the board; roles and responsibilities of the homeowners; complaint process; enforcement process; mediation process; and explaining the unique nature and features of common ownership communities.

The mission of the 15-member CCOC includes advising on public policy issues that impact common ownership communities; educating owners, residents and professionals associated with these communities on community management and governance; and resolving disputes between owners or residents and their governing bodies. Members are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council and serve without pay.

For more information about the Commission on Common Ownership Communities, contact Peter Drymalski in the Office of Consumer Protection at [ccoc@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccoc@montgomerycountymd.gov) or visit the website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/consumer](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/consumer), and click on “Common Ownership Communities.”

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**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/](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://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

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