



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**February 20, 2015**

**UCAB Joint Committee Meeting  
(Quality of Life Committee and Land Use Committee)  
Monday, February 23 7:00pm  
Upcounty Regional Services Center  
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

***Topic: Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)  
Guest: Ms. Francha Davis, Executive Director, CASA***

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**Residents Invited to Participate in Live Online Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett  
Tuesday, February 24 1:00pm-2:00pm**

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will hold a "virtual" Town Hall Meeting and county residents will be able to ask questions of the County Executive before and during the chat at [Live Discussion](#) with Ike Leggett. Questions and answers will be posted both during and after the chat.

For more information, call the Office of Public Information at 240-777-6507.

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**County Council Hosts Black History Commemoration  
Tuesday, February 24 approximately 10:00am  
Council Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor hearing room  
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

On Tuesday, February 24, at approximately 10:00 a.m. the County Council will hold a Black History Month Commemoration with some legendary members of our community. On behalf of the entire Council, I invite you to join us to hear from Tina Clarke, Warren Crutchfield, The Rev. Dr. Ruby Reese Moone, James Offord, Odessa Shannon and Harvey Zeigler.

This group will touch on themes impacting the African American community in Montgomery County and share their personal experiences related to social justice issues. We will capture this oral history on film, so it can be shared with future generations of Montgomery County residents.

A limited number of metered parking spaces are available directly across from the Council Building Vinson Street. Paid public parking is available at the building on the first floor of the parking garage with the entrance located near East Jefferson and Monroe Street intersection. A map for the Council Office Building can be found at: <http://mapq.st/1BVfepQ>.

Please RSVP if you are able to attend by emailing [Walton.Harris@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Walton.Harris@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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*The Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia presents . . .*



*Jennifer Clement, Author*

**Tuesday, February 24 7:00pm**  
**Montgomery College- Germantown Campus**  
**BE 151-152 Conference Center, Germantown**  
*(note change of building)*

***Prayers for the Stolen*** (published 2014) - Stunning portrait of women in rural Mexico, especially young women stolen and trafficked by drug lords. Novel is based on hundreds of interviews of Mexican women over many years. Ms. Clement is the recipient of the National Endowment of the Arts Fellowship and the Sara Curry Humanitarian Award. She was the President of PEN Mexico; her work focused on the disappearance and killing of journalists. Q & A and a book signing will follow the talk.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the College's website at <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/athenaeum> or email [joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu)

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**Montgomery Village Meeting on February 25 Focuses on New Use for Golf Course**

**Wednesday, February 25 7:00pm-9:00pm**  
**Watkins Mill High School Cafeteria**  
**10301 Apple Ridge Road, Gaithersburg**

The [Montgomery County Planning Department](#), part of [The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#), invites business owners and residents to discuss the [Montgomery Village Master Plan](#) at a meeting on Wednesday, February 25. Planning Department staff will recap frequently asked questions from the February 9 meeting and will focus on the proposed land uses for the former Montgomery Village Golf Course. In addition, the Montgomery Village Overlay Zone will be explained as a strategy for retaining and preserving open spaces within the Village. During breakout sessions, staff invites participants to discuss their concerns and ideas about proposals related to the former golf course and Village Overlay Zone.

The PowerPoint presentation and other materials from the February 9 MV Matters meeting are posted on the [MVMatters webpage](#). The purpose of that event was to explain that the existing Town Sector Zoning for the commercial centers will be replaced by new zoning categories. Open space and recreational opportunities for Montgomery Village were also discussed.



**Stay Connected:**

**Sign up:** for the **Montgomery Village Master Plan** [eNewsletter](#)

**Call:** the **MVPlan Hotline** for updates on upcoming planning events: 301-495-4723

**Learn More:** [www.montgomeryplanning.org/mvp](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/mvp)

**Use:** #MVPlan

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## Montgomery Parks Celebrates Black History

The Montgomery Parks Department is offering Free Guided Tours at Josiah Henson Park as well as hourly screenings of a PBS documentary Time Team America: "The Search for Josiah Henson."

