



Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestone, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Mark Firley, UCAB Chair

July 10, 2015

Don't forget!

Upcounty Public Forum on the County's Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Monday, July 13 7:00pm-9:00pm

BlackRock Center for the Arts

12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

Community residents, businesses, representatives from civic organizations and homeowner associations, and others are invited to participate in this important evening! After a brief presentation from the Office of Management and Budget, **you will work in small groups to suggest priorities for facilities, roads, and other land use projects.** Also attending are personnel from the departments of Transportation, Environmental Protection, Libraries, Recreation, Parks, and General Services who will assist in the discussions. Toward the end of the evening, the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board will convene to identify the top priorities that they will forward to County Executive Leggett for consideration as he develops his Recommended CIP for fiscal years 2017-2022.

This is a chance to help identify priorities for the Upcounty and County as a whole!

Montgomery County will provide sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids or services upon request -- with as much advance notice as possible, preferably at least three (3) business days before the meeting. Contact Upcounty Regional Director Catherine Matthews at 240-777-8040 or send a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov. Taking these steps will help us have sufficient time to best meet your needs.



On July 8, 2015, County Executive Isiah Leggett transmitted to the County Council a plan that identified approximately \$51 million in recommended savings from the budgets of County Government and the County agencies (Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission). Over the next two weeks, the Council, which has final approval of changes, will review the plan. **[Send us your opinions on the plan.](#)**

Community Meeting on Domestic and Dating Violence

**Tuesday, July 21 7:00pm-9:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center (Suite 1100)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Several agencies are coming together to offer information to victims, their family members and friends. After a brief overview on domestic and dating abuse, presenters will explain what resources are available in Montgomery County. The agenda and presenters are as follows:

- An overview of domestic/dating violence, myths, misperceptions - the Family Justice Center;
- A survivor's own story;
- What to expect from the Police and the Courts - the Police Commanders serving the Upcounty; the Sheriff's Office; and the State's Attorney's Office; and
- Resources that are available to Victims, their Family and Friends - Health & Human Services' Abused Persons Program; and the Family Justice Center

If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Finkelstein at 240-777-8333 or Jodi.finkelstein@montgomerycountymd.gov

This event is free! Get informed now!

Update on the Whetstone Dredging Project

The work in the staging area is progressing as planned. The contractor received permission from the County to work on Saturday, July 11 to pave the staging area with asphalt. The dredging and de-watering equipment will start arriving at the site once preparation work in the staging area has been completed.

It is estimated that the equipment mobilization will start on July 16, and will take about one week to complete. During this time, several parking spaces along Lake Shore Drive will be blocked off during working hours to ensure safe mobilization. The trucks will have large loads and they need a large turn radius.

To learn more about the Stormwater Facility Maintenance Program, visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/stormwater

Please feel free to call or email questions to:

Audra Lew
Planning Specialist, Stormwater Facility Maintenance Program
Montgomery County, Dept. of Environmental Protection
240.777.7761 or audra.lew@montgomerycountymd.gov

Congressman John K. Delaney and Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh invite you to attend an

Identity Theft and Fraud Protection Forum

**Thursday, July 16 5:30pm-7:30pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

Representatives from various state and federal agencies, including the Office of the Maryland Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, Maryland State Police, Federal Trade Commission, Office of the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration and other experts, will be on hand to discuss ways to best protect yourself against identity theft and fraud.

Please RSVP to: Delaney.Events@mail.house.gov or 301-926-0300.

County Infants and Toddlers Program Sponsors July 18 Family Resource Fair; Public Invited to Learn About Resources for Young Children

**Saturday, July 18 9:00am-1:00pm
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring**

Parents and caregivers of children are invited to a free Family Resource Fair where attendees can receive free screening for developmental delays; attend mini-workshops on topics such as toilet training, sleeping issues and nutrition for picky eaters; and find out information about resources available in the community for young children. Free face painting and balloon making, as well as giveaways will also be available.

