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Hours Expanded for Dredging Operation at Gunners Lake in Germantown

The expanded work hours for the dredging operation at Gunners Lake in Germantown will be 6:00am-7:00pm on weekdays, and 8:00am-5:00pm on Saturdays. This is effective beginning Saturday, April 23, 2016 through Sunday, May 22, 2016. A future announcement will be made if the work must continue beyond May 22.

Gunners Lake is located in Germantown, Maryland and has a surface area of approximately 20 acres. The lake was created in late 1985 by building a dam across Gunners Branch in the [Great Seneca subwatershed](#). The pond dam serves as a road embankment for Wisteria Drive, and is designated as a [significant hazard dam](#) by Maryland Department of Environment. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is responsible for structural maintenance of the lake.

Over the years, a large amount of sediment has settled on the bottom of the north end of the lake, requiring it to be removed. Sediment accumulation is a normal process in stormwater ponds and lakes. However, a significant amount of sediment can affect the water quality treatment processes of the lake and must be removed. As part of this project, DEP evaluated the sediment accumulation in the lake and explored steps necessary to upgrade the facility to bring it to current stormwater management design standards.

The stormwater lake improvements will help to protect [Seneca Creek](#), which drains to the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay.

For more information, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/water/major-stormwater-project.html> or contact:

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April 26, Tuesday is Primary Election Day!

Up-to-the moment Election Day results for the April 26 Primary Election will be available after the polls close on the website of the [Montgomery County Board of Elections](#). Votes cast during Early Voting will be counted on Election Day and released shortly after 8:00 p.m.

For more information, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

Montgomery County and Maryland DOTs to Host Public Open Houses on MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Planning Study

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), will host two open houses where the public can learn more and provide input on plans to develop Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the MD 355 corridor from Bethesda to Clarksburg.

The first Open House is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Bethesda–Chevy Chase High School Cafeteria, 4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda.

The second Open House will be held Tuesday, May 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gaithersburg High School Cafeteria, 101 Education Boulevard, Gaithersburg.

The same information will be available at each session. The public can stop by at any time during the designated hours.

At the open houses, residents will have the opportunity to meet the project team and learn about how BRT looks and works; the study process and schedule; existing area conditions; and the draft preliminary purpose and need statement. Public involvement is vital to address community concerns and offer the opportunity to participate in the decision process. MCDOT is studying BRT jointly with MDOT's Transit Administration and State Highway Administration. BRT would greatly increase high-quality transit services to the County's most densely developed areas, areas planned for redevelopment, and areas planned for new dense development. BRT offers a cost-effective and versatile way for communities to meet their transit needs. It uses well-planned bus routes and facilities that enable high-speed travel at lower cost than other forms of transit.

Project information is available online ([MD 355 North](#) and [MD 355 South](#)) or by calling the Maryland Transit Administration's (MTA) Corridor Manager at 410-767-1380, toll-free at 866-743-3682 or TTY 410-539-3497.

MTA encourages residents to submit questions or comments by email to md355brt@mta.maryland.gov or by mail to Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Suite 902, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Montgomery County Council Public Hearing on Changes to Rates of Recordation Tax Tuesday, May 10 1:30pm Council Office Building, 3rd floor Hearing Room 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on Expedited Bill 15-16 that would increase the rates of the recordation tax, allocate the revenue received from the tax to certain uses and generally amend the law governing the recordation tax. The Council may consider amendments to the bill that would increase or decrease the proposed rates.

The meeting will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and can be viewed via streaming through the County website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can start signing up on Thursday, April 21, online at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html> or by calling 240-777-7803.

The deadline to sign up is 5 p.m. on Monday, May 9. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the bill or go to <http://tinyurl.com/hnrcbs7>.

The County's Comprehensive Economic Strategy Still Available for Public Review and Comment.

Montgomery County's Comprehensive Economic Strategy (CES) proposes a set of strategies to promote the County's future economic prosperity. As a comprehensive blueprint for the continued economic prosperity of the County, the CES addresses issues of business vitality (including target industries), talent, creative economies (including entrepreneurship), and place-making, all with the goal of increasing access to jobs, enhancing the success of the County's businesses, and expanding the tax base with a 10-year time horizon and a 4-year implementation timeline. From the outset of this project, the County Executive recognized the need for cross-departmental and cross-sectoral engagement in order for the plan to truly address the County's needs. It will require effort from across county government, as well as business, non-profit, and civic leaders.

The strategic plan represents the first time that 10 county government offices and departments with a stake in economic development have come together to plan for the County's economic future. The strategic plan benefits from the input of a broad-based [Community Advisory Group](#), consisting of business, non-profit, and community leaders to provide input to the team developing the plan.

Review the plan at

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ep/Resources/Files/Montgomery%20County%20CES%202016-03-23%20final.pdf>

Written comments must be submitted by April 30, 2016, to:

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SEEKING YOUR HELP TO COMPLETE "MOVING MONTGOMERY FORWARD" SURVEY

In February 2016, over 25 community leaders participated in a Montgomery Moving Forward (MMF) Focus Group to drill down on next steps in facilitating success of the new and evolving workforce development system in Montgomery County.

Please join this on-going conversation by [completing this short survey](#), which poses the same questions as those asked at the focus group.

Donate Food and Get a Free Ride on Ride On April 24 – 30

During Ride On's 30th annual Give and Ride food drive, bus passengers may donate nonperishable food for elementary school students and receive a free bus ride in return. ([Press release](#))



Poolesville Library Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Poolesville Library Celebrates 25th Anniversary. Longtime Poolesville Library advocate Maggie Nightingale displays her proclamation of Maggie Nightingale Day from County Executive Ike Leggett. *Pictured left to right: Upcounty Regional Service Center Director Catherine Matthews, Public Library Director Parker Hamilton and Poolesville Town Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski.*

A Benefit for Historic Medley District, Inc. • Guardians of our Past, Advocates for our Future

POOLESVILLE IN HISTORY DAY

A Journey through the Timeline of Our Past

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 • 9:30 A.M. ~ 4:00 P.M.

..... Whalens Commons, 19701 Fisher Ave., Poolesville MD 20837

Historical Encampments and Re-Enactments of actual Poolesville Historical Events

FREE
EVENT*

*A donation
to HIMD is
requested



Poolesville in History Day
Saturday, May 7 9:30am-4:00pm
Whalen Commons
19701 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

The Town of Poolesville will host “Poolesville in History Day,” as residents and visitors will be transported back through time and will embark on a journey through Poolesville’s historic timeline, complete with War reenactments and era attire. “Poolesville in History Day’s” main feature presentation will be the launch of Professor Thaddeus Lowe’s Civil War observation hot air balloon. Lowe was the father of the American Aeronautical Corporation and was said to have been the inspiration for the character Oz, from L. Frank Baum’s The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

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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>