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## Leggett Seeks Applicants for Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill **seven vacancies on the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board**. Four incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment.

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board represents approximately 300,000 residents in the area north of Shady Grove Road, including the communities of Barnesville, Beallsville, Boyds, Clarksburg, Damascus, Darnestown, Dickerson, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Goshen, Laytonsville, Montgomery Village, North Potomac, Poolesville, Tobytown, and Washington Grove. Residents of Clarksburg, Laytonsville, Barnesville, Beallsville, Dickerson, Washington Grove, and Poolesville are particularly encouraged to apply.

The 20-member Board advises the County Executive, County Council, and the Regional Director of the Upcounty area on needs and priorities such as transportation, human services, the environment, land use, public safety, and other issues of local importance. It also reviews and comments on the County's capital and operating budgets and master plans; assists with strategies to tailor services to regional needs; and conducts workshops and forums. Some members represent the Board on other committees.

For more details, visit http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/exec/vacancies/PR_details.asp?PrID=9307

or contact Catherine Matthews, Upcounty Regional Services Director, at 240-777-8040.

*Deadline for applications is April 10.*

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## Montgomery County Commission for Women is Looking to Fill a Part-time Social Worker Position

The Commission for Women is an office of the county government and will begin offering counseling services at its offices in early 2013. Bilingual applicants in the Spanish/English languages are encouraged to apply.

The position is Job # IRC1999 and is announced with details on the County's website at:
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ohr/staffing/careers.html.

You may also contact:
Judith Vaughan-Prather, Executive Director, Montgomery County Commission for Women
240-777-8333

*Deadline for applications is April 10, 2013*

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*Leadership Montgomery* **Seeking Applicants for their Core Program, Senior Program, and Youth Program**

"Leadership Montgomery brings together current and emerging leaders to make Montgomery County a better place to live and work." This is achieved "by building a diverse group of informed community trustees who create collaborations and partnerships to impact community needs."

*Deadlines and links to applications are:*
**March 29 – Youth Program**    http://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/programs/youth-program
**April 26 - Senior Program**    http://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/programs/senior-program
**May 3  - Core Program**    http://www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org/programs/core-program

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# New E-Filing System Will Streamline Planning Department Application Process

How challenging is it to file a development application with the Montgomery County Planning Department?   Applicants would attest that it is a big task indeed, requiring filing paperwork for up to 20 submittal items, from a forest conservation plan to a traffic study.   To accommodate reviews by representatives from several county and state agencies, applicants must deliver multiple copies of each of those 20 documents.

The Department accepts more than 300 applications a year, and reviewing proposed development is one of the Planning Board's main functions.   Starting today, that process got easier for two types of applications with the launch of ePlans, the Planning Department's new online submittal and review system.

On the ePlans webpage, applicants will find a user's guide and instructions about how to prepare files for upload, as well as links to the application portal and ePlans log-in page.  Fees will continue to be paid in person at Park and Planning Headquarters. Applicants will receive an email when fees are due after the application materials have been pre-screened.

Access ePlans at www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/eplans.shtm.

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# Love is in Montgomery Parks! Montgomery Parks Hosts Open Houses for Event Venues



*Brides and grooms, family & friends are invited to tour Seneca Lodge and Woodlawn Manor on April 7, 2013.*

Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is hosting spring open houses on April 7 at two of its five Park Event Centers: Seneca Lodge and Woodlawn Manor. Brides-to-be, grooms-to-be, family members, wedding planners and other interested parties will have an opportunity to tour the event centers, meet with caterers (and sample food), florists, photographers, and other vendors. Both events are free and open to the public. No RSVP is required. Details on each venue and open house are listed below.

**Seneca Lodge Open House**
**Date/Time:**    Sunday, April 7, 2013, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
**Location:**    14500 – A Clopper Road
    Boyds, MD, 20841
**Reservations:**  301-563-7510

**Woodlawn Manor Open House**
**Date/Time:**    Sunday, April 7, 2013, Noon – 4 p.m.
**Location:**    16501 Norwood Road
    Sandy Spring, MD 20860
**Reservations:**  301-774-1900

*For more information on available venues, visit Montgomery Parks at* www.ParkEventCenters.com

## New Montgomery County Promotional Video on U.S. Airways!

Montgomery County's Conference and Visitors Bureau (CVB) has partnered with Montgomery County's Department of Economic Development (DED) to strategically market the county and our many business and tourism assets. A **3 minute in-flight video** will be aired on more than 1,700 U.S. Airways and American Airlines Business First Class national and international flights during the entire month of April 2013. In addition, a **30 second boarding video** will air on all main screen flights prior to departure to approximately 320,000 passengers, and a full page ad for CVB and DED will be in *US Airways Magazine* with an exposure to more than 3 million passengers.

DED and the CVB will explore future joint advertising and marketing opportunities as part of each organization's ongoing efforts to strategically market Montgomery County as both a business and tourist destination.

Click here for the full press release.
View the videos at http://www.choosemontgomerymd.com/media-center/ded-cvb-videos

## Pedestrian Safety Quiz

Warmer weather means that there will be more pedestrians out and about. Drivers **and** pedestrians should be careful and follow safety rules. Recently, 120 middle schools students were quizzed in an effort to help them understand how to stay safe and to understand the potential consequences of poor pedestrian choices.

Do you know the do's and don'ts of safety? Test yourself!

*1) About how many pedestrians were struck by vehicles last year in Montgomery County?*
CORRECT ANSWER: 400. That's more than one person every day! Remember to make eye contact with drivers when you're walking so you don't get hit. See Them See You!

*2) If a pedestrian is hit by a car traveling 40 mph, what is the chance that they will die?*
CORRECT ANSWER: The answer is 85 percent. Would you want to take that chance?

*3) Where is the safest place to cross the street?*
CORRECT ANSWER: The answer is at an intersection. Always use crosswalks and don't cross mid-block!

*4) To be safe walking at night, what kind of clothing should you wear?*
CORRECT ANSWER: The answer is reflective clothing. Reflective materials help make people visible in the dark and can make a life-saving difference. Pedestrians and cyclists wearing reflective materials are less likely to be struck. Bicyclists should have lights and reflectors on their bikes, as well as reflective leg bands or clothing.

*5) If you get a ticket for jaywalking, how much will it cost you?*
CORRECT ANSWER: The answer is $50. Breaking the law by not using a crosswalk can cost you a $50 ticket or much worse -- an injury or even your life!

*6) Which group is at the greatest risk for pedestrian injuries?*
CORRECT ANSWER: The answer is kids between the ages of five and 15. Pedestrian injury is still the second leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children in this age group -- kids just like you!

*7) What side of the street should you walk on when there is no sidewalk?*
CORRECT ANSWER: The answer is walk on the side of the street facing traffic because it is easier for the drivers to see you. And you should still wear reflective clothing at night or in bad weather. See them see you!

*8) What should you do if you are halfway across the street and the white WALK signal changes to the flashing red DON'T WALK signal?*
CORRECT ANSWER: The answer is keep walking at a normal pace. Never run in the street.

*For more information about the game or for those who want to sponsor the game at their school,*
*contact Nadji Kirby at* nadji.kirby@montgomerycountymd.gov.

**Congratulations to the newest graduating class from the Public Safety Training Academy!**

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