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Holiday Schedule for Labor Day, September 7

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Labor Day

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County liquor stores – all retail stores are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recreation – Bethesda, Germantown, Western County, Wheaton/Glenmont and MLK outdoor aquatic facilities will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Olney Indoor Swim Center will be open normal hours; all other indoor aquatic facilities, as well as the Long Branch and Upper County outdoor pools, will be closed. Administrative offices, senior centers and community centers are closed.

Montgomery Parks -- most Parks facilities are open during holiday weekend. For operating schedules, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.

Ride On – Sunday schedule

Metrobus – Sunday schedule

Metrorail – Sunday schedule

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) -- closed

Refuse/recycling pickup – no collection*

Transfer Station – closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Administrative Offices – closed

State offices and courts – closed

*Collection provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)



Join Congressman John Delaney in a Climate Action Workshop

Tuesday, August 25 6:30pm-8:30pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

Congressman Delaney will host a workshop in Germantown “to share ideas and start a conversation with leaders on climate change and how we can move forward.” Attendees will have the chance to ask questions of panel experts from:

- The Environmental Protection Agency;
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- The Sierra Club;
- The Chesapeake Bay Foundation; and
- The League of Conservation Voters.

To join the discussion on climate change, [take a moment to register for my Climate Action Workshop.](#)

To find out more, contact the Gaithersburg office at (301) 926-0300.

Public Hearing on the Draft Master Plan for “Fire, Rescue Emergency Medical Services & Community Risk Reduction” Wednesday, August 26 7:00pm Travilah Fire Station, Training/Meeting Room 9615 Darnestown Road, Rockville

A public hearing concerning the draft “Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, and Community Risk Reduction Master Plan” will be conducted by Montgomery County Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein and the public is invited to share their comments. Public parking is available on site.

Reminder . . .

Board of Elections to Hold Public Hearing Regarding Selection of Early Voting Centers in Montgomery County

The Montgomery County Board of Elections has scheduled a public hearing to receive testimony from the public about the list of Early Voting Centers for the upcoming presidential election. Each local Board of Elections in the State of Maryland is required to review its list of early voting sites every two years and make recommendations to the State Board of Elections. The Montgomery County Board is seeking public input prior to making its recommendations, which are due at the end of September.

Under state law, Montgomery County must select at least eight Early Voting Centers and may select an additional ninth site. Early voting in Maryland runs from Thursday to Thursday, ending the Thursday before the election, although in person voting by absentee ballot is still available at each local Board of Elections until Election Day.

The public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2015, in the Lobby Level Auditorium of the Montgomery County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, in Rockville. In addition, public comments will be heard during the August 31, 2015, meeting of the Board of Elections to be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Board of Elections, 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, in Gaithersburg. Details for how to testify at the hearing are available at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/BoardInformation/PublicParticipation.html> - elections@montgomerycountymd.gov. Written comments may be sent to elections@montgomerycountymd.gov until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16.

Maps of sites that have previously been used by the county are available on the Board of Elections website at www.777vote.org and a complete list of all sites being considered will be available prior to the hearing.

**Ride On to Hold Two Public Forums on Proposed Service Cuts;
Changes Part of FY2016 Savings Plan
Thursday, September 17
Upcounty Regional Services Center (large training room)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

and

**Thursday, September 24
Executive Office Building (lobby level auditorium)
101 Monroe Street, Rockville**

The public will have a chance to comment on proposed changes to Ride On's bus service at either one of two public forums, presented by Montgomery County. The route eliminations are being proposed to help close the significant budget shortfall facing the County in FY16. **The County will consider all comments received by September 30, 2015.**

Each year, Ride On creates a performance indicator for each route and ranks them accordingly. The performance indicator compares the resources allocated to each route with the number of average daily riders. The routes proposed for elimination are among the lowest performing in Ride On's system.

The following routes are being proposed for elimination: Route 42 weekday, Saturday and Sunday service; Route 98 weekday, Saturday and Sunday service; and, Route 83 Saturday and Sunday service.

If either forum is cancelled due to inclement weather, a public forum will be held on Wednesday, September 30.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to speak at either public forum are requested to provide in writing their name, home address, telephone number, e-mail address and organization to the Division of Transit Services, Ride On Public Forum, 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850. **Those wishing to speak at the September 17 forum must provide such information on or before September 14. Those wishing to speak at the September 24 forum must provide such information on or before September 21. Those who have signed up to speak must bring two printed copies of their testimony for the record.**

Additionally, comments on the proposed service route eliminations may be submitted in writing, by email, or by fax to the Division of Transit Services by September 30, 2015. Send written comments to the Division of Transit Services, Ride On Public Forum, 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850. Email comments to mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov and comments by fax may be sent to 240-777-5801.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided upon request by emailing Karen.Falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov no later than September 14 for the September 17 forum and no later than September 21 for the September 24 forum.

**Office of Human Rights to Host Community Picnic on September 20
Sunday, September 20 1:00pm-5:00pm
Wheaton Regional Park
2000 Shorefield Road, Wheaton**

Montgomery County's Committee on Hate/Violence and the Office of Human Rights will host the Third Annual "Friendship Picnic" that brings together diverse communities to share their cultures, traditions and faiths. Food, beverages and entertainment for the entire family will be provided.

The picnic will be co-hosted by the Human Rights Commission, the Office of Community Partnerships, the Montgomery County Executive's Faith Community Working Group, the Fund for Montgomery and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

For more information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights.



**Library of the Future Summit Gives Residents a Chance to Help Shape Future Library Services
in Montgomery County
Thursday, September 24 9:00am-4:00pm
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring**

The public can have a unique opportunity to help determine the shape, tone, function, look, contents, programs and services of libraries in Montgomery County for years to come by participating in the County Executive's Library of the Future Summit. The summit will begin with remarks by Director Hamilton, the County Executive and County Council President George Leventhal. The keynote speaker will be Susan Benton, President and CEO of the Urban Libraries Council. Following the speakers, the Executive will give a brief response to the keynote address, then move to the question-and-answer portion of the summit.

Attendees at the full-day session at the Silver Spring Civic Building will have a continental breakfast and lunch provided and attendees at the half-day session at the Gaithersburg Library will receive a continental breakfast.

For those who cannot attend in person, other ways to participate are to:

- Participate online from any location at #MCPLFuture
- Share comments, questions and ideas on Twitter (#MCPLFuture) and Facebook
- Submit thoughts via the online feedback form available at MCPL's Summit website, <http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/summit>

Registration is required for in person attendance at either location. Registration will close on September 17, 2015.

For more information and details, visit <http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/summit> or call 240-777-0002.

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/csltml.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://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>