



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**July 25, 2014**



July 26th  
17 Farms  
July 27th  
10 Farms

*July 26 and 27*

Montgomery County will celebrate its agricultural heritage, promote local farms, and indulge in seasonally fresh food during the **25th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest**. Check [County Calendar](#) for more information.

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## **Montgomery Parks Reports Elevated Microcystin Levels at Lake Needwood; Visitors Asked to Use Caution**

*Pet owners urged to keep dogs out of the lake; boating and fishing remain open.*

The Montgomery County Parks Department is asking residents to use caution when recreating on or near Lake Needwood located within Rock Creek Regional Park. Testing has shown there are elevated levels of microcystin, a toxic substance produced by some species of blue-green algae (cyanobacteria), in the 75-acre lake. Microcystin, hepatotoxin, can cause harm to the liver of humans and pets. Of particular concern are dogs that are off-leash and may swim and/or drink from the lake, despite park regulations. Montgomery Parks urges visitors to take the following precautions:

- Keep dogs on leash (as is regularly required at the park), and do not allow them to drink or go in the water
- Swimming is prohibited in the lake at all times
- Wash hands thoroughly if they come in contact with the water
- Only eat properly cooked muscle meat of fish that are caught in the lake

[Boating and fishing](#) will remain open at the lake.

“We have posted signs around Lake Needwood and urge visitors to please pay attention to these precautions to avoid any harm from microcystin,” said Jai Cole, Natural Resources Manager for Montgomery Parks. “Portions of the lake may be contaminated for the rest of the season. We will continue to monitor and update signs when the warning is lifted.”

For updates or more information, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org).

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## Upcounty Road Work Scheduled

**Pavement preservation projects**, in which crews will be doing pavement preservation work, will entail a full depth patching of pavement deteriorations, crack sealing, and application of a micro resurfacing material or an asphalt emulsion binder will be sprayed onto the pavement followed by an application of stone aggregate. The chipseal resurfacing is then compacted by rollers. Within 7-10 days the road will be swept to remove surface dust and residual stones. Roadway markings are replaced shortly after resurfacing operations.

The following roads will be receiving pavement preservation work (micro resurfacing) starting in late July. The first phase of the project should be completed within approximately four weeks, weather permitting. Micro resurfacing will be scheduled for late summer or fall. Work hours will be between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday.

- \* **Dairymaid Drive in Germantown** from Great Seneca Highway to Mateny Road.
- \* **Dawson Farm Road in Germantown** from Great Seneca Highway to Germantown Road.
- \* **Richter Farm Road in Germantown** from Great Seneca Highway to Germantown Road.

For more information on resurfacing projects throughout the county, visit the [Division of Highway Services' website](#) or call **311** (outside Montgomery County, call 240-777-0311; TTY, call 301-251-4850), Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

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## National Night Out (NNO)

August 5

**Where: hopefully happening in your neighborhood!**

The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime," in 1984 began an effort by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NATW's National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August (In Texas, the first Tuesday of October).

Neighborhoods throughout Montgomery County will hold block parties, ice cream socials, and other activities to bring neighbors together and the County Executive and Police Chief plan to visit several locations. To learn more about the event, visit <http://natw.org/about>

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## Open House Unveils Montgomery College's New Career Coaching Tool

August 5 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Gaithersburg Library

18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg

Career Coach seminars will be held monthly at Gaithersburg Library and Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. For more information, contact Ken Nelson, Director of Business and Community Outreach, 240-328-4747.

*Look for details next week.*

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**Dr. Derionne Pollard, Montgomery College President Honored as a White House "Champion of Change"**

<http://insidemc.montgomerycollege.edu/details.php?id=54996>

*(note: Dr. Pollard is a Clarksburg resident!)*

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## **Montgomery County's Explorers Win Big in National Competition!**



Montgomery County's group of youths considering a career in law enforcement recently won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the nation for their efforts related to the prevention of domestic violence and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the crime prevention category.

**Law Enforcement Career Exploring** is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old, and provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the nation.

For more about the program, visit <http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/career-exploring/law-enforcement> or call Officer Marcus Dixon, 5<sup>th</sup> District Police, at 240-773-6200.

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### **Montgomery County Recognized for Performance Management Focus**

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13927](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13927)

### **Montgomery Designated as "Tech Savvy" County; Only One Named in Maryland, One of Only Four in USA!**

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13924](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13924)

### **County Public Information Office Wins Award for Parking Lot Safety Campaign**

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13893](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13893)

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### **Seats Still Available in Gilchrist Program's Citizenship Preparation Class**

**Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00noon**

**Gaithersburg Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

**18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg**

**(class started July 9)**

There are a few more seats available for the **FREE** Citizenship Preparation class at the Gaithersburg Library site. Requires intermediate English. Please help spread the word share among your community!

For more information call: **240-777-4960**

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## County Council Seeks Applicants for Montgomery County Planning Board

The Montgomery County Council is re-advertising for applicants to fill a vacant position on the Montgomery County Planning Board. Casey Anderson (Democrat), who has served on the Planning Board since June of 2011, was recently designated by the Council to replace Françoise Carrier as chair. Since the Council designated a sitting board member, the current vacancy on the board remains. The term currently occupied by Ms. Carrier and soon to be vacant will expire on June 14, 2018.

During the recruitment for board chair, the Council received 19 applications. The Council has decided to readvertise for the board member vacancy, but all previous applicants who were not appointed as chair will be considered for this vacancy if they remain interested in serving.

No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and each member must be a resident and registered voter of Montgomery County when appointed. Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. The position can be filled by a Democrat, a Republican, a voter who declines to affiliate with a party or a member of another party officially recognized by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

The Planning Board serves as the Council's principal adviser on land use planning and community planning. Planning Board members also serve as commissioners of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume listing professional and civic experience, should be addressed to: Council President Craig Rice, County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Applications can also be submitted via email to [county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Letters of application and resumes are made public as part of the appointment process, and are available for public review. The interviews are conducted in public and may be televised. A resume of professional and civic experience should be included with each letter of application. A financial disclosure statement of assets, debts, income and family property interests will be required to be filed by each applicant. Only the ultimate appointee will be required to make the financial disclosure statement available to the public.

**Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3.** It is the Council's policy not to consider applications received after the deadline. After the Sept. 3 closing date, Councilmembers will review the letters of application and select applicants for interviews to be held soon thereafter.

For more details, visit

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_detailsnew.asp?PrID=13908](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsnew.asp?PrID=13908)

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*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/department/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases)

**Also check out the latest from:**

Department of Public Libraries [http://www6.montgomery\\_countymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp](http://www6.montgomery_countymd.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>

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>