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May 6, 2016

UCAB's Quality of Life Committee Meeting
Monday, May 9 7:00pm-8:30pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Discussion: "Universal Pre-K" Education Model

*Guests: Barbara J. Andrews, Ph.D., Administrator, Early Childhood Services
Children, Youth and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Service
and
Verna Washington, Supervisor, Division of Title I and Early Childhood Programs
and Services, Montgomery County Public Schools*

Board meetings are open to the public!

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.

Community Input Needed on MARC Rail Communities Plans

The new MARC Rail Communities Plan will build on the recommendations of the previous 1985 Boyds Master Plan, the 1989 Germantown Master Plan and the 2009 Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan, and will examine in greater detail the land uses, zoning, design and multimodal access to the two MARC stations. Specifically, this limited Master Plan will:

- Determine the appropriate land uses and densities at sites near each station.
- Provide recommendations to improve multimodal access to each station (using information gathered during the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways and the Bicycle Master Plan to help inform the access portion of this plan).
- Consider other concerns raised during the planning process (i.e. parking).

Let the planners know . . . What makes the Boyds and/or Germantown areas special? What would you like to change? How can the MARC rail station areas be a catalyst for that change? How do you envision the future of your communities?

[Learn More](#)

Veteran's One-Stop-Shop Workshop in Frederick
Saturday, May 7 1:00pm-4:00pm
Mount St. Mary's University – Frederick Campus
5350 Spectrum Drive, Frederick

A Veterans One-Stop-Shop workshop, hosted by Congressman John Delaney, will feature over 30 organizations offering resume development assistance, educational opportunities, mental health treatment options, job opportunities for veterans and much more. Representatives from the VA Baltimore Regional Office will be on-hand to check the status of any VA claims.

[Please take a moment to register for the Veteran's One-Stop-Shop on May 7th.](#)

Montgomery County Planning Board to Discuss 2016 Subdivision Staging Policy
May 9 and 12

- May 9 –Planning Board/worksession #1 – discussion of working draft; 9:00am (general overview and the transportation element)
- May 12 – Planning Board worksession #2 – discussion of working draft; 9:00am (schools and other non-transportation elements)

The Planning Board's Agenda is subject to change and certain items may be postponed or added. For meeting updates or to view the Planning Board proceedings live on our website, visit www.montgomeryplanningboard.org.

Montgomery County Recreation to Host Youth Summit
Wednesday, May 11 5:00pm-8:00pm
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and Recreation Department Director Gabe Alborno invite middle and high school students to participate in a Youth Summit where young people will have an opportunity to share their experiences, insights and solutions directly with the County Executive, members of the County Council and other representatives from Montgomery County Government.

The town hall-style Youth Forum will begin with welcoming remarks by County representatives and will be moderated by local radio hosts Pedro Biaggi of El Zol (WLZL-FM) and Joe Clair of WPGC-FM. The conversation is being used as a tool to challenge students to identify and discuss the increasing number of hurdles young people face that may later cause disengagement, apathy and socially destructive behavior.

This year's summit will include a Youth Opportunities Information Fair immediately after the Youth Forum. Students will be invited to visit information tables, ask questions, and learn how they can participate with various elected officials, county agencies and non-profit organizations. The fair will expand the opportunity for young people to engage in conversation with community leaders and stakeholders. Light refreshments will be provided.

Limited transportation to and from the Silver Spring Civic Building is available from the following locations: Germantown and East County Community Recreation Centers; Watkins Mill, Springbrook, Montgomery Blair and Wheaton High Schools; and Montgomery Village, Forest Oak, Roberto Clemente, Neelsville, A. Mario Loiederman, Argyle and Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle Schools. Middle and high school students needing transportation must have a signed permission slip with them at the time of pick up. **Permission slips will be available online beginning Friday, May 6.** Participants can find the form at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec by clicking on the Special Events link under Youth Development.

Pre-registration for the event is recommended, but not necessary. To pre-register, go to www.activemontgomery.org and enter activity code 20406 in the search box. Registration is open to all middle and high school students in Montgomery County. This free event is sponsored by members of the County Executive's Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

For more information regarding the event or transportation, call 240-777-8080.

County Hosts Resource Fair on Accessing Mental Health Services
Monday, May 16 5:00pm-8:00pm
Montgomery College- Rockville Campus
Small Gym (PE137A)
51 Mannakee Street, Rockville

Learn about the many wellness and recovery programs and resources for mental health services.

Staff from the County’s Department of Health and Human Services, as well as other community organizations, will provide information on community-based programs, prevention programs, crisis services, peer-support programs, mental health services and other support for children, youth, adults, older adults, families, veterans and others.

