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**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, March 9 7:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Tentative Agenda Topics

- **An Update from Human Trafficking Task Force**
- **Bill 52-14, Pesticides -Notice Requirements -Non-Essential Pesticides Prohibitions**

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.



**Montgomery Councilmember Craig Rice, MCPS COO Andrew Zuckerman, Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard, and Sr. Vice-President Sanjay Rai to Begin Series of Education Forums
Monday, March 2 6:30pm-8:30pm
Silver Spring Civic Building
1 Veterans Place, Silver Spring**

Montgomery County Council Education Committee Chair Craig Rice, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Chief Operating Officer Andrew Zuckerman, Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard, and Sr. Vice-President of Academic Affairs Dr. Sanjay Rai will host the first of five public forums they will hold to provide information and seek input on the programs and budgets of the County's public school system and its community college. The first forum will be held at the Silver Spring Civic Building.

The series of Education Budget Meetings will continue at Sherwood High School in Sandy Spring on March 9; Gaithersburg High School on March 11; Kingsview Middle School in Germantown on March 16; and Churchill High School in Potomac on March 23.

For further information about any of the forums, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or email him at: Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov



**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.

Please send in your questions via the registration site or to councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov with "Forum Questions" in the subject line.

Free Childcare (3 years and up) will be provided on site compliments of Kids After Hours and MCCPTA.

To see the agenda and to register, go to: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/berliner or visit

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

***We want to hear from you!
Space is limited so please register in advance [here!](#)***

A Message from the President of the Montgomery County Board of Education . . .

The Montgomery County Board of Education has initiated its search for a new superintendent of schools and has retained the services of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA), a consulting firm that specializes in assisting Boards with recruiting superintendent candidates.

A key step in this process is to identify the characteristics we will be seeking in our next superintendent of schools. **We are delighted to invite you to participate in a focus group meeting to be conducted by a consultant from HYA. The meeting will be held at the following time:**

Date: Thursday, March 5

Time: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Room: Auditorium

Location: Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland

If you cannot attend this focus group meeting, we hope that you will attend one of the public forums listed below. We also ask your assistance in publicizing these public forums to members of your organization and other community members.

Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Eastern Middle School, 300 University Boulevard, East, Silver Spring (Amharic, French, and Spanish)
- Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda (Korean and Spanish)

Thursday, March 5, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Gaithersburg High School, 101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg (Chinese, Korean, and Spanish)
- Paint Branch High School, 14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville (French, Spanish, and Vietnamese)

Child care services (for ages 4 and older) will be provided. Simultaneous interpretation will be available as noted above in Amharic, Chinese, French, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese. For sign language interpretation, please call 301-517-5539 by February 27, 2015.

If you have questions regarding the scheduling of focus groups, please call the Board office at 301-279-3617. Questions regarding the search process must be referred directly to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates at 847-724-8465.

We look forward to your participation as we engage in this process to identify a new educational leader for our community.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. O'Neill
President
Montgomery County Board of Education

Conversation on Regional Economic Development

Monday, March 2, 8:00am-9:30am
The Universities at Shady Grove
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville
Building II, First Floor Ballroom

The Committee for Montgomery is sponsoring a free event to discuss data and ideas about how Montgomery County is positioned in the Metropolitan Area in terms of economic development.

In addition to our regular business agenda, we will convene three experts:

- **Holly Sears Sullivan**, President, Montgomery Business Development Corporation, which focuses on business advocacy, retention of existing companies and recruitment in Montgomery County,
- **Victor Hoskins** former economic development chief in both Washington, DC and Prince George's County, currently holding that position in Arlington County, and
- **Dr. Stephen Fuller**, George Mason University and Center for Regional Analysis, pre-eminent scholar and authority on regional economic development data.

Join CfM's hour-and-a-quarter presentation/discussion of the regional data. It's hard to plan where you want to go if you don't know where you are - and since Montgomery County does not exist in a vacuum, this regional perspective is key.

Given the policy discussions about economic development at the State and County levels, we believe this will be a very unique opportunity to hear from these very knowledgeable and highly respected experts in our region and an excellent opportunity to more deeply pursue an important component of economic development in the County.

Please invite members of your organization and/or constituents to be our guests at this event. Feel free to widely circulate this invitation. This is a conversation you will want to hear.

[Click here for FREE Registration](#)

To learn more about the Committee for Montgomery, visit www.committeeformontgomery.org

Free Bus Service Now Available to County Senior Centers for those 55 and Older Who Live Nearby

Free curb-to-curb bus service is available weekdays to County seniors 55 and older who live within three to five miles of one of the County's five senior centers. The service is a result of a partnership between the Jewish Council for the Aging and the County's Department of Recreation. For more information, call 240-777-4924 or view a [YouTube video](#) about the service. For other transportation information for seniors [Click Here](#).

Healthy Living!

The African-American Health Program, in partnership with the Montgomery County Public Libraries, the American Association of Diabetes Educators, and Walgreen, is offering a healthy living dining and activities club and diabetes education classes to promote diabetes prevention and control. Participants will enjoy food tastings, fun fitness sessions, and more!

