



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**September 13, 2013**

*Reminders . . .*

**Farm to Table Dinner**

September 20 6:00pm-9:30pm  
Agricultural History Farm Park  
18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood  
For ticket information, contact Kathy Lyons  
at [kmhlyons@aol.com](mailto:kmhlyons@aol.com)

**Montgomery County Police Holds Open House**

September 21 11:00am – 4:00pm  
Public Safety Headquarters  
100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg  
For details, visit [www.mymcpnews.com](http://www.mymcpnews.com).  
If inclement weather, call 240-773-6945

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**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board to Meet with New Planning Director  
Monday, September 23 7:00pm  
Upcounty Regional Services Center  
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) will meet with Planning Director Gwen Wright to hear her vision on future planning in Montgomery County and to discuss lessons learned in the Upcounty area. Ms. Wright returned to Montgomery County from Alexandria VA where she served as Chief of their Development Division. Prior to that, she served as Montgomery County’s Acting Planning Director/Chief of Countywide Planning and Supervisor of the Historic Preservation program.

UCAB represents the northern part of Montgomery County; roughly one-half of the land area and approximately one-third of the county’s total population. Members are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council, and the board advises them as well as the Upcounty Regional Services Director in identifying the benefits, challenges, and opportunities that issues pose for our region and the county as a whole.

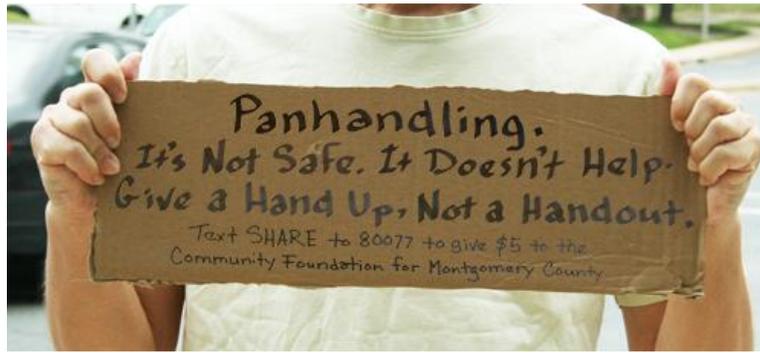
**Note:** Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, **but no less than 72 hours prior to the event.** If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call Catherine Matthews at 240-777-8040 or email a request to [catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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**MCDOT Residents’ Guide Now Available in Multiple Languages**

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation’s (MCDOT) Resident’s Guide to Services is now available in Spanish, Traditional Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese. The guide provides phone, website and email contacts that direct residents to more information about all of MCDOT’s basic services. Copies of the guide in English and the other languages are available on the [County’s website](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov). For more information, see the press release at [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=12460](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=12460).

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### ***New County Initiative to Address Panhandling***

An effort was launched this week to improve public safety and better serve those in need who currently solicit cash for personal use by panhandling along roadways. Residents can still offer help by texting “SHARE” on your cell phone to 80077 to donate \$5 to the Community Foundation for Montgomery County, a non-profit, non-government organization that will distribute the proceeds to grassroots efforts in Montgomery County to REALLY help folks in need. You may also send contributions to the Community Foundation for Montgomery County, 8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 202, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or give to the community or faith-based agency of your choice.

For more details, go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/panhandling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/panhandling)

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You're invited! Come to the Rapid Transit Roundtable to learn about a

## **New Rapid Transit Line on MD 355**

As population and traffic rise, how can we design MD355 to move more people and connect our communities all the way from Friendship Heights to Clarksburg? Join residents, local businesses, institutions, and stakeholders of all kinds to learn about the County's Rapid Transit proposal from County officials and engage in a collaborative discussion about Rapid Transit and other solutions for turning MD355 into a safe, sustainable, multimodal boulevard of the future.

- CLARKSBURG
- GERMANTOWN
- GAITHERSBURG
- ROCKVILLE
- WHITE FLINT
- BETHESDA
- FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

**WHEN:** Thurs, Oct. 3, 6-9pm  
**WHERE:** Executive Office Building Cafeteria - 101 Monroe St, Rockville MD  
**RSVP:** [nextgentransit.org/md355](http://nextgentransit.org/md355) or (202) 675-0016 ext. 117

## **MD355 Rapid Transit Roundtable**

*An educational event about Montgomery County's proposed Rapid Transit System for stakeholders along the MD355 corridor.*

**Thursday, October 3 | 6:00-9:00 PM | Rockville, MD**

As population and traffic continue to rise, how can we design the MD355 corridor to move more people and connect our communities all the way from Friendship Heights to Clarksburg? Join residents, local businesses, institutions, and

stakeholders of all kinds to learn about the County's Rapid Transit proposal, get your questions answered by County officials, and engage in a collaborative discussion about Rapid Transit and other solutions for turning MD355 into a safe, sustainable, multimodal boulevard of the future.



