



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**July 3, 2015**

***Independence Day Celebrations***

**Montgomery County's Germantown Glory at the SoccerPlex/South Germantown Recreational Park** - Bring your own blanket and picnic, or purchase food at the event. Entertainment begins at 7pm with the "Tina Turner Revue." A fabulous fireworks show will begin just after 9pm. In addition, the Montgomery TennisPlex and Tennis WinWin invite you to play lots of tennis from 7pm-9pm in two air-conditioned tennis bubbles, watch the fireworks, enjoy dessert, and avoid the exit traffic by playing more tennis after the show! (Must pre-register at [www.montgomerytennisplex.com](http://www.montgomerytennisplex.com) or [www.tenniswinwin.com](http://www.tenniswinwin.com).)

**The City of Gaithersburg's Independence Day Celebration at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds** - Features live music, food, activities, and spectacular fireworks. Also, strolling entertainers and family-friendly games and activities delight kids of all ages beginning at 6 p.m., and the "Rollex Band" performs at 8 p.m. The exciting fireworks display launches at dark. Bring your own blanket and picnic, or purchase food at the event. Gates open at 5 p.m. No on-site parking.

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***Reminder!***

**A Public Forum on Capital Improvement Program (CIP)  
Monday, July 13 7:00pm – 9:00pm  
BlackRock Center for the Arts  
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board will host a public forum on Montgomery County's capital budget to hear what you think the priority projects are or should be for the Upcounty region (roads, facilities).

- 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.

**We need your input!**



***If you have any questions, contact Upcounty Regional Director Catherine Matthews at 240-777-8040 or via email at [catherine.mathews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.mathews@montgomerycountymd.gov).***

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## Leggett Wins Council Approval of Privatization of County Economic Development

The Montgomery County Council has approved County Executive Ike Leggett's initiative to privatize County economic development efforts in order to boost business attraction and retention and further strengthen the growth of good jobs in the County.

Read more at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_detailsNew.asp?PrID=15036](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsNew.asp?PrID=15036)

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Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett is seeking nominations for this year's Excellence in the Arts and Humanities Awards to be presented on October 26. For more information, or to nominate an individual or organization, visit the [Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County website](#). **Deadline for nominations is July 31!**

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## DPS New Permit Fees, Simpler, More Predictable *(Updated)*

Building in Montgomery County is getting easier. The Department of Permitting Services' (DPS) new building permit fee structure is going to a simpler, more predictable per-square-foot rate. The new rates effective now are part of the continuing effort by DPS to improve the permitting process and ensure fees are fairly applied. Last year, DPS launched its online eServices, which now includes commercial building permits and accepts ACH payments.

Building permit fees will be a per-square-foot rate rather than based on construction types and multiple fee zone calculations. This makes fee calculations clear and predictable.

The new traffic management fee was added to fund a traffic management coordinator to oversee safe pedestrian, vehicle and business-friendly traffic management plans for road closures during construction. DPS is working with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation and the State Highway Administration to minimize the impact of road and sidewalk closures and increase pedestrian safety during construction.

As a result of the new fees, building permit revenues for DPS will decrease by \$5 million in FY16 based on FY14 volumes.

A summary chart of all the fees is available online at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices).

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## Montgomery County Public Libraries Earns National Innovation Award from Urban Libraries Council for "Service Beyond Our Walls" Outreach Program

Montgomery County Public Libraries' (MCPL) "Service Beyond Our Walls" outreach program has been recognized with an Honorable Mention Award in the "Positioning the Library" category from the Urban Libraries Council (ULC). The award is part of ULC's Innovations Initiative that showcases leading "best" and "next" practices that demonstrate the value and impact of public library service in the 21st century. The practices embody ideas, approaches and insights that other libraries can adapt.

Read more at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=15046](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=15046)

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**The African American Health Program presents  
Diabetes Education Classes**

Accredited by the American Association of Diabetes Educators  
*Free Class Series for Diabetes Prevention & Control*

**THURSDAYS** July 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2015 | 6:00–8:30 PM  
**Gaithersburg Library**, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg, 20879

**THURSDAYS** Sept. 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2015 | 6:00–8:30 PM  
**White Oak Library**, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, 20904

*Choose the 4-week series that works for you!  
Registration required Call Diane at 240.773.0387*

\*\*\* Classes are led by nurses and dietitians. \*\*\*



Montgomery County  
Public Libraries



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