Monday evenings 6:30pm-8:15pm March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1
Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg 20879

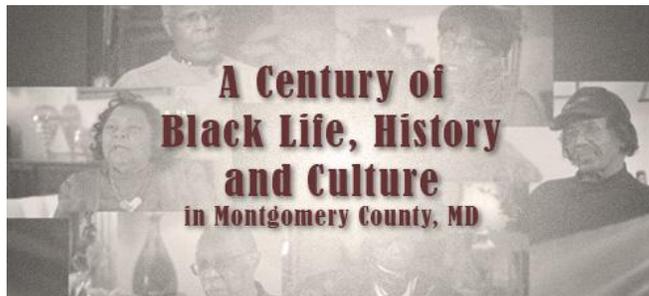
A free 4-week class series will be offered on diabetes prevention and control. Classes are led by nurses and dietitians.

Thursday evenings 6:00pm-8:30pm April 2, 9, 16 and 23
Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg 20879

A special African Healthy Living series will be offered as well. Led by an African dietitian, participants will experience food tastings from African caterers.

Saturdays 11:00am-1:00pm March 21, April 25, May 9, and June 13
White Oak Library
11701 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring 20904

Registration is required for all activities! Call Diane at 240-773-0387.



[View Black History Month Tribute Video](#)

Montgomery County Council Commemorates Black History Month in Special Ceremony Highlighting 'A Century of Black Life, History and Culture in Montgomery County,' Viewed Through Experiences of 6 Residents

Six long-time Montgomery County residents whose activism on civil rights and social justice issues played key roles in the Civil Rights movement in the County recently talked about history as they lived it as the Montgomery County Council commemorated Black History Month with a special presentation as part of its regular weekly meeting. Among those sharing their experiences with Councilmembers, invited guests and the public were Christine "Tina" Clarke, Warren Crutchfield, Ruby Reese Moone, James Offord, Odessa Shannon and Harvey Zeigler.

The Black History Month commemoration of "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture in Montgomery County" was part of the Council session that took place and the special ceremonies were televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon). The broadcast is also streamed at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/ondemand/index.html.

Montgomery Parks to Present Solar Initiative Proposal to the Montgomery County Planning Board on March 5, 2015

Public input is welcome at the meeting or by mail, email or online.

[Montgomery Parks](#), part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will present a solar initiative proposal at the March 5th Montgomery County Planning Board meeting. The proposal calls for installing solar arrays at South Germantown Recreational Park and Rock Creek Regional Park. The proposed locations are on undeveloped land that is not suitable for recreational use. The site at South Germantown Recreational Park is adjacent to high voltage power lines and the proposed Rock Creek Regional Park site is currently used to stockpile dredging spoils.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to provide input and ask questions.

Public Meeting on Montgomery Parks Solar Initiative Proposal

March 5, 2015; item is scheduled in the morning, estimated time 9:30 a.m.

Montgomery Regional Offices building

8787 Georgia Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20910

www.ParkPlanning.org

Written questions, comments or requests for more information may be sent to:

Dominic Quattrocchi, Project Coordinator

M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks

9500 Brunett Ave.,

Silver Spring, MD 20901

Dominic.Quattrocchi@montgomeryparks.org

301-650-4361

About the Solar Initiative:

Montgomery Parks is researching the feasibility of installing two solar arrays on undeveloped parkland at Rock Creek Regional Park and South Germantown Recreational Park. These sites were selected following a comprehensive study of parkland which reviewed usage and environmental impacts and included information provided by park managers and subject matter experts.

Benefits include:

- Reduced carbon footprint equivalent to annual greenhouse gas emissions from 300 automobiles
- Estimated energy savings up to \$290,850 per year per 2 megawatt solar array
- Reduce dependence on non-renewable resources and impact of extraction techniques that harm the environment
- Consistent with [M-NCPPC's Mission Statement](#)
- Consistent with Montgomery County's [Energy Initiatives and Carbon Reduction Goals](#)

Pending approval from the Montgomery County Planning Board, solar farm construction will begin in the late spring /early summer of this year and is expected to be complete by the end of 2015.

The Department of Parks will continue to explore additional solar options in the future to reduce energy costs and the department's carbon footprint. Due to limited availability of undeveloped parkland, future options for solar initiatives may involve technologies that are embedded in parking lot surfaces, roads and trails and/or constructed over commission parking lots and facilities.



An Update from Go Montgomery!

News and information about transportation including roads, transit, hiker-biker trails, and pedestrian safety.

The [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#) announced that the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) approved \$2.7 million in funding for a number of projects that will enhance transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities, including several projects in Montgomery County.

Of the nine projects recommended for funding, those that will benefit County residents are:

- A [Jewish Council for the Aging](#) project to strengthen the "Connect-a-Ride" transportation information program with an improved database and a bi-lingual mobility specialist.
- A Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services effort to increase coordination between the transportation and human service agencies within the County, provide outreach and marketing about existing transportation services and increase volunteer driver recruitment.
- A Maryland Transit Administration project that will use a block grant for vehicle purchase for suburban Maryland non-profits. [Read more](#)

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Planning Board 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/dephome/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>