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**July 24, 2015**

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Tour & Harvest Sale  
Saturday and Sunday, July 25 & 26  
(rain or shine)**

The annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale will be held on [Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26](#), rain or shine. This year's event is slated to be one of the biggest, and most diverse, in the tour's 26-year history.

Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/farmtour](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/farmtour) for list of farms ([pdf](#)) for schedule and the map of farms ([pdf](#)) for locations. ([press release](#))

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**MCP Modifies Requirements for Police Officer Applicants – Military and Law Enforcement Experience Now Accepted (deadline Saturday, July 25)**

The Montgomery County Police Department is proud to announce that the education eligibility requirement for the position of police officer candidate has been modified to recognize prior, active duty military and law enforcement experience.

Effective today, an applicant, to meet the police officer candidate education/experience requirement, must:

- Have earned 60 college credits or 90 college quarter hours at time of application – OR –
- Have three (3) years of active duty military service with an honorable discharge – OR –
- Have three (3) years of full-time law enforcement officer experience recognized by the Department, i.e., work as a sworn, government agent with full arrest powers eligible for rehire.

**The application process for police officer candidate will open tomorrow, Saturday, July 25 (EDT) at 12:01 a.m. and will remain open until 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on July 25.** These new education/experience criteria will be honored when the application process opens. For more information on the job of a Montgomery County Police Officer and to apply for a position, please visit [www.joinmcp.com](http://www.joinmcp.com)

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**'Made in Montgomery' Show on County Cable Montgomery (CCM) Wins Chesapeake Area Local Emmy Award**

*Made in Montgomery*, one of the newest shows on Montgomery County's government television station County Cable Montgomery (CCM), was recently named winner of a local Emmy by the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The program was nominated in the category of "Short Format Programs." It is the first CCM program ever nominated for a Chesapeake Chapter Emmy.

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**Planning Board to Discuss Possible Sites for Permanent Cricket Field**  
**Thursday, July 30 (evening)**  
**8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring**

*The Planning Board's Agenda is subject to change and certain items may be postponed or added. For meeting updates or to view the Planning Board proceedings live on our website, visit [www.montgomeryplanningboard.org](http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org).*

The Planning Board will discuss the site selection and recommendation for a series of purpose-built Cricket fields as identified in the 2012 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan. You can provide input by emailing Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson or by signing up to speak at the meeting.

To see the staff report, visit [Site Selection and prioritization of purpose-built cricket fields to serve Montgomery County residents](#).

To learn more about game of Cricket, a comparison of the recommended sites, click on the options below.

[How to Play Cricket](#)

[Cricket Site Selection Matrix](#)

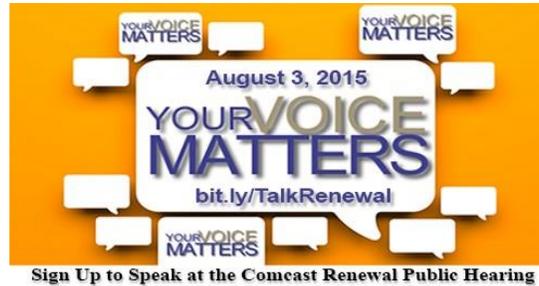
To view comments from the Boyds community, click on [Boyds Community Survey](#)

Visit the Planning Board's website at <http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/> and the latest on all park projects at <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Questions? Contact:

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**Public Hearing: Comcast Request to Use County Rights-of-Way to Provide Cable Services**  
**Monday, August 3 7:00pm**  
**Executive Office Building Lobby Level Auditorium**  
**101 Monroe Street, Rockville**

Comcast of Potomac, LLC applied for a franchise renewal, which would authorize Comcast to use County rights-of-way to provide cable services. The public is invited to provide input regarding the application. You may sign up to testify in-person, or with submitted comments, at [bit.ly/talkrenewal](http://bit.ly/talkrenewal).

Check the Montgomery County Office of Cable and Broadband Services' [website](#) for the Comcast of Potomac, LLC renewal application and related documents.

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# MONTGOMERY PARKS ANNOUNCES PROPOSED ARCHERY MANAGED DEER HUNTING PROGRAM PILOT PROJECT

*Public comment sought through July 31, 2015*

[Montgomery Parks](#), part of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is proposing a [pilot Archery Managed Deer Hunting Program](#) at two parks from September through November 2015, and during January 2016. The pilot is being proposed to address the overpopulation of deer on parkland in urban communities where safety regulations prohibit the use of firearms. If approved, the proposed program will complement the department's managed hunting and Park Police sharpshooting initiatives. Montgomery Parks is currently seeking public comment on the proposed initiative through July 31, 2015, as part of its evaluation process.

