



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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You're invited

Dedication Ceremony - Plum Gar Community Recreation Center Re-Opens!
Saturday, July 20 11:00am
19561 Scenery Drive, Germantown

The day will feature an open house with a tour of the Center, class demonstrations, and open gym.

County Offers Tips on Surviving the Heat

Montgomery County health and public safety officials are encouraging residents to find places where they can stay cool, and to take precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses and dangerous situations.

Libraries, recreation centers and pools are good places to cool off, along with shopping malls and movie theatres. To quickly find the location of public facilities, go to <http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mymontgomery> and type in your location. The website includes the locations of pools, parks, libraries, regional services center, recreation centers, Metro stations, hospitals and golf courses. Residents with questions about specific locations and hours of operation should call 3-1-1 or 240-777-0311 from a cell phone. Anyone without air conditioning and unable to get to a cool facility should call the Montgomery County Crisis Center at 240-777-4000 for assistance.

Hunters Woods's Streets Get Paving Improvements

Crews will resurface the local streets with hot mix asphalt in the Hunters Woods Subdivision this summer. The project began in late June 2013 and will take seven to ten weeks to complete. Work hours are from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information on resurfacing projects throughout the county, visit the [Division of Highway Services' website](#) or call 311 (TTY, call 301-251-4850), Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

**Planning Staff to Update Clarksburg Community;
on Master Plan Amendment for Ten Mile Creek Area**
Monday, July 22 7:30pm
Cedarbrook Community Church (*change of location!*)
23700 Stringtown Road, Clarksburg

Montgomery County Planning Department staff will have a presentation on the Staff Draft Limited Amendment to the Clarksburg Master Plan for the Ten Mile Creek Watershed. The presentation will outline land use and zoning recommendations that are designed to preserve natural resources while maintaining the vision of the 1994 Master Plan.

This session is your opportunity to hear and ask questions about the proposed recommendations.

Clarksburg Community Meeting with DOT re M-83
July 24 7:00pm
Rocky Hill Middle School
22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Hosts Forum
on Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
Wednesday, July 31 Wednesday 7:00 pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

County Executive Leggett will provide comments on the Capital Improvements Program and capital budget, and the Office of Management and Budget will present and overview of the CIP process and known projections. Take this opportunity to ask questions and give input on roads, bridges, and county buildings!

Board of Elections Seeks Comment on Proposed Early Voting Centers

Public Hearing: July 27 10:00am
Board of Elections Office
18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking public input on a list of proposed Early Voting Centers for the 2014 elections. Due to the success of early voting in the 2012 presidential election and the need to accommodate more voters in the process, the Maryland General Assembly recently passed legislation, that the Governor signed into law, expanding the number of Early Voting Centers in Montgomery County from five to eight. Montgomery County, due to its size also has the option to seek a ninth site.

The Board of Elections staff with advice from Board Members has reviewed available facilities across the nearly 500 square mile county and is reviewing sites to make early voting more convenient. The sites under consideration have been chosen based on population centers, geographic balance, and access to public transportation, parking, and other important criteria such as accessibility for persons with disabilities, security of the facility and Maryland State Board of Elections' regulations. The sites under review by the Board may be found at this link:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/Resources/Files/pdfs/EarlyVoting/2014EarlyVoting.pdf>

Public comments will be received by the Montgomery County Board of Elections through 5 p.m. on September 17, 2013. A public hearing to discuss the Early Voting Sites is scheduled for July 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections. In addition to the public hearing, the Board will meet on Monday, July 29 and Monday, September 16 at 2:30 p.m. to review comments and receive further public comments. Comments should be submitted in writing to elections@montgomerycountymd.gov. You may also call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8525 for your name to be placed on a list of presenters at either of the Board meetings. Comments do not need to be presented in person; you may mail comments to either the web address above or to the attention of Marjorie Roher at the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

Public participation guidelines are available at 777vote by clicking on "Board Information" and then on "Public Participation". The direct link to this information is <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/BoardInformation/PublicParticipation.html>.

More information on early voting and the proposed sites is available at 777vote.org.
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Smoke Alarm Law Catches Up With Technology

Important Information You Need to Know

Maryland is the most recent state to require that homeowners **replace battery-only operated smoke alarms with units powered by sealed-in, long-life batteries**. Smoke alarm technology has advanced over the years and the update to Maryland's Smoke Alarm Law also **requires that residential battery-operated smoke alarms be equipped with a "hush-button" feature that will temporarily silence the alarm if activated by a non-emergency condition**.

During the 2013 session of the Maryland General Assembly, the existing thirty-eight year old Maryland Smoke Alarm Law was amended and updated to take advantage of new technology. Senate Bill 969 and House Bill 1413 passed unanimously and were signed into law by Governor O'Malley effective July 1, 2013.

Maryland's new law is part of a nationwide trend to ensure new and replacement smoke alarms have this new technology. It is anticipated that smoke alarms equipped with long-life batteries will have a significant impact on reducing the number of residential fire deaths. Montgomery County residents can call "311" to schedule a free in-home smoke alarm check by County firefighters and additional information is included on page 2 of this release.

For detailed information about Senate Bill 969: http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2013RS/fnotes/bil_0009/sb0969.pdf

For the complete press release and important facts about smoke alarms, visit
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/news/2013/07162013.html>

JARC Bikeshare Program in County

Montgomery County's Department of Transportation received a grant to provide Capital Bikeshare services FREE to low income populations in the county. It's called "Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and it's designed to improve travel options for lower income commuters who are employed in the county or enrolled in job training or educational programs.

To participate in the JARC program, one part of your trip MUST be in the Rockville-Shady Grove area. Bikeshare trips can provide quick and easy connections between home and transit, and amongst transit, work, school, or job training centers.



Fifty (50) bikeshare stations and 450 bicycles will soon be available at these and other locations:

- At or near the following Metro stations --- Rockville, Shady Grove, Takoma, Silver Spring, Friendship Heights, Bethesda, and Medical Center;
- Shady Grove Life Sciences Center & Vicinity (including Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Universities at Shady Grove, Johns Hopkins/Montgomery County Campus, and Falls Grove Shopping Center);
- Montgomery College --- Rockville and Takoma Park campuses;
- Many other locations in Rockville, Shady Grove, Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Friendship Heights, and Bethesda.

For more information, contact Commuter Services at 240-777-8380 or at
mcdot.CommuterServices@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>