Bringing the County Closer to You!

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ATTENTION RIDERS! Ride On will Hold Two Public Forums on Proposed Service Cuts

Thursday, September 17 6:30pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown
&
Thursday, September 24 6:30pm
Executive Office Building (Lobby Level Auditorium)
101 Monroe Street, Rockville

Montgomery County will hold two public forums in September to allow the public to comment on proposed changes to Ride On's bus service. 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. 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.

For more information, including how to submit testimony, read the news release here. (English) (Español)

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You're Invited to a

Community Conversation about Health and Wellness in Montgomery County

Saturday, September 19 10:00am-12:00noon
Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Come and join the dialogue about how your community can be a healthier place to live. Community Conversations are sponsored by Healthy Montgomery, a community-based effort to improve the health and well-being of Montgomery County residents. *Refreshments will be served!*

To register, email HHS_CHNA2015@montgomerycountymd.gov. Learn more about Healthy Montgomery at www.healthymontgomery.org

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Catch up on all the latest Ride On news in the NEW "Ride On Review" quarterly newsletter!

Click HERE to view the April-June 2015 edition.

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Montgomery County Council to Host Town Hall Meeting for Clergy and Faith Leaders; Goal to Gain Greater Insight Into the Current Issues Facing the County's Clergy and Faith Community

Wednesday, September 16 7:30pm
Council Office Building, 3rd floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

(A pre-meeting reception will begin at 7:00pm in the second floor cafeteria)

The Montgomery County Council, which annually holds Town Hall Meetings throughout the County to hear from residents, will hold a special meeting for leaders of the County's faith community. The Council is working with the interfaith community and the Interfaith Community Liaison associated with the County's Office of Community Partnerships to organize the meeting, which is open to the public. It is estimated that there are more than 3,000 faith community leaders representing many different religions throughout the County.

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Annual Farm to Table Dinner

Saturday, September 19 4:00pm-10:00pm
Bascule Farm, LLC
20800 Whites Ferry Road, Poolesville

The evening includes dinner and wine/beer tastings. Tickets are limited.
For more information go to http://montgomery.mdfarmbureau.com

Tony Marciante, chef/owner of Chef Tony's of Bethesda local foods and seafood restaurant will be using meats and produce from county farmers to create a memorable buffet meal at Bascule Farm, an Equestrian center and horse farm in Poolesville. Guests (**adults only**) will have the opportunity to meet with some of Montgomery County's farmers, enjoy an equestrian demonstration in the jumping ring, and visit information booths including the Farm Bureau, County Extension Office, among others, to learn about the county's agricultural initiatives. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the farmers and learn more about your local food sources. This is not a fundraiser.

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Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, September 21 7:00pm-9:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Details to follow!

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Montgomery County Executive Hispanic Gala

Thursday, September 10 7:00pm-11:00pm
The Fillmore Silver Spring
8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring

Granting scholarships to college bound youth!
For details, visit http://www.montgomeryhispanicgala.org

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You're Invited!

County Executive Leggett's
Library of the Future Summit
Thursday, September 24

No institution in our community is changing as rapidly as our libraries. Once viewed as a collection of books and printed resource material, libraries have become much more. Customers have access to books in electronic form and to online databases and publications. The library is a hub of community activity, from using Internet access to meeting rooms with new equipment to help in collaboration. Even the layout of buildings is different, adapting to the needs of customers who use their own devices.

The first Summit on the Future of Libraries was held six years ago and was a huge success in public feedback and turnout. Since then, libraries and their roles in our community have evolved even further.

Join County Executive Leggett, Libraries Director Parker Hamilton, and County Council President George Leventhal to hear keynote speaker Susan Benton, President and CEO of the Urban Libraries Council.

In a new feature of this summit, the morning portion of the program at the Silver Spring Civic Building will use "Google Hangout on Air" live to link to the Gaithersburg Library at 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, providing an opportunity for feedback from an audience in another part of the county.

Four ways to participate!

In-person
Thursday, Sept. 24 9:00am-4:00pm
Silver Spring Civic Building

Remotely
Thursday, Sept. 24 9:00am-12:00noon
Gaithersburg Library

Chat Online with County Executive Leggett
Tuesday, Sept. 22 1:00pm-2:00pm

Participate online from anywhere via #MCPLFuture

Registration is required for in-person attendance at either location and will close on September 17. For more information and details, visit http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/summit or call 240-777-0002.

Be creative, innovative and enthusiastic and help to create our library services of the future for Montgomery County!

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MD 355 Ride On Plus Transit Project

In June 2015, the County submitted an FY2015 TIGER grant application to the USDOT for Ride On Plus service on Maryland Route 355 between the Lakeforest Transit Center and the Grosvenor Metrorail Station. The County requested $17 million for this $21.25 million project that would purchase 14 all-electric buses for an 11-mile/14-station system; add 17 additional Bikeshare stations; and provide Transit Signal Priority at 31 intersections. Awards will be announced in Fall 2015. **Application Narrative**

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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.

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The Six Point Economic Plan is part of a larger effort to plan for the County's long-term economic success: the Comprehensive Economic Plan. Find more at Montgomery County's Economic Priorities website.

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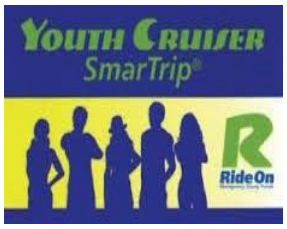

Youth Monthly Bus Passes Now on Sale

Montgomery County residents who are 18 years old and younger can travel around the county with ease by purchasing Ride On's Youth Monthly Pass, which provides unlimited rides on Ride On buses. The passes, which must be loaded onto the Youth Cruiser SmarTrip Card, can be purchased online at SmarTrip.com or in person at the following locations:

- Montgomery County Treasury – 255 Rockville Pike, Suite L-15, Rockville (240-777-8930)
- TRiPS Commuter Stores – 8413 Ramsey Ave., Silver Spring & 17 Wisconsin Circle, Friendship Heights (240-773-8747)
- Certain Giant Food, CVS and other retail stores – See list of locations

Youth Cruiser SmarTrip Cards can be purchased for $2 at County Libraries, the Treasury, TRiPS Stores and some schools. Visit www.RideOnBus.com for more information.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:
County Council http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp
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