The resource fair is sponsored by the Infants and Toddlers Program, part of the County's Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with Montgomery County Public Schools. The Infants and Toddlers Program provides early intervention services for children birth through kindergarten entry age and their families.

For more information, call 240-777-4809.

Leggett and County Councilmembers Celebrate Signing of the Earned Sick and Safe Leave Bill

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett was joined by County Council President George Leventhal and Councilmembers Nancy Navarro, Tom Hucker, and Hans Riemer as well as State legislators as he signed into law Bill 60-14, which requires most employers doing business in the County to provide earned sick and safe leave to employees for work performed in the County. Enactment of the bill makes Montgomery County one of the few local jurisdictions in the nation to have some form of required sick and safe leave requirements for employees.

Earned sick and safe leave is paid leave that can be used for the injury or illness of the employee or the employee's immediate family. It also can be used for time off needed due to domestic violence suffered by the employee or a member of the employee's immediate family.

Bill 60-14 enables workers to earn up to seven days paid leave per year for health reasons or domestic abuse. The bill will take effect on October 1, 2016, for most employees.

Montgomery County Receives National Award of Excellence for Financial Transparency

Montgomery County recently received a National Award of Excellence for its Financial Transparency Suite from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada.

The Financial Transparency Suite consists of the County's Open Budget web sites found at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/openbudget.html>, and the recent launch of spendingMontgomery at <http://spending.data.montgomerycountymd.gov/#/>. These platforms provide users the ability to drill down to the details of County budgets and expenditures in a user-friendly and highly visual manner.

This Award of Excellence represents the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

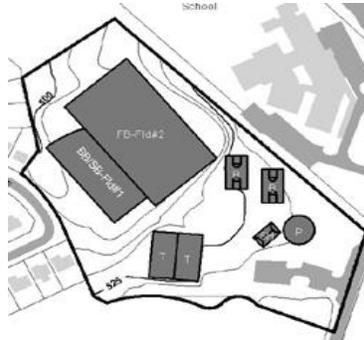
Playground Renovations at Johnson's Local Park

Johnson's Local Park, which is located at 18000 Washington Grove Lane in Gaithersburg, will be closed through September 2015 as part of the Playground Renovation Program.

Playground renovations at Johnson's Local Park are scheduled to continue through August 2015, as part of the Playground Renovation Program. The playground will not be accessible and park users should use caution around work areas. For more information on the playground renovation project and other parks scheduled, visit MontgomeryParks.org.

When it reopens, the park will again provide nearby residents with several recreational opportunities, including a playground, baseball field, and tennis courts. The picnic area's open shelter will again be available for rent.

For more information on this playground renovation project and other parks scheduled, [click here](#).



Planning Board Public Meeting - Cricket Site Selection

Thursday, 30 July, 2015

(Start Time TBA)

M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks is seeking Planning Board approval of recent staff site selection analysis for locating dedicated cricket fields in parks. A temporary cricket field is being displaced by the construction of SoccerPlex Phase III in South Germantown Recreational Park, and we must plan for anticipated growth of the sport in our county.

Currently, three potential sites are proposed:

1. A new location within South Germantown Recreational Park;
2. A proposed addition to Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park; and
3. The future Boyds Local Park.

Additional information about this project, schedule and public input is at the Parks Department's website, ParkPlanning.org. Follow the blue QuickLink for this project.

If you have questions about this project, contact:

Mark Wallis
Email: Mark.Wallis@montgomeryparks.org
Phone: 301-650-4389
Website: [Click to Visit](#)

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
SATURDAYS, JUNE 27 - JULY 25
SATURDAYS 7 O'CLOCK FREE
ON THE LAWN
BONUS SHOW! ACROBATIC CIRCUITS MAGMANUS 7/12-7/18
6/27 - RED BARAAT
7/4 - NO BS! BRASS BAND
7/11 - MATUTO
7/18 - THE CRAWDADDIES
7/25 - U.S. NAVY CRUISERS

Visit www.blackrockcenter.org for more!

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/templ.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/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://permittingervices.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>