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June 10, 2016

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board's Annual Meeting
Monday, June 20 7:00pm-9:00pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

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.mathews@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Sobriety Checkpoint Tomorrow Night
Saturday, June 11 (beginning at approx. 11:00pm)
At an undisclosed location

With the arrival of warmer weather and the celebrations that often occur in the summer months, the Montgomery County Police Department continues to remind motorists to drive responsibly and choose a sober driver.

On Saturday, June 11, officers from the Montgomery County Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint. This enforcement is a component of the Department's continuing effort to curb impaired driving and underage drinking. The exact location of the checkpoint will not be disclosed in advance. *The checkpoint times are approximate and the checkpoint will be cancelled if there is inclement weather.*

Notices

Montgomery Village Master Plan

- June 14 – Sectional Map Amendment Public Hearing at Council; 1:30pm (*zoning changes*)
- June 20 – Sectional Map Amendment worksession at Council's PHED Committee; 2:00pm

Agricultural Reserve

- June 21 – Zoning Text Amendment 16-04, Agricultural Reserve (AR) Zone – Transitory Uses, Public hearing; 1:30pm
- June 27 – Council's PHED Committee worksession; 2:00pm

Corridor Cities Transitway

- June 23 – Review –Environmental Impact Statement, Council's Transportation & Environment Committee; 9:30am

You're Invited!

Montgomery County's 20th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Friday, June 17 6:00pm

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Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett invites the public to the 20th Annual Juneteenth Celebration. Doors will open for this special event at 6:00pm and the program will begin at 6:25pm. Business casual is the recommended dress for the evening.

This free program commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops finally arrived in Galveston, Texas to announce President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation officially ending slavery in every state of the Union. The program will feature the presentation of the 2nd Annual African American Living Legend Award, and the 2016 Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP 2016 ACTSO competition winners.

Special musical guest will be Ronnie Diamond Hoard, Stellar Award Nominee and former lead singer for the **Grammy Award winning 1970's Soul Funk group the Ohio Players**. This a free event and open to the public. [Click here to register!](#)

Montgomery County Celebrates Caribbean American Heritage Month

Montgomery County and the County Executive's Caribbean American Advisory Group will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Caribbean American Heritage Month with two events in the month of June. This year's theme is "Caribbean ... Champions of Inclusivity."

- **Saturday, June 11, from 1 to 4 p.m.**, Montgomery County Public Libraries will present a Caribbean American Heritage Month Festival at the Silver Spring Library at 900 Wayne Avenue. Come enjoy a Caribbean fashion show; Caribbean dances performed by "White House Studios"; and storytelling by Kwesi Oginga.
- **Saturday, June 18, from 2 to 6 p.m.**, a Community Picnic will be held at Wheaton Regional Park located at 2000 Shorefield Road. Featured at the picnic will be Caribbean art exhibits, storytelling, music, and food provided by Caribbean Food Trucks. A joint proclamation will be issued by County Executive Isiah Leggett and County Council President Nancy Floreen.

For more information, contact at the Office of Community Partnerships Community Outreach Manager Daniel Koroma at 240-777-2584.

Commission for Women Announces June & July Listening Tour Sessions

The Montgomery County Commission for Women has scheduled June and July listening tour sessions. County residents are invited to attend and participate in discussions regarding issues important to them. Topics raised during the listening tour will help shape and influence the work of the Commission for Women.

The Commission for Women addresses issues such as economic justice, violence against women, affordable child care, affordable housing, neighborhood safety, access to healthcare, and women and poverty. The next two listening sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, June 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring.
- Monday, July 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza.

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

HERITAGE DAYS 2016
Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26 12:00noon to 4:00pm
Various Locations

FREE Family-Friendly Fun!

Sponsored by Heritage Montgomery, the 19th annual Heritage Days will feature over 35 parks, museums, and historic sites open with FREE admission from noon to 4pm each day. Heritage Days is a great opportunity to pack a picnic, gather up the kids, and explore these unique Montgomery County sites. Visitors of all ages will enjoy special programs featuring live music, history exhibits & demonstrations, games & crafts, hikes & bike tours, refreshments, and much more!