The community fair is sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services’ Behavioral Health and Crisis Services Core Service Agency and the Montgomery College Mental Health Program.

To request sign language interpreter services or other assistance to participate in this event, please call 240-777-1059 or email shawn.lattanzio@montgomerycountymd.gov by May 11. For more information about the fair, call 240-777-1400.



Still Time to [register for BIKE TO WORK DAY!](#)

Join thousands of Metropolitan Washington area commuters in a fun, healthy event on May 20th. Find your pit stop and sign up for gifts, prize drawings and all the coffee you can drink!

[Learn more about Bike to Work Day here.](#)

Rental Housing Study Underway

The Planning Department’s Research and Special Projects Division (RSP) is coordinating with the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to conduct an 18-24 month study of rental housing in the County that will assess how we can best meet the needs of residents across the income spectrum. [Learn More.](#)

Montgomery County Council’s Public Hearing on Zoning Changes for Montgomery Village Master Plan

Tuesday, June 14 1:30pm
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The County Council recently approved the Montgomery Village Master Plan and the Planning Board, as is the procedure, has submitted a Sectional Map Amendment (SMA). The SMA is a request to amend the [Montgomery County Official Zoning Map](#) in order to implement the zoning recommendations in the Montgomery Village Master Plan. Please check back for the County Council public hearing date. To view the staff recommendations to the Planning Board [here](#).

Ten Honored by County Executive Leggett for Service to the Montgomery County Community at the 2016 Montgomery Serves Awards Event

Congratulations for this year's honorees for the 2016 Montgomery Serves Awards! The event took place at Imagination Stage in Bethesda on May 2, 2016 where County Executive Ike Leggett recognized many for their leadership and longstanding commitment to serving the community. Ten community leaders were honored for providing extraordinary service to Montgomery County through their work, volunteerism and good deeds.

Two honorees have been a part of the northern county community for many years. Former State legislator, Gene Counihan, was a recipient of the Neal Potter Path of Achievement Award that honors those 60 years of age or older who have given a lifetime of volunteer service. The Fund for Montgomery presented Reverend Mansfield "Kasey" Kaseman, the County's liaison to the faith community, with the World of Montgomery Public Citizen of the Year Award. This award recognizes leadership in public service and volunteerism as well as in creating a welcoming environment in Montgomery County for diverse cultural, ethnic and minority groups.

The 400 guests at the event included elected officials, government agency directors, representatives of nonprofit organizations and friends and family of honorees, and Andrea Roane of WUSA*9 served as the emcee.

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center organizes this annual event which is sponsored by the Fund for Montgomery.

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice announces 'Councilmember for a Day' contest for high school students

Councilmember Craig Rice, who serves as chair of the Council's Education Committee, will enable one high school student what it is like to be a Montgomery County Councilmember by challenging them to enter a contest that will inspire all entrants to address the place in which they live, public policy issues or the importance of local government.

Entries are now being accepted for the "Councilmember for a Day" contest in which one student will be able to shadow Councilmember Rice for a day in October. Montgomery County students who will be in high school in the 2016-17 school year (students currently in grades 8-11) are eligible.

The contest requires students to submit YouTube videos (of two minutes or less) or written essays (500 words or less) answering one of the following questions:

- Why do you think Montgomery County is a great place to live and to get an education?
- What public policy issues are important to you?
- What can County Government do to get young people more interested in local issues?

Ten high school students will be selected as contest finalists based on the quality and creativity of entries. The 10 finalists will receive proclamations at the Council Office Building in Rockville during a televised Council meeting, with one being selected as an honorary Councilmember who gets to spend a legislative day with Councilmember Rice this fall.

Councilmember Rice has a video invitation for high school students to enter the contest. View it at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zh-Sow5ZMN4&feature=youtu.be> .

The Council has created an on-line form for all contest submissions, which can be accessed from Councilmember Rice's web page at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rice/index.html> .

For further information about the contest, contact Sonya Healy at sonya.healy@montgomerycountymd.gov or at 240-777-7926.

The deadline for entries is June 15.

Montgomery County's Sister Cities Board in Transition

Montgomery Sister Cities helps connect our county with the countries of origin of our residents. By enriching our understanding of the cultures and economies of the home countries of our neighbors, we are helping to build America's most welcoming community while positioning ourselves for success in the global marketplace of the twenty-first century. Through educational, cultural, and economic exchanges, we are building a stronger community here at home and preparing our youth to become global citizens of the twenty-first century. Please help us strengthen our partnerships with communities around the world by joining Montgomery Sister Cities.

For more information or to join, please visit our [website](#). If you are interested in serving on the board or nominating someone, please contact Cynthia Morris at cynthia.morris@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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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>