In addition, a Spoken Word Poetry Event will take place on February 28 at 3 p.m. For other activities, visit <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/category/parks/>

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## County Council Seeks Applicants for County Charter Review Commission; Deadline Is Wed., March 4, for 11 Four-Year Appointments

The Montgomery County Council is accepting applications for membership on the County's Charter Review Commission. Applications for the four-year appointments are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4.

The County Charter was amended in 1976 to provide that a Charter Review Commission be appointed by the County Council every four years to study the Charter. The Commission researches and evaluates Charter issues raised by the County Executive, County Council, other government officials and the public. Commission reports are submitted no later than May 1 of every even-numbered year. These reports contain recommendations concerning any proposed Charter amendments.

See press release for more details at

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14401](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsNew.asp?PrID=14401)

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**County Councilmember Roger Berliner to Hold  
Infrastructure and Growth Symposium  
Saturday, March 7 8:30am-4:00pm  
Bethesda Chevy Chase High School  
4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda**

The purpose of this event is to inform and engage county residents about current school and transportation planning policies and procedures, and offer the opportunity for them to meet with public officials and provide feedback about their communities.

To learn more, go to: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/berliner](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/berliner) or visit

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eajrillo11bf4c88&llr=oolj88bab>

*Space is limited so please register in advance [here](#)!*

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## Speakers Event Examines Influence of Montgomery County's Growth Policies on Development Patterns

Wednesday, March 11 5:30pm-7:00pm  
Planning Department Headquarters  
8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring

[The Montgomery County Planning Department](#), part of [The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#), is hosting the final event in its Winter Speakers Series called "*A Once and Future County: Lessons on How Planning Politics Shaped Montgomery County*" and is hosted by [Royce Hanson](#), former chairman of the County's Planning Board. The concluding session, titled "Hunting the Snark: Growth Policy and the Public Interest," evaluates the effects of the 40-year evolution of county growth policy on development patterns. Hanson and a panel of experts will discuss the institutional structure of planning in Montgomery County for effective and democratically accountable land use policy.

- Watch the [video](#) from the previous Winter Speakers Series event on February 11 that focused on Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve.
- Learn more about [the Once and Future County Speakers Series](#).
- Use hashtag: #onceandfuturecounty

For more details, visit <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/>

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## Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for New Public Safety Training Academy

County officials and staff recently kicked off construction activities for the new Public Safety Training Facility (PSTA). The new facility will be located at 8751 Snouffer School Road in Gaithersburg, and is part of the Montgomery County Multi Agency Service Park (MASP). This facility is another of County Executive Leggett's Smart Growth Initiative (SGI) projects that is revitalizing a former industrial area into an urban village near the Shady Grove Metro station. Leggett's SGI provides substantial economic opportunities for further growth while implementing the goals of the Shady Grove Sector Plan.

The current PSTA located at 9710 Great Seneca Highway was completed in 1973. Since then, the training needs of public safety agencies have changed significantly. The PSTA houses the specialized training programs for all new law enforcement officers hired by the Montgomery County Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the Office of the Fire Marshal of the Department of Fire and Rescue Service, the Rockville City Police Department, the Gaithersburg Police Department, the Takoma Park Police Department, the Chevy Chase Village Police Department, and the Maryland-National Capital Park Police - Montgomery County. The PSTA also houses functional training programs for all career and volunteer fire and emergency personnel who serve the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.

See the entire press release at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14528](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14528)

For details about the project, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DGS-BDC/UMC/470907.html>



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## [Applications Due on April 1 for Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credits](#)

[The Montgomery County Planning Department](#), part of [The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#), is accepting applications from county property owners seeking a financial reward for faithfully restoring the exteriors of their historic structures. To be eligible for the [Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credit](#), the property must be listed in the *Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation*.

Owners must file an application as well as documentation of the repairs that were done with the historic preservation staff of the Planning Department by April 1, 2015. The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission will then evaluate the applications to determine whether the scope of work meets the eligibility requirements for the program.

View a short [video](#) about the Historic Tax Credit program offered by the Montgomery County Planning Department [Historic Preservation Office](#). For more information, visit <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/>

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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/cs/templ.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://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/dep/home/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.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>