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Montgomery County Agricultural Fair on [August 14 to 22, 2015](http://www.mcagfair.com). Visit [www.mcagfair.com](http://www.mcagfair.com) !

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## **Friends of the Library, Montgomery County Seeks Board of Trustee Members**

Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC), the not-for-profit organization that supports Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) by raising funds and awareness for the system, is accepting applications for its Board of Trustees. Board members serve one three-year term, may be reappointed for up to two additional terms and must attend quarterly meetings. They also must participate on two committees, such as finance, marketing, fund-raising, program planning, advocacy, etc. The application process includes a nomination application, interview and reference check.

The application form is available online at <http://www.folmc.org> or by calling 240-777-0020.

FOLMC is comprised of 17 chapters that support their individual branches through a variety of outreach and advocacy efforts. The organization operates two used bookstores that are open daily to the public in Wheaton and Rockville. To join FOLMC or learn more about the bookstores and hours of operation, visit [www.folmc.org](http://www.folmc.org) or call 240-777-0020. For a 24-hour recorded message, dial 240-777-0021

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## **Montgomery County Planning Department Seeks Submissions to its First Annual Design Excellence Award Program by August 21**

The Montgomery County Planning Department urges developers, architects, landscape architects, designers and property owners to submit top-quality, completed projects in the County to new award competition. Get details at <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2015/07/27/montgomery-county-planning-department-seeks-submissions-to-its-first-annual-design-excellence-award-program-by-august-21>

Learn more about the Montgomery County Planning Department's [Design Excellence initiative](#).

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## Bicycle Master Plan Will Launch with Fall Community Meetings

The public is invited to participate in five meetings across the County during September and October 2015 to learn about the details of the Bicycle Master Plan and how to get involved in planning a bicycle network for Montgomery County. The meetings will be held in five locations so that County residents can pick the one that is most convenient for them to attend. RSVPs are encouraged but not required. Register below to attend one or each of the kick-off meetings.

The Bicycle Master Plan will consider the newest types of bikeways, such as separated and buffered bike lanes and bicycle boulevards, as well as secure bicycle storage facilities at transit stations. The network will be developed using an evaluation of the varying levels of stress imposed by traffic on cyclists along each roadway in the County.

Each event will consist of a short presentation by County planner and project manager, David Anspacher, followed by an opportunity to meet with Planning Department staff and learn about relevant topics, such as how traffic stress affects cycling and the state of bicycling in Montgomery County. Attendees will also have the chance to contribute comments about bicycling safety and facilities they would like to see on a large "feedback map," created for that part of the County associated with the meeting location. Community comments will be used to guide the planners during their work.

### **Bicycle Master Plan Meeting Schedule:**

*All meetings will be held from 7 to 9 pm.*

**Tuesday, September 8 – Meeting 1** at Paint Branch High School, 14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD. [RSVP for Meeting 1.](#)

**Wednesday, September 9 – Meeting 2** at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, Room A, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, MD. [RSVP for Meeting 2.](#)

**Tuesday, September 15 – Meeting 3** at the Planning Department headquarters, 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. [RSVP for Meeting 3.](#)

**Monday, September 21 – Meeting 4** at the Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. [RSVP for Meeting 4.](#)

**Tuesday, October 6 – Meeting 5** at Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, MD. [RSVP for Meeting 5.](#)

### **Questions or Comments?**

Contact: David Anspacher, Planner and Project Manager

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**For more details and background on the Bicycle Master Plan, visit**

[http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/bikeways/bicycle\\_master\\_plan.shtm](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/bikeways/bicycle_master_plan.shtm)

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*A message from the City of Gaithersburg . . .*

### **What Do "Sharrows" Mean?**

On roadways throughout the City, motorists might notice graphic images of bicycles with two chevron arrows above them. These lane markings, or "sharrows," do not indicate a dedicated biking lane; rather, they alert motorists and bicyclists to the fact that the cyclists may be sharing the full driving lane. Along with the sharrows, these roadways have signs indicating that "Bikes May Use Full Lane." Cyclists are also accommodated on roads with dedicated bike lanes and on multiuse paths with widths generally greater than eight feet. Learn more about Gaithersburg's Bicycle Master Plan [here](#).