For details on Heritage Days Weekend and a guide/map to all participating sites, check the Heritage Montgomery website, www.HeritageMontgomery.org or call 301-515-0753.

Heritage Montgomery, located in Germantown, Maryland is dedicated to promoting and supporting heritage tourism to county historical, cultural, and natural areas, helping tell their stories and attract visitors to their sites.

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. For details, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rice>

The deadline for entries is June 15!

Montgomery Council unanimously approves bill that will help seniors stay in their homes

*Legislation will enable many seniors 65 and older
to defer increases on property taxes*

The Montgomery County Council has unanimously approved Expedited Bill 10-16 that will make it easier for seniors to stay in their homes by deferring property tax increases at zero cost.

Expedited Bill 10-16 will enable seniors of at least 65 years of age and individual or combined gross incomes of \$80,000 or less to defer increases on property taxes on their principal residence for up to as long as they sell their homes. Interest on the deferred taxes would accrue at a 0 percent interest rate. Under the income threshold of \$80,000—which is the senior median income in the County—the eligibility criteria would capture roughly half of senior households in Montgomery County.

The legislation is modelled after similar programs in Howard County; Washington, D.C.; Boston; Minneapolis; Boulder County, CO; and King County, WA.

More information about Bill 10-16 is available at <http://tinyurl.com/zfz4jg9> .

Volunteers in Northern Area of County Are Needed . . . We'll Train You!

Teachers are needed to help seniors increase their bone mass in a fun group exercise class.

A two-day training

September 7th and 9th 10:30am-3:30pm

Kathy is 81, developed osteoporosis at the age of 60, and has been waiting for Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services to start a free Bone Builders class in Clarksburg. Ed is 79, lives in Damascus, and would like a class near his home. And Mae is 87 and would like to be able to attend a class in Boyds. All of these residents have low bone density and all of them could benefit from this evidence-based program, but there aren't any volunteer, trained teachers who live in the northwestern part of Montgomery County. With 30 very popular classes in other parts of the county, it is important that we add classes to this underserved area. To do this, we need your help.

Anyone interested in helping seniors (and themselves) increase their bone mass in a fun group exercise class is very welcome! Even if you have never taught before, we can use you. You do NOT need to be a professional in this field; we will train you and help you every step of the way. The wonderful thing about this volunteer program is that you will be helping others while also helping yourself.

The next two-day training is scheduled for September 7th and 9th from 10:30am to 3:30pm. In these sessions, you will learn and practice exercises that will increase balance to prevent falls as well as increase bone density in a natural way. In addition, trainees will also observe three established classes.

The one-hour, free Bone Builders classes for seniors ages 55+ are held twice weekly in locations throughout the county. Classes are held in partnership with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center and Department of Recreation. Join more than 100 volunteer teachers and help us bring this valuable program to your town. Please contact us now for more information at 240-773-8268 or Phyllis.elperin@montgomerycountymd.gov.

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION INVITES PUBLIC INPUT ON UPDATES TO PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Oral, written and online comments to be accepted through July 1, 2016.

[Montgomery Parks](#) and Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Departments, which are part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are inviting the public to provide input on proposed revisions to the Commission's Park Rules and Regulations. The Rules and Regulations were last updated in March 2001, and are being revised to better reflect today's use of the parks, facilities and amenities.

**A public meeting about the proposed changes will take place at 7:00pm on July 7 at:
Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center
7120 Contee Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707**

A draft of the new rules and regulations is currently available at www.mncppc.org. The public may provide comments and questions at the meeting, or via email at commentonparkrules@mncppc.org, or by mail to:

M-NCPPC
c/o Rules and Regulations Review Committee
6611 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 200
Riverdale, MD 20737

The public input period will end at 5 p.m. on July 1, 2016. Public input will be considered before the Commission enacts new rules and regulations.

A sampling of the activities covered by the rules and regulations includes:

- **Commercial activities in parks**
- **Unpermitted regular use of athletic fields**
- **Hours of operation for trails**

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/tml.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>

