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CANCELLED

UCAB's Land Use Committee
Monday, May 2 7:00pm-8:30pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) urges Upcounty residents and businesses to attend the May 3rd Open House on the BRT system (Bus Rapid Transit) that is proposed for the MD Rt. 355 corridor from Bethesda to Clarksburg. See more in the article below.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, April 30 10:00am-2:00pm
(See locations below)

On Saturday, the Montgomery County Police Department will be participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back day at multiple locations. This is a safe, **free and anonymous** opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by disposing of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs. The drop-off locations will accept prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted as part of the take-back program. Officers will staff collection boxes in the parking lots or in the lobbies of the following facilities:

Collection Sites:

Montgomery County Police Department:

- **1st District Station/Headquarters – 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, 20878**
- **2nd District Friendship Heights Community Center – 4433 S Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, 20815**
- **3rd District Station – 1002 Milestone Drive, Silver Spring, 20904**
- **4th District Station – 2300 Randolph Road, Wheaton, 20902**
- **5th District Station – 20000 Aircraft Drive, Germantown, 20874**
- **6th District Station – 45 West Watkins Mill Road, Gaithersburg, 20878**

The Montgomery County law enforcement community is particularly interested in medications containing controlled substances but will accept any medications brought for disposal. All sites will take pills and medication patches of all kinds. If possible, prescription labels should be removed or personal information should be blacked out; however, pill bottles will still be accepted if the labels are attached. No questions will be asked. This is an opportunity to safely empty out a medicine cabinet of drugs that are no longer needed.

Disposing of drugs through a drug take-back day is the safest option. If it is safe to dispose of a drug by flushing it down a toilet, the drug label or prescription information will indicate that option is an appropriate means of disposal. Otherwise, unused drugs should not be poured down a sink or flushed for disposal.

All the returned medications on Prescription Drug Take-Back ay will be incinerated by the Montgomery County Department of Police according to state and local regulations.

Second Annual Montgomery County GreenFest
Saturday, April 30 11:00am-4:00pm
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park

GreenFest is the County's premier environmental festival and combines entertainment, exhibitors, films, food, and workshops to provide a day of fun for the whole family. The event brings together County residents and businesses who want to build a greener, healthier community, both locally and globally.

As part of the Welcoming Program kicking off the event, County Executive Ike Leggett will be joined by Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy in the Main Auditorium. Others participating in the Welcoming Program include Council President Nancy Floreen and Councilmembers Roger Berliner, Tom Hucker, George Leventhal and Hans Riemer, State Senator Jamie Raskin (District 20), City of Takoma Park Mayor Katie Stewart and County Department of Environmental Protection Director Lisa Feldt.

Entertainment opportunities include music on the outdoor stage from 11:45am to 3:30pm. Acts include an Ethiopian dance troop, fiddlers and a jazz band. Attendees can head to the auditorium at 2:30 pm for a special screening of the award winning documentary, *E.O. Wilson: Of Ants and Men*.

For more details, visit http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=13986

Pitch, Hit & Run!
Saturday, April 30 11:00am-2:00pm
Plum Gar Local Park
19561 Scenery Drive, Germantown
free to compete!

Boys and girls, ages 7-14, compete separately and participants have the opportunity to compete in four levels of competition including Locals, Sectionals, Team Championships and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game. For more information, visit www.mlb.com/mlb/kids/mlb_pitch_hit_run.jsp Parent/Guardian permission is required.

Sponsored by Montgomery County Recreation in partnership with the Maryland-National Capital Park Police.

Move More Montgomery!
Saturday, April 30 12:00n-4:00pm
Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center
14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville

The Move More Montgomery Festival, a field-day type festival, will feature a community walk, sport and fitness demonstrations, active performances and mini-classes, interactive wellness booths and the Fido Fitness Arena. **The event is on whether rain or shine.** [Read more at Move More Montgomery.](#)

Reminder!