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**Provide Your Comments on the Public Hearing Draft of Montgomery Village Master Plan**  
Thursday, September 10 *(time to be announced)*  
Council Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Hearing Room  
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The Montgomery County Planning Department, part of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, has posted the Public Hearing Draft of the Montgomery Village Master Plan on the Department's web site at [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/montgomery\\_village](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/montgomery_village). This posting follows the Montgomery County Planning Board's approval of the Working Draft of the Montgomery Village Master Plan on Thursday, July 23. The online document allows Montgomery Village residents and business owners to review the latest draft of the Montgomery Village Master Plan before the public hearing for the Plan.

Only a limited number of time slots for testimony are available, so the public is encouraged to call 301-495-4605 or go online to sign up [http://www.montgomeryapps.org/planning\\_board/testify.asp](http://www.montgomeryapps.org/planning_board/testify.asp). The public is also invited to submit comments on the Public Hearing Draft Montgomery Village Master Plan via email to [mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:mcp-chair@mncppc-mc.org). These comments will become part of the public testimony and public record for the Plan.

Following the public hearing on September 10, the Planning Board will hold several work sessions on the Master Plan during October to discuss the community testimony as well as issues Board members wish to address. At the conclusion of the work sessions, the Plan will be revised per the Planning Board's direction and transmitted to the County Council and County Executive. The County Council will then hold a public hearing on the Planning Board Draft of the Montgomery Village Master Plan, possibly in January 2016.

See background and more details in the full press release <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2015/07/31/planning-department-releases-public-hearing-draft-of-montgomery-village-master-plan/>

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**Attention Homeowner and Civic Associations!**

Do you want to stay informed about planning and development in Montgomery County? Ensure that your local organization is registered accurately using the Montgomery County Planning Department's [easy HOA/CA tools](#). Also please make sure that your HOA or civic association contact information is up-to-date!

**Development Finder**

To stay abreast of Montgomery County development activity, visit the Montgomery County Planning Department's online [Development Finder](#) to learn details about building applications to be considered by the Planning Board.

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**Rental Housing Study is Underway**

With County Council approval, the Planning Department's Research and Special Projects Division (RSP) is coordinating with the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to conduct an 18-24 month study of rental housing in the County that will assess how we can best meet the needs of residents across the income spectrum. Our partners include DHCA, private consulting firm RKG Associates, and an Advisory Committee representing diverse perspectives from the public and private sector. The Planning Department is managing the project contract.

To learn more, visit [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/housing/rental\\_housing\\_study](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/housing/rental_housing_study)

If questions, contact: Elizabeth Davison, Acting Chief of Research and Special Projects, 301-650-5600

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## County Cable Montgomery's 'Bottom Line' Features Tuskegee Airman Flying Again

Former Tuskegee Airman Floyd Collins recently made another flight at age 90 from the Montgomery Airpark and is covered in a segment in the latest edition of The Bottom Line show on County Cable Montgomery (CCM). The show, which takes introspective looks at people, issues and events around the County, is now on the County's cable channel and the segments are available on demand via the Internet.

Producer Cathy Grubman followed the story of Lt. Collins, who was a member of the segregated Tuskegee Airmen unit that made historic contributions to the Allied forces during World War II. The County resident had hopes he would one day fly again and pilots who fly out of the Montgomery County Airpark in Gaithersburg wanted to help make his wish come true. Recently, they flew Lt. Collins to the Eastern Shore, where he was able to visit a collection of World War II aircraft—including a plane similar to one he flew. County Councilmember Craig Rice also offered his thoughts on the legendary role Tuskegee Airmen carved in the nation's military history.

Other segments feature Lt. Thomas Jacocks celebrating his history-making 60th year with the Montgomery County Police Department, and details of the \$54 million budget savings plan recently adopted by the County Council.

The 15-minute show can be viewed at numerous times on CCM in August. Upcoming viewing times include Sundays at 4 and 8 p.m.; Mondays at 11 a.m.; Tuesdays at 8 p.m.; Wednesdays at 12 noon; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 2:30; and Saturdays at 12:30 and 10:30 p.m.

The show's individual segments also can be viewed on demand via the Internet:

- Tuskegee Airman Floyd Collins flies again: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6li4kTXvLw>
- Thomas Jacocks celebrates 60 years with Montgomery County Police: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7aCnzCtB\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r7aCnzCtB_E)
- Montgomery Council approves \$54 million savings plan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyBX72xfmEY>
- Montgomery Moments scenes from Lake Needwood: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIKovj8bXLU>

The show is viewable on demand from the Montgomery County web site at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccm/bottomline.html>

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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://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://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>

