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**February 16, 2018**

## **Holiday Schedule for Presidents Day Monday, February 19**

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(use link to see the scheduled)

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**Summer Job Fair**  
**Saturday, February 17 12:00noon-3:00pm**  
**East County Community Recreation Center**  
**3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring**

*Are you energetic? Enjoy working with young people?*

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation is hosting a Summer Camp and Job Fair that is designed to showcase summer employment opportunities. The department hires more than 3,000 seasonal employees annually and they still need to fill almost 1,000 of those jobs for this coming summer.

Applicants are encouraged to bring their resumes to the job fair and prepare for speed interviews. The opportunities range from lifeguards to camp counselors to summer camp directors. The seasonal pay begins at \$11.50 an hour and increases based on experience and position.

For the list of positions and detailed information, visit

[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=21849](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21849)

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## **Mobile Commuter Store at the Upcounty Regional Services Center**

**Wednesday, February 21 7:00am-3:00pm**

**Thursday, February 22 7:00am-3:00pm**

Transit Services' "Mobile Commuter Store" travels to certain sites around the county to make it more convenient for residents to purchase Ride On passes, and MARC train tickets. You can also purchase and add value to SmarTrip cards. The Mobile Store also offers a broad range of services, including one-on-one assistance, transportation information, schedules and maps. Go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/commuter/index.html/index.html> to find out where the bus will each week. The Mobile Store is open to the public.

For more general information, read the [press release here](#).



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## **Nominations Due!**

### **2017 Volunteer of the Year Awards**

Submit nominations now for volunteers who have performed outstanding service in 2017! Montgomery County's Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes volunteers in four categories; individual, youth, group and business. These awards honor some of our County's most outstanding community leaders and dedicated volunteers. Nominations are also sought for the Neal Potter Path of Achievement Award to recognize seniors with a lifetime of service. See [release](#) for more information.

***Deadline for nominations is Friday, February 23 at 5:00pm.***

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### **Fourth Annual Education Budget Forum**

**Wednesday, February 21 6:30pm-8:30pm**  
**Damascus High School (Cafeteria)**  
**25921 Ridge Road, Damascus**

This series of five community meetings will kick off next week in Damascus. It is an opportunity for residents to hear how budget decisions are made, what preparations are being made for the next year and beyond, and what opportunities residents have to influence budget decisions.

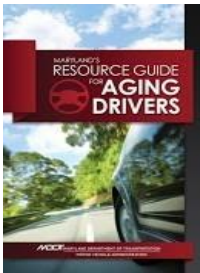
All meetings will be from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Here are the other dates and locations:

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| February 28 | Montgomery College, Rockville Campus (Theater Arts Bldg.)<br>51 Mannakee Street, Rockville |
| March 7     | John F. Kennedy High School (Cafeteria)<br>1901 Randolph Road, Silver Spring               |
| March 14    | Robert Frost Middle School (Cafeteria)<br>9201 Scott Drive, Rockville                      |
| March 19    | White Oak Middle School (Cafeteria)<br>12201 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring           |

This initiative is hosted by Councilmember Craig Rice, Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Smith, and Montgomery College President DiRionne Pollard.

For additional information, please contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or send email to [Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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### **Older Driver Safety Education and Resources**

Montgomery County's Departments of Police and Health and Human Services have partnered with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration to educate the public about older driver safety. [Read more.](#)

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## Montgomery County Council's Committee Work Has Begun on the Capital Budget

*Capital budget review for Montgomery County Public Libraries, Fire and Rescue Services, Wheaton redevelopment, Montgomery Parks and other departments*

This week, Council Committees began working on the County's capital budget. The Council held three public hearings on the capital budget and heard from 73 residents. The Council will take all testimony, emails and letters into consideration as they make decisions on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Capital Budget and the FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The County Executive's recommended six-year CIP totals \$4.521 billion.

The Committee meetings will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM). The channel can be viewed on Cable Channels 996 (high definition) and 6 (standard definition) on Comcast; Channels 1056 (HD) and 6 (SD) on RCN; and Channel 30 on Verizon. The meetings also will be available live via streaming through the Council website at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>.

