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March 18, 2016

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 21 7:00pm-9:00pm
Damascus Community Recreation Center (*note change of location*)
25520 Oak Drive, Damascus
Phone: 240-777-6930

The board will hold their March 21st meeting in Damascus. There is no particular topic designated but board members hope that community residents and businesses will attend to share comments, suggestions and ideas.

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.



County Executive Leggett Releases FY17 Recommended Operating Budget and FY17-22 Public Services Program

Leggett FY17 Operating Budget Boosts Schools Spending by \$136 Million; Increases Property Taxes; Budget Addresses Fiscal Impact of Wynne Case; Boosts Investment in Public Safety, Business & Job Creation, Programs for Seniors, At-Risk Youth, Libraries

On March 15, Mr. Leggett released his Recommended FY17 Operating Budget of \$5.3 billion for the year that begins on July 1, 2016 – a budget that increases County spending on the Montgomery County Public Schools by almost \$136 million (\$90 million over Maintenance of Effort) and addresses the loss to County coffers by the Wynne case with a 3.9 cent increase per \$100 assessed valuation in the property tax rate over the current year. The budget also closes an estimated \$178 million gap.

For more information, visit these sites:

- [Press Release](#)
- Budget Charts (pdf): [County Government Spending](#), [Property Tax Increases](#), [Budget Shortfalls Closed](#).
- [Online Publication of FY17 Recommended Operating Budget](#).
- [Watch Announcement from YouTube](#).

Montgomery County Council to Hold 5 Public Hearings on FY17 Operating Budget
Residents Can Sign Up to Speak at Afternoon and Evening Hearings in Rockville on April 5, 6 and 7

The Montgomery County Council will hold five public hearings spread over April 5, 6 and 7 on Montgomery County's Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget. More than 150 people are expected to express views about specific items, and the general structure, of the budget.

The public hearings will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5; at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6; and at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 7. All hearings will be held in the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Ave. in Rockville. After the public hearings are completed, the Council and its six committees will analyze the recommendations over the next two months and will adopt the FY17 County budget in late May. The budget will take effect on July 1.

The hearings will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and also will be available via streaming through the Council web site at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>.

The number of speaker spots available for the public hearings is limited. Those interested in testifying can sign up online starting Thursday, March 17, at <http://tinyurl.com/hl3mpdx> or by calling 240-777-7803.

For residents who speak a language other than English, special arrangements for interpretation services can be made for either those testifying or those attending. Arrangements must be made at least 48 hours in advance at 240-777-7931.

Comments and suggestions are welcome online at <http://tinyurl.com/zrbwh5v>; via email at county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov; via regular mail to: County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850; or by calling the Council budget hotline at 240-777-7802.

Information on the budget can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mp2o2gj> or by going to the County Council web page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council and clicking on “Operating and CIP Budgets.”

**Montgomery Councilmember Rice, MCPS Interim Superintendent Bowers, &
Montgomery College President Pollard to host 5 forums on education budget**
Wednesday, March 23 6:30pm-8:30pm
Thomas S. Wootton High School
2100 Wootton Parkway, Rockville

The last in a series of public forums will provide information, and seek input, on the programs and budgets of the County’s public school system and its community college. There will also be discussion about the opportunities residents will have to influence decisions that will be made as the County works to adopt its Fiscal Year 2017 budget. In May, the County Council will adopt the budget that will go into effect on July 1.

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’s Health Ranking Among the Highest in Maryland

For the third year in a row, Montgomery County has one of the highest overall rankings in Maryland in the annual County Health Rankings (CHR) for Maryland, a collaboration of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The rankings compare counties within each state on more than 30 factors that impact health, including social determinants such as education, jobs, housing, exercise, commuting times and more. Montgomery County ranked highest for health outcomes (today’s health) and Howard County ranked highest for health factors (tomorrow’s health).



Montgomery College and NXP to Host NXP's Mobile Smarter World Tour
Monday, March 28 10:00am-3:00pm
Montgomery College-Germantown Campus
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

NXP's three-story truck contains 180+ technology demos highlighting NXP's vision of a smarter world that is not only connected but also secure. The truck will feature demonstrations that focus on seven different areas: secure connected vehicles, secure mobile, medical and wearables, smart building, smart cities, start-ups and communities, smart networks, and smart home. Explore the truck and experience 180+ demos from the smallest micros to complex network infrastructure. These interactive demos show how technology brings the Internet of Things to life.

If you are interested in seeing more about the tour, feel free to view this link: <http://iot.nxp.com/americas>

The event is free and open to the public.

Voter Registration and Party Affiliation Change Deadline Nears

Montgomery County citizens who wish to vote in the 2016 Presidential Primary Election need to complete and submit their voter registration application no later than Tuesday, April 5, 2016, by 9:00 p.m. Is your voter registration up to date? Is your political party affiliation correct? Do you wish to change your political party affiliation or make any other changes to your voter registration? Generally, you must be registered with either the Democratic or Republican Party to vote in the primary election. If there are non-partisan offices that are elected in a primary election (i.e., school board), any voter can vote for these offices. Make sure you update your registration prior to April 5, 2016, so you are ready to vote.

For more information about registering to vote, visit
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/registration/VoterRegistration.html>

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOTERS:
CHECK YOUR MAIL FOR YOUR PERSONALIZED SAMPLE BALLOT**

Early voting starts April 14. Not sure where to vote or what choices will be on the ballot? Check your mail. If you are registered to vote, the Montgomery County Board of Elections is mailing you a personalized sample ballot, along with all of the information you will need to vote in the 2016 Presidential Election, depending on which political party you are registered with and where you live. Don't mistake it for junk mail - the sample ballot is an 8 ½ x 11 booklet and has information on Early Voting locations on the front cover and your Election Day polling place on the back cover.

Get details on the sample ballot and what to look for at
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/PressReleases2016/SampleBallot.html>

Montgomery Councilmembers Katz and Berliner to host Senior Safety Forum in Gaithersburg
Friday, April 8 9:30am-12:00noon
Asbury Methodist Village
Rosborough Center's Community Rooms
Odendhal Avenue and Asbury Drive, Gaithersburg
(use main entrance on Odendhal Avenue and follow signs beyond security gate)

Montgomery County Councilmembers Sidney Katz and Roger Berliner will host a Senior Forum and Resource Fair and the program will focus on protecting seniors from scams, addressing signs of elder abuse and neglect and promoting ways that seniors can contribute to the community through volunteering. It will be accompanied by an informational resource fair showcasing a wide range of service providers to seniors.

Both the Senior Forum and resource fair are free and open to the public. The resource fair will be open from 9:30am-10:30am. See list of guest speakers and other details at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15864

For more information on the forum, contact Lindsay Hoffman in the Office of Councilmember Katz at 240-777-7817 or at lindsay.hoffman@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Montgomery Council seeks Applicants for Charter Review Commission

The Montgomery County Council is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Charter Review Commission. Since no more than six members can be from the same political party, this appointee may be a Republican, someone who declines to affiliate with a party or a member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections. The term of the current commission will expire on December 2, 2018. **Applicants should submit letters of interest by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13.**

For more details, see press release http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15872

Montgomery Council seeks applicants for Montgomery County Planning Board

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board. The second term of Amy Presley (Republican) will expire on June 14, 2016, and she is therefore not eligible for reappointment. **Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20.**

For more details, see press release http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15822

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

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://permittingservices.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>