UPCOUNTY

Bringing the County Closer to You!

Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Cherian Eapen, UCAB Chair

June 28, 2013

Holiday Schedule for Independence Day

County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Independence Day on Thursday, July 4:

County Offices – closed
Libraries – closed
County liquor stores – all retail stores open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Recreation – indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities will be open (Germantown Indoor Swim Center will close at 3 p.m., all others will close at 6 pm.) and aquatic classes will meet as scheduled. All other classes and programs, including summer camps and fun centers, are cancelled. Administrative offices, senior centers and community centers are closed.
Montgomery Parks – for holiday operating schedule on Parks' facilities, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.
Ride On – Saturday schedule
Metrobus – Saturday schedule
Metrorail – Special service for 4th of July
TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed
Refuse/recycling pickup – no collection*
Transfer Station – closed
Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free
MCPS Administrative Offices – closed
State offices & courts – closed

*Collection provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday).

****

New Hours for Poolesville Library Begin July 1

New, expanded hours begin Monday, July 1 for the Poolesville Library. The library will be open Mondays through Wednesdays from 2 until 9 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.   This schedule with later hours will better serve the large number of commuters in and near that community.

****

Montgomery County Changes Phone Reporting for Animal Emergencies and Complaints; Public directed to call Police Emergency Communications Center or 3-1-1

Effective Monday, July 1, 2013 at 6:00 a.m., calls to report animal emergencies and complaints in Montgomery County will be answered by Montgomery County Police Emergency Communications Center or MC311 call takers.

For details, see http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9624

****

Fourth of July Fireworks Display in Germantown

The County Executive and County Council invite you to our annual celebration of our country's Independence Day!
For parking and other details, visit http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9564

****

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, July 15 6:30pm *(date change from July 8)*
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board will discuss anticipated issues and projects for the coming year. The Board does not meet in August and will hold their next meeting in September. The public is invited to meetings which are generally held monthly at the Upcounty Regional Services Center on a Monday evening beginning at 7:00pm. Occasionally, the Board announces that a meeting will be held in a specific community.

****

County Executive Leggett Seeks Input on Capital Improvements Program (CIP);
Public Forums Scheduled
The County Executive and the Regional Citizens Advisory Boards invite you to this opportunity to learn about the CIP, provide input, and get answers to your questions.

- Learn about how your County government's physical facilities (roads and buildings) come to be.
- Provide input for projects to be considered in the future and help us set priorities.
- Get answers to your questions directly from various County Departments about any project, the process, time-frame, and additional opportunities for community engagement.

The forums will be held regionally around the county with the first one scheduled for July 11 beginning at 7:00pm at the Midcounty Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring. **One for the Upcounty will be held on Wednesday, July 31 at 7:00pm with the location to be determined.** A full schedule will be announced soon.

More about the CIP . . .

Residents, businesses, and community organizations are encouraged to provide input on the upcoming Capital Improvements Program (or CIP) for fiscal years 2014-2019. The CIP is done every two years and consists of a six-year program for making capital improvements in the county such as the construction and renovation of roads, schools, bridges, recreation centers, parks, police stations, fire stations, storm drains, sewer mains, and other infrastructure. The CIP also includes major programs such as housing preservation initiatives, and the public arts trust, as well as high school health and wellness centers.

To see the most current list of projects (FY2013-2018), visit:
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OMB/MasterPDF/13-18a_masterpdf.html

****

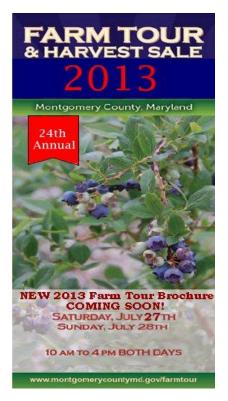### County Offers Farmer's Market Coupons to Low-Income Seniors

A limited number of free farmer's market coupon books worth $30 will be distributed to low-income seniors in Montgomery County on Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. The coupons may be used at farmer's markets in Montgomery County and participating markets in the District of Columbia until November 30, 2013.
The Upcounty location is the Gaithersburg Senior Center, 80-A, Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, 20878. To see the other locations and more details, visit: http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9603

****

2013 Farm Tour and Harvest Sale
Saturday July 27 & Sunday July 28
All Farms Opened from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Montgomery County will celebrate its agricultural heritage, promote local farms, and indulge in seasonally fresh food during the **24th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale.**

Sign up for Farm Tour announcements via email *(Create an account and check box next to "Annual Farm Tour" under Economic Development)*

****

New Youth Cruiser SmarTrip® Card Now Available for Ride On Customers; Unlimited Bus Rides Only $18 during Summer for those 18 and Under

Montgomery County's Ride On bus system is now offering a new Youth Cruiser SmarTrip® card for customers 18 years of age and under. Stored value can be added to the card for use on Metrorail, Metrobus and other transit agencies that accept SmarTrip® cards.   For details, visit

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9615

****

Two announcements from Montgomery County Police . . .

Event:	**Smooth Operator Aggressive Driving Initiative**
Date / Time:	Thursday, July 4 through Wednesday, July 17
Location:	Throughout the county and surrounding jurisdictions
	This is the third wave of a summer enforcement initiative targeting aggressive driving.

Event:	**Child Safety Seat Inspection** A free check of the condition and proper installation of child safety seats.
Date / Time:	Thursday, July 18 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location:	Fitzgerald's Auto Mall, 5501 Nicholson Lane, Rockville

****

Department of Liquor Control Relocates Montgomery Village Liquor Store

In an effort to better serve its customers, the Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control (DLC) has relocated the Montgomery Village liquor store from its Watkins Mill Road location to the Goshen Crossing Shopping Center, located at 20004 Goshen Rd.   The Montgomery Village store is one of DLC's 23 retail establishments.   Two more stores are slated to open later this year – Seneca Meadows and Clarksburg Village. See press release at

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9621

****

For News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: *http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news*

For other News and Meeting Agendas, visit:
County Council   *www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council*
Planning Board   *www.montgomeryplanning.org*

Also check out the latest from:
Department of Public Libraries   http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp
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