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Parents of Students Entering Seventh Grade Reminded of New Immunization Requirements; Free Immunizations Offered in August and September

Parents of students entering seventh grade are reminded that there are immunization requirements announced in 2014 that require students to have one Tdap (Tetanus-diphtheria-attenuated pertussis) and one meningococcal (MCV4) vaccination.

Montgomery County Health and Human Services staff will provide free Tdap and MCV4 vaccinations to incoming seventh-grade students at several locations throughout the County beginning in late August. Eighth and ninth grade students entering a Maryland school for the first time should also receive the vaccinations in order to comply with the requirements.   No appointment is necessary. A parent or designated adult must be present. Please bring a copy of the child's immunization record to the clinic.

Clinics that will be held in the Upcounty (northern region of the county):

Saturday, August 27th; 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Germantown Health Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Tuesday, September 13th; 4 -7 p.m.
Clemente Middle School
18808 Waring Station Road, Germantown

Wednesday, September 14; 4 – 7 p.m.
Gaithersburg Middle School
2 Teacher's Way, Gaithersburg

Thursday, September 15; 4 – 7 p.m.
Rocky Hill Middle School
22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg

For a complete listing of locations around the county, go to
http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16278
In addition, there are four locations that will offer expanded hours for their regularly scheduled immunization clinics. For more information on that clinic schedule, please call 240-777-1050.

For more information on immunizations, call the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services' Immunization Program at 240-777-1050 or School Health Services at 240-777-1550.

See Locations and Schedule (pdf) | Press Release.

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Montgomery County Senior Property Tax Deferral Program

This new program was enacted by Expedited Bill 10-16, and was effective beginning July 1, 2016.

The deadline for applications is September 1, 2016!

If you were at least 65 years on June 30, 2016, and your gross family income was not more than $80,000 in 2015, then you may be eligible to defer the increase in the County Property Tax portion of your total property tax bill for the 2016 bill.

This program began on July 1, 2016, and applications are available in printed form at the Division of Treasury (255 Rockville Pike, Suite L-15, Rockville, MD 20850). To open an electronic version of the Application, click *here*. For instructions on how to fill out the Application, click *here* . Click *here* to open a copy of the Tax Deferral and Lien Agreement, which must accompany each application. Click *here* for instructions to complete the Tax Deferral and Lien Agreement.

For more details, visit http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/seniordeferral.html

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Join the Community Police Academy for Spanish-Speaking Residents
(Academia de la Policia para la Comunidad)!

Te invitamos a participar en la Academia de la Policía para la Comunidad Hispana ¡En español!

Thursday, September 8   7:00pm-9:00pm

The next Community Police Academy for Spanish-Speaking Residents is scheduled to begin and the class with be taught in Spanish. The class is free. This academy will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with graduation planned for December 15, 2016 (a 15-week academy). More information about the Community Police Academy for Spanish-Speaking Residents and how to apply can be found here: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/POL/volunteer/SpanishSpeakingCommunityAcademy.html

La próxima Academia de la Policía para la Comunidad Hispana (en español) está programada para comenzar el jueves 8 de septiembre del 2016, de 7 a 9 de la noche. Las clases son en español - y son gratuita. Las clases serán todos los jueves (por 15 semanas) a la misma hora, de 7 a 9 de la noche. Habrá una graduación oficial el 15 de diciembre del 2016. Más información acerca de la Academia de Policía para la Comunidad Hispana y cómo aplicar se puede encontrar aquí:
http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/POL/volunteer/SpanishSpeakingCommunityAcademy.html

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50 Plus Expo at Silver Spring Civic Center

Mark your calendar for the Beacon's free, annual 50+Expo, which will return to the Silver Spring Civic Center in downtown Silver Spring on Sunday, Sept. 11. The keynote speaker is Lt. Joe Kenda, former homicide detective and star of "Homicide Hunter," on the Investigation Discovery channel. The event will feature government and nonprofit and business exhibitors, health screenings, flu shots (free with Medicare card), technology training, entertainment, giveaways and door prizes. Visit website for more information.

County Executive Announces Business Initiative

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett announces the Excellence in Business Services Initiative, which continues his efforts to make it easier for businesses to start, grow and thrive in Montgomery County. Business vitality is critical to a healthy economy that supports the quality of life we all enjoy and Montgomery County is committed to ensuring that businesses have a positive experience when interacting with the County.

The initiative is comprised of three component projects:

Regulatory Reform
- Identify opportunities to simplify and streamline

Culture of Solutions
- Establish and sustain a culture of excellence in customer service

Montgomery County Business Portal
- Improve access to information and resources for businesses

Input from the business community is requested through the online business survey. Feedback may also be provided directly to the project lead: Judy Stephenson, 240-777-2012 or judy.stephenson@montgomerycountymd.gov

If you're part of the leadership of a business, please take the survey!

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Montgomery County Designated as "Tech Savvy"

The Public Technology Institute (PTI) has designated Montgomery County a "Tech Savvy" County for 2016. PTI's Local Government Tech Savvy Designation Award Program recognizes PTI-member local governments that have proven they have exceptional talent, great ideas, a spirit of teamwork and collaboration, creativity, technology leadership and proven technology best practices across the entire enterprise. See release.

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Gaithersburg City Council Meetings Now Live on YouTube

Watch the inner workings of municipal governance by live streaming the meetings of the Mayor and City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Appeals and Historic District Commission on YouTube. You can also watch live on cable TV, Comcast and RCN Channel 13 and FiOS Channel 25 within City limits, or watch the live stream via the City's website. Archived meetings are available on YouTube going back to January, 2015; a more comprehensive archive can be found on the website.

Also watch County Council meetings live!

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Live/index.html

and

Planning Board meetings live!

http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org

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Montgomery County Council to hold public hearing on Sept. 13 on bill regarding non-standard structures in the public right-of-way
Tuesday, September 13   1:30pm
Council Office Building, 3rd fl Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on Expedited Bill 34-16, Streets and Roads – Design. The bill would clarify that certain permanent, nonstandard structures may be installed in the public right-of-way under certain circumstances; require a permit to close any portion of a private road; define certain terms; establish road design criteria; and generally amend County law regarding rights-of-way and streets and roads. The bill is related to the changes proposed to Subdivision Regulation 16-01.

The hearing will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and can be viewed via streaming through the County web site at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Live/index.html.

Those interested in testifying at the hearing can start signing up on Thursday, Aug. 18, online at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html or by calling 240-777-7803. The deadline to sign up is 5:00pm on Monday, Sept. 12. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the bill or go to: http://tinyurl.com/zspsdah .

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Montgomery County Council to hold public hearing on Sept. 13 on bill to amend provisions on building permits
Tuesday, September 13   1:30pm
Council Office Building, 3rd fl Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on Expedited Bill 35-16 that would include the building permit provisions currently in Chapter 50; include the building permit provisions currently in Chapter 59; and generally amend County law regarding building permits. The bill is related to changes proposed in Subdivision Regulation 16-01.

The public hearing will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and can be viewed via streaming through the County web site at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Live/index.html.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:
County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01
Planning Board 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