BRT Open House Tuesday, May 3 6:30pm - 8:30pm Gaithersburg High School Cafeteria 101 Education Blvd., Gaithersburg

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), in partnership with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), are hosting a second open house 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.**

At the open house, 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.

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.

The public can stop by at any time during the designated hours. For additional information about Montgomery County's BRT project, go [here](#).

Commission for Women to Host Listening Session Thursday, May 5 7:00pm-9:00pm Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center (Wisconsin Room) 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda

The Montgomery County Commission for Women will host the second in a series of listening sessions where County residents are invited to participate in discussions regarding issues important to them. Topics raised during the listening tour will help to shape and influence the work of the Commission for Women.

The listening sessions will be held at each of the five Montgomery County Regional Services Centers with upcoming sessions planned for the Silver Spring Regional Services Center, the Mid-County Regional Services Center in Wheaton and the Upcounty Regional Services Center in Germantown.

For more information about the Commission for Women, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/ or call 240-777-8333.

May is National Building Safety Month

To help raise awareness of building safety, the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services is celebrating Building Safety Month by offering free deck maintenance inspections for single-family detached homes, townhouses and duplex dwellings.

The inspections are available to all Montgomery County residents in the **month of May only** and excluding the City of Rockville and the City of Gaithersburg. The inspection will include a checklist for homeowners to help them maintain a safe and sound structure. Homeowners will be contacted before the inspection is performed. All requests will be honored as the inspectors' workloads permit. To schedule an inspection, call 311.

County Officials Urge Residents to Be Prepared for Mosquito Season and Learn About Zika Virus

The County has formed a Zika work group made up of the Departments of Environmental Protection, General Services, Housing and Community Affairs, Health and Human Services, Recreation, Transportation, the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS), the Office of Public Information and 311 Call Center, the Parks Department and representatives from the local municipalities of Gaithersburg, Rockville and Takoma Park. Headed by OEMHS, the group has been coordinating efforts to educate the community about protection against mosquito bites and elimination of mosquito breeding sites.

The County is also launching a public education and awareness campaign that includes a website where residents can find a wealth of information about eliminating mosquitoes, Zika virus and protection against mosquito bites. The campaign will include Ride On bus ads, a mail campaign and printed materials distributed to County facilities and community locations. Municipalities will provide information and resources to their residents as well.

To learn how to protect yourself and your family, and what our County's Health Officer says, visit <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito/>

New Dennis Avenue Health Center Opens 2000 Dennis Avenue, Silver Spring

The new 55,000 square foot facility is located next to the original building, which was originally built in the 1960's and was initially used as an elementary school. The new Dennis Avenue Health Center (DAHC) center provides clinic and office space, and medical examination rooms and provides staff and clients with a high functioning medical facility that employs the latest technology. The building will also include a healing garden on the grounds.

The center handles one out of every 150 cases of tuberculosis in the United States. Currently, DAHC handles 74,700 patient visits per year with 115 employees. A special design consideration of the new building is protecting patients and staff from communicable diseases such as tuberculosis. This includes state-of-the-art x-ray equipment, as well as a special air handling system.

Public health programs located at DAHC include Communicable Disease & Epidemiology, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response, Immunization, Disease Control, HIV Services, Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Services and Tuberculosis Control & Refugee Health. To learn more, visit http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=13980

National Small Business Week May 1 - 7

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and others from all 50 states and U.S. territories. Every day, they're working to grow small businesses, create 21st century jobs, drive innovation, and increase America's global competitiveness.

Visit your local small businesses and say "Thanks for being here!"

Germantown Public Library Announces Events

Meditation: a path to mental and physical well-being
Saturday, May 7 10:00am
Germantown Library
19840 Century Blvd., Germantown

Destination College: Understanding the College Admissions Process
Saturday, May 14 3:00pm-4:30pm
Germantown Library
19840 Century Blvd., Germantown

Register on the library's website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library. Go to "Branches," "Germantown Library," then find the date of the program. If you have questions, call the library at 240-777-0110.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

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://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

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://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>