



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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Several Upcounty Roads Still Closed – (as of 2/1/13, 12:01pm)

The following roads are still closed as a result of Wednesday’s storm.

<u>Road</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Davis Mill Road	Closed indefinitely
Huntmaster Road	Closed indefinitely
W. Old Baltimore Road	Debris in roadway

Last Public Forum on the Budget!
Monday, February 4 7:00pm
Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring 20904

The last budget forum sponsored by Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett to seek input from residents about fiscal year 2014 operating budget priorities will be held next week.

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 240-777-6505 or email a request to karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The County Executive will announce his recommended fiscal year 2014 operating budget on March 15. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May.

Are You Up to the Challenge? - February 4 - 8
The following is a message from Councilmember Valerie Ervin

Dear Resident,

I invite you to join me in taking the [SNAP the Silence Challenge](#) on February 4-8. Though we live in a thriving county that is, in many ways, the envy of the nation, we too often allow our successes to overshadow the ongoing struggles of some of our neighbors and community members.

The goal of the SNAP the Silence Challenge to raise awareness for working families who struggle to put food on the table and depend on the nutritional safety net. This Challenge calls on individuals to experience life on public nutrition assistance by eating for \$5 per day for five days. While living on a SNAP budget for just a week will not come close to the struggles encountered by low-income working families, it does provide a new perspective and greater understanding for those who take the Challenge.

The Challenge seeks not only to raise awareness about poverty in Montgomery County, but aims to unite partners from all corners of our community--elected officials, non-profit leaders, students, and local organizers--in a collaboration that can produce not only a heightened understanding of these issues, but solutions to combat them.

I hope you can [join me](#). Your voice will be a crucial part of this effort, and your energy will help us generate momentum to get our message out to as many people as possible. Please register by signing up [here](#). Also, be sure to "like" the [Facebook page](#) to receive regular updates and to share your experiences with others who are taking the Challenge.

Thank you for your consideration. I know that by working together we will accomplish great things.

What: Take the SNAP Challenge. Spend \$5 on food per day per person for one week.

When: February 4 - 8, 2013

Who: Join your friends, neighbors and others who have already accepted the challenge.

Sign up here to join us: <http://tinyurl.com/snaphesilence>

A Public Safety Town Hall --- You're Invited!

Wednesday, February 6 7:30pm

Council Office Building

100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

“a discussion on improving public safety and protecting Maryland families”

Join Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, County Executive Ike Leggett, Council President Nancy Navarro and the County Council who want to hear your thoughts and suggestions about improving public safety in your community.

[Visit Lt. Governor's website for RSVP](#)

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, February 11 7:00pm-9:00pm

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Board will welcome **Montgomery County Councilmember Roger Berliner** who will discuss his thoughts about the newest addition to his district (District 1) which is the area along the Potomac River from the District of Columbia to the Frederick County line and west of MD Route 28.



The Board will also greet **Mr. David Kline and Mr. Michael Hosier from First Energy/Potomac Edison** who will introduce their company. The company acquired Allegheny Power almost one year ago. Much of the Upcounty is served by First Energy/Potomac Edison and this is an opportunity to hear how the company intends to continue service.

*The public is invited to all board meetings which are held on designated Monday evenings at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road in Germantown unless otherwise noted. Comments and questions from guests are welcomed following the board discussion. If you have any questions about an agenda item, please contact the office at 240-777-8040. 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 you need other services or aids to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 (voice) or email catherine.mathews@montgomerycountymd.gov. Taking these steps will give us sufficient time to best meet your needs.

Montgomery County Recreation Invites Residents' Input on Future Health and Wellness Programming for Older Adults

Tuesday, February 12 12:30pm-2:00pm

Mid-County Community Recreation Center

2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring

Help Montgomery County Recreation develop a three-year plan to enhance and improve recreational programs for older adults that promotes their overall health and wellness. For more information call 240-777-6875. For more information, visit: http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9162

County Adds Food Inspection Data to New *dataMontgomery* Website; Residents can Sort Data by Facility Name, Location

Residents can now check to see inspection results for their favorite restaurant, carry-out, market or other kind of food service establishment. Food service inspection data has been added to Montgomery County's new dataMontgomery website (<https://data.montgomerycountymd.gov>).

Check out other information that is now available at your fingertips with:

- accessMontgomery* Access to County services, performance reports, budgets, contracts and other information;
- engageMontgomery* Share your ideas to help make Montgomery County, Maryland an even better place to live, work, and do business; and
- mobileMontgomery* County services and information while you're on the go.

Post your community meeting or event on the County Calendar!

A free service!

Go to the County's website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov and click on "County Calendar" on the right side. On the calendar, you'll see what has been posted for whatever categories you choose. On the lower left side, click on "Submit Your Calendar Event" and follow the instructions. That's all!

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County Council www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council

Planning Board www.montgomeryplanning.org