Comments may be submitted at [www.ParksDeerManagement.org](http://www.ParksDeerManagement.org) or by mail to:

M-NCPPC, Deer Management Initiatives,  
12535 Milestone Manor Lane  
Germantown, MD 20876

All comments, excluding any personal identifying information, will be posted at [www.ParksDeerManagement.org](http://www.ParksDeerManagement.org).

## **About Montgomery Parks proposed Archery Managed Deer Hunting Program Pilot**

Montgomery Parks' pilot Archery Managed Deer Hunting Program is proposed for Great Seneca Stream Valley, Unit 1 (Germantown) and Watts Branch Stream Valley Park, Units 1 & 2 (Potomac). The parks will remain open to the public if the program is approved.

Archery hunters will be selected based on experience, a thorough background check, safety and ethics training, and results of an accuracy proficiency requirement. Participants will take an orientation program which includes a review of strict, clear guidelines for the hunts. A maximum of six participants will be permitted to hunt at a given time in each park, beginning in September. Signage will be posted at all park entrances, trailheads and key access points, to inform park users of the hunts. Participants will receive maps identifying safe and permissible hunting areas; signs will be posted as well to delineate these areas. Hunting will occur from a stationary, elevated position, with shots restricted in distance and directed into a safe backstop.

Archery hunting programs occur on several public lands within Montgomery County, as well as many public lands located in the population-dense suburbs of Washington D.C. There is no record of injury to non-participants or pets in any of these jurisdictions.

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## **Getting Social with Legislation**

Do you support, oppose or have a suggestion about a specific bill pending before the Montgomery County Council? We want to hear from you. The Council has started a pilot project with Madison <https://montgomerycountymd.mymadison.io/> to engage residents in real time on certain bills being considered by the Council. This web-based tool will enhance our existing methods of communication with residents and **will not** replace public hearings or committee and Council meetings on bills.

The Council will post the full text of a bill on Madison's web site <https://montgomerycountymd.mymadison.io/>. Individuals can link to Madison's site from the Council's web page or go directly to the Madison web site to support, oppose or make suggestions about a posted bill. You can access bills as they are being written, leave comments, annotate specific content and interact with others. Councilmembers and Council staff have access to all comments and will consider this information as part of the Council's deliberations. Suggested edits may also be incorporated directly into the posted bill. All comments and edits made through the site will become part of the written record.

The goal of this pilot project is to bring the law-making process straight to you and give you a greater say in the decisions made throughout the legislative process. Read more at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Madison/index.html>

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## Planning Board Approves New Clarksburg Town Center Plan

The **Montgomery County Planning Board**, part of the **Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)**, has approved new plans for the Clarksburg Town Center submitted by Third Try, LLC of McLean, VA. These project, preliminary and site plan amendments are limited to the unbuilt portions of the 270-acre Town Center, on both the east and west sides of the development. They include a revised design of the commercial core, new community and civic buildings, and upgrades to two local parks.

When implemented, the plans will complete the Clarksburg Town Center after years of delay, due to numerous violations associated with the build-out of the community.

See press release for background and summary of the plan at <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2015/07/23/planning-board-approves-new-plans-for-clarksburg-town-center-at-july-23-meeting/>



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## Staff Present Working Draft of Montgomery Village Master Plan

Staff from the [Montgomery County Planning Department](#), part of [The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#), presented the Working Draft of the Montgomery Village Master Plan to the Montgomery County Planning Board on Thursday, July 23. Pending the Board's approval, **the public hearing for the Montgomery Village Master Plan is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 10** at which time community residents and property owners can testify about the Plan. A public notice about the hearing will be sent when the date and location are confirmed.

**View the [Montgomery Village Master Plan Working Draft](#)**

See entire press release at <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2015/07/16/planners-release-working-draft-of-montgomery-village-master-plan/>

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## **Reminder . . .**

### ***Call for Nominations – County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts & Humanities***



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](#).

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Montgomery County takes 2nd place among the '[2015 Digital Counties Survey Winners](#)'.

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Don't forget to plan for the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair on [August 14 to 22, 2015](#).

Visit [www.mcagfair.com](http://www.mcagfair.com) for details.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cshtml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news\\_releases](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>