**Keep up with the agendas and live streaming at**

**<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/OnDemand/index.html>**

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## MCDOT and Connect-A-Ride Sponsoring Two-Day "Ride Smart" Public Transit Travel Training

**Wednesday, March 7 10:00am-2:00pm & Thursday, March 8 10:00am-1:00pm**  
**Benjamin Gaither Center**  
**80-A Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg**



Ride Smart is a free, public transit, travel training workshop for those ages 50 and older. Learn how to comfortably travel on Ride On, Metro bus, Metrorail; get a Senior SmartTrip card; and more at the two-day workshop. [Read more.](#)

A free lunch will be provided on March 7. **Reservations are required.** Call 301-738-3252 or email [ConnectARide@AccessJCA.org](mailto:ConnectARide@AccessJCA.org)

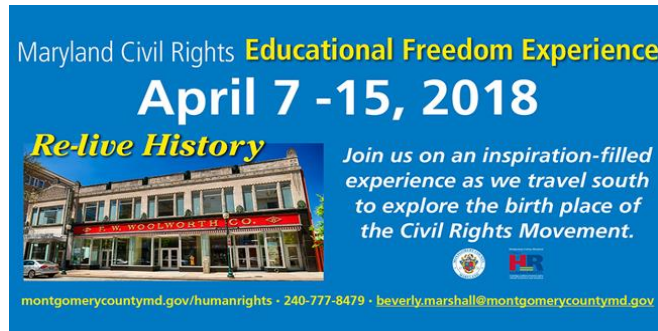
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## Ride On Bus Operator Oralee Jackson Received Kudos from a Satisfied Customer

Ride On recently received an email about Oralee Jackson's exceptional customer service. The passenger said that Jackson is "....an excellent driver. She is on time and keeps the bus warm for us..... She is always smiling and ready to do her job. I truly would like to give her 'Kudos' for her service to us. My commute is long in the morning, but I look forward to getting into her bus."

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## Educational Freedom Experience April 7-15, 2018

Registration is now open for the Maryland Civil Rights Educational Freedom Experience. The trip travels to the heart of the civil rights movement to retrace the Freedom Trail, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Greensboro sit-ins, voting rights, and other significant events of the Civil Rights Movement. For registration or more information go to [Office of Human Rights Civil Rights Tour](#).

**Deadline for registration is March 16.**

*Early registration is recommended to ensure a space on this popular tour, which is expected to fill to capacity.*

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## Registration Open for the Fifth Annual Montgomery County Energy Summit Wednesday, April 4 8:00am-4:00pm Silver Spring Civic Building One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

The Fifth Annual Montgomery County Energy Summit is set and will be co-hosted by Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the US Green Building Council - National Capital Region (USGBC-NCR). The Montgomery County Energy Summit is focused on commercial energy efficiency and clean energy in the County. The 2018 Energy Summit is focused on the theme, "The Slight Edge: Incremental Steps towards Sustainability," and how organizations can make green impacts with gradual, phased approaches in commercial buildings.

The Energy Summit is a must-attend event for County building owners, property managers, energy contractors working in the County, young professionals in the energy field or anyone interested in sustainable commercial buildings. The Montgomery County Energy Summit is part of the Countywide celebration of Earth Month, which culminates at the Montgomery County GreenFest on Saturday, May 5. For more information on GreenFest, visit [montgomerycountygreenfest.org](http://montgomerycountygreenfest.org).

**Registration for the 2018 Energy Summit is now open.** For registration and additional information, visit the event website at [www.MCEnergySummit.org](http://www.MCEnergySummit.org). Please email any questions to [energy@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:energy@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Tickets start at \$35, and include a full day of educational sessions, an exhibitor hall, as well as breakfast, lunch, and access to a post-Summit reception and networking event. *Early-bird pricing for tickets ends March 7.*

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## Matching Mini Grants Still Available for Neighborhood Events & Projects!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Mini Grant Fund was established by Montgomery County to assist and encourage neighborhood organizations, clubs, tenant associations, etc. in their community capacity building and networking efforts, and to stimulate the local economy. The fund is administered by the five Regional Services Centers, and may be used to hold community/neighborhood events and activities. Some examples that have been funded include a neighborhood movie series, an afterschool homework club, a spring break camp, signage and landscaping for a neighborhood entrance, and others.

The maximum grant amount is \$1,000 per year per organization/group. Each grant must be matched dollar for dollar with cash or in-kind donations, and the event must take place by June 30, 2018. Applying is easy! **Download the PDF** application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form. *See the [application](#) for more details and instructions.*

For more information or if you have questions, please contact:

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**County Council** [http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press\\_List.aspx?id=01](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01)

**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://permitting.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>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>