**Speakers:** Casey Anderson, Montgomery County Planning Board; Larry Cole, Master Planner at the Montgomery County Planning Department; and Chuck Lattuca, Rapid Transit System Development Manager at MCDOT.

**Light refreshments will be served.**



Image courtesy of the White Flint Partnership – Rockville Pike the 21st Century Boulevard in the White Flint

*This event is co-sponsored by Coalition for Smarter Growth and [Communities for Transit](#). Our co-hosts include Montgomery County Sierra Club, TAME Coalition, the White Flint Partnership, and Friends of White Flint.*

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## **Community Service Week to Take Place October 20 – 27; Organizations Urged to Register Volunteer Projects**

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center is now posting service opportunities for Community Service Week, October 20 – 27. The week of volunteer activities highlights the 27th annual Community Service Day on the 26th.

If you have a project to register or if you are looking for a project to participate in, visit the Volunteer Center's [website](#) or [www.montgomeryserves.org](http://www.montgomeryserves.org). Examples of service projects include holding a winter coat drive, organizing a clothes closet for the needy, putting a community garden to bed and visiting seniors at assisted living homes. Projects will continue to be added to the site until October 26, so volunteers are encouraged to check back frequently to view new postings.

Most of the listed opportunities provide Student Service Learning (SSL) hours!

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## **County Expands Recycling Program; Additional household items may be dropped off for recycling at Transfer Station's Recycling Unloading Area**

Residents can now drop off a variety of newly added household items for recycling at the County's Solid Waste Processing Facility and Transfer Station under the latest expansion of the County's nationally-recognized recycling program.

For a complete list of both acceptable and unacceptable items, as well as a downloadable flyer, visit the Division of Solid Waste Services' website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling).

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## ***Deadline to Apply for Water Quality Protection Charge Credit is September 30***

Residential and commercial property owners who install stormwater management techniques may be eligible to reduce their Water Quality Protection Charge (WQPC) by up to 50 percent. Applications to receive a credit in the 2013 tax year are due by September 30 and by October 31 for the 2014 tax year. Approved credits are valid for three years.

Learn more at the County's website for information about the [Rainscapes program](#) rebates, the [WQPC credits](#) or to [apply for the WQPC credit](#). Or, email [WQPC.credits@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:WQPC.credits@montgomerycountymd.gov) with questions about the WQPC credit program to DEP.

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## Un Charla Sobre El Proceso Legal de la Separación y el Divorcio

La Comisión de Mujeres del Condado de Montgomery, en colaboración con la Asociación de Ley del Condado de Montgomery- área de Ley de Familia; la Asociación de Ley de Mujeres del Condado de Montgomery; y la Mesa Redonda de Divorcios del Condado de Montgomery presentará un seminario que se enfocará en el proceso legal de la separación y el divorcio en el Condado de Montgomery. El seminario titulado "Cuando un Matrimonio Termina: Asuntos Prácticos, Financieros y Propietarios que ámbos, esposo y esposa, tienen que considerar", está programado para el Jueves, 19 de septiembre, 2013 de 7:00 a 9:00 pm. Algunos de los temas que se tratarán incluyen razones para un divorcio; tipos de divorcios; que esperar de la corte y alternativas a la corte; pensión alimenticia; división de bienes; violencia doméstica y la función del (de la) abogado (a).

Para pre-matricularse al seminario en español, vaya a: <http://divorcelawseminar913sp.eventbrite.com/>.

Para el seminario en inglés, vaya a: <http://divorcelawseminar913.eventbrite.com/>.

El costo es de \$10 por seminario si se pre-matricula, o \$15 en la puerta. Para más información llamar al 240-777-8300.

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## *Celebrate Oktoberfest in Upcounty!*



Four communities will formally celebrate this popular fall event with food, hayrides, face painting, pumpkins, entertainment and more! Check them out:

### **Germantown Oktoberfest**

Saturday, October 5 9:45am – 5:00pm

High Point Farm

23730 Frederick Road, Clarksburg

<http://www.germantownoktoberfest.org>

### **Montgomery Village Foundation's Great Pumpkin Race and Fall Festival**

Saturday, October 12 11:00am-3:00pm

North Creek Community Center

20125 Arrowhead Road, Montgomery Village

For more information, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

### **Oktoberfest at the Kentlands**

Kentlands Greens, Kentlands Mansion, Main Street, and Market Square

Sunday, October 13 12:00noon – 5:00pm

If questions, call **301-258-6350** or email [ineal@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:ineal@gaithersburgmd.gov).

### **Arora Hills Annual Oktoberfest & Vendor Fair**

Sunday, October 20 12:00noon – 4:00pm

Clubhouse Grounds

23030 Birch Mead Road, Clarksburg

If questions, call Amy Hoffacker at 301-367-3933 or

[ahoktoberfest@gmail.com](mailto:ahoktoberfest@gmail.com)

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**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.montgomerycountymd.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://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>