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Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Invites State Legislators to Discuss Upcoming Session

Monday, October 21 7:00pm

Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Road, Meeting Room A, Germantown

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) has invited legislators from Districts 14, 15, 17 and 39 to meet with them to discuss the lawmakers' plans for the next General Assembly that convenes in January. These are the districts that cover the Upcounty region. Board members will also share their thoughts on State-related issues. UCAB meetings are open to the public. Please join us!

Leggett Appoints Three New UCAB Members

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) recently thanked three of their members who had served full terms and have now retired from the board: Andres (Andy) Aviles from Germantown; Doug Noble from Damascus; and Robert Thompson from Darnestown. All had served two three-year terms.

Three new members have recently been appointed: **Annie McDonald** from the Shady Grove/north Rockville area; **Tobi Printz-Platnick** from the Boyds/Germantown area; and **Ketaki Singh** from Clarksburg.

UCAB members advise the County Executive and Council on various issues and projects affecting the northern part of the county as well as initiatives with countywide impact.

The World of Montgomery Street Festival; Exploring the World in Your Own Backyard

Sunday, October 20 12-5pm

Westfield Wheaton Plaza

The World of Montgomery Festival celebrates and displays the rich cultural heritages of the DC Area. The festival will be held at Westfield Wheaton Plaza Mall parking lot (next to the metro) on Sunday, October 20th, 2013, from noon to 5:00pm.

Sponsored by Fund for Montgomery and organized by KID Museum, the free festival includes an international village, a global kitchen with chef demonstrations of traditional ethnic food, a craft market, a Parade of Cultures, two performance stages of traditional dance and music, connections through service, traditional arts and fun interactive activities for the whole family. For more information visit www.worldofmontgomery.com.



**Sunday, October 20
Noon-5pm**

**Westfield Wheaton
11160 Veirs Mill Road**
Wheaton Plaza parking lot between JCPenney and Metro

www.worldofmontgomery.com

Live Music • Cultural Activities
Performance Stages • Traditional Arts
Crafts Market • Chef Demonstrations
Free Activities for the Whole Family

Ride On to Modify Some Bus Schedules Starting October 20

Beginning Sunday, October 20, Montgomery County's Ride On bus system will make modifications to its bus schedule on certain routes. Many of the changes involve only minor time adjustments so that bus schedules more closely match actual travel times in traffic. **Several Upcounty routes affected:**

Route 55 – Additional service during rush hour and midday between the Lakeforest Transit Center and Rockville Metro Station.

Route 56 - More service to and from Edison Park.

Route 59 – Add a small number of trips, adjust the late night schedule departure times, and modify Walker's Choice service.

Route 94 – Eliminate "Meet the MARC" service between the Kingsview Park and Ride Lot and the Germantown MARC Train Station because of low ridership. The last day of Kingsview service is Friday, October 18. New "Meet the MARC" service is being proposed for Clarksburg beginning in January.

Route 96 – Expand service area at midday on weekdays in Rockspring Business Park with somewhat fewer trips.

Route 98 - Schedule departure time adjustments. Add more service to the SoccerPlex Stadium at the beginning and end of weekend days. .

Route 100 - Minor reduction in number of trips. Add trip at 4:45 a.m. going towards the Shady Grove Metro.

Go to [Ride On's website](#) to see other changes and new timetables!

County Council's Transportation and Environment Committee Begins Review of Proposed Bus Rapid Transit System

See details at <http://mccouncil.blogspot.com/2013/10/transportation-and-environment.html>

Reminder!

County Councilmember Nancy Floreen to Host Informational Forum for Leaders of Homeowner Associations and Condominium Associations

Wednesday, October 23 7:30pm

Council Office Building

100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

(you're invited to a pre-meeting reception at 7:00pm)

For more information about the forum or to RSVP, call 240-777-7959 or [e-mail](#) Councilmember Floreen.

Montgomery County Law Enforcement Agencies to Participate in 7th Annual DEA Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, October 26 10:00am - 2:00pm

The Washington Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is again partnering with local law enforcement agencies, government, and public health organizations across the country to present the seventh National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. In Montgomery County, this initiative is supported by the partner law enforcement agencies and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse Prevention Office. This is a safe, free and anonymous opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs. The take-back program is part of an effort to prevent the increasing problems of prescription drug abuse and theft that are occurring nationwide.

There will be eleven drop-off locations throughout the County. Officers will staff collection boxes in the parking lots or lobbies of the following **Upcounty facilities:**

Gaithersburg:

MCP 1st District Station - 100 Edison Park Road.

MCP 6th District Station - 45-A West Watkins Mill Road

Gaithersburg Police Station - 14 Fulks Corner Avenue.

Germantown:

MCP 5th District Station - 20000 Aircraft Drive

The DEA is particularly interested in medications containing controlled substances but will accept any medications brought for disposal. All sites will take pills of all kinds but cannot accept syringes. If possible, prescription labels should be removed or personal information should be blacked out; however, pill bottles will still be accepted even if the labels are attached. No questions will be asked. This is an opportunity to safely empty out a drawer or a medicine cabinet of drugs that are no longer needed; and possibly prevent accidental poisoning, overdose or purposeful drug abuse.

There are limited options for consumers to legally dispose of their old medications. Disposing of them through a drug take-back day is the safest option. All the medications returned on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will be incinerated by the DEA according to federal and state environmental guidelines. Additional information is available at www.dea.gov.

Montgomery County Recreation Participate in Interfaith Works Coat Drive

Montgomery County Recreation is collecting coats through November 1 to support the Montgomery County Government/City of Gaithersburg Homeless Resource Day scheduled for Thursday, November 7. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg.

The coat drive is being coordinated by Interfaith Works, which provides shelter, clothing and food to community members in need. The goal is to collect more than 500 gently used women's and men's winter coats of all sizes. Especially needed are adult sizes XL – 3XL. Although there is a lesser need for children's coats, they will also be accepted. The coats will be distributed free to needy residents during Homeless Resource Day.

Gently used winter coats can be dropped off at the following Upcounty facilities through November 1:

- Germantown Indoor Swim Center, 18000 Central Park Circle, Boyds;
- Upper County Community Recreation Center, 8201 Emory Grove Rd., Gaithersburg;

For more information about the Interfaith Works Coat Drive, call D'Ivonne Holman at 301-525-2624. For information about the Recreation Department donation sites, call Judy Stiles at 240-777-6875. For information about the second annual Homeless Resource Day, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HRD.

Council Holds Hearings On Zoning Changes

Nov. 12 and 14 7:30pm

Council Office Building, 3rd floor hearing room

100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The County Council will hold a second public hearing on proposed changes to the County's Zoning Law starting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and continuing on Thursday, Nov. 14. The hearing will address proposed changes to the law recommended by the County's Planning Board and by the Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee. [Read more..](#)

MCPS Superintendent Presents 2013 State of the Schools

Monday, November 11

7:30am a light breakfast and student performances

8:30am Dr. Starr presents his address

The Music Center at Strathmore

Dr. Starr will share his vision for preparing all students for success in their future. There will also be an acknowledgement of outstanding students of Montgomery County Public Schools. The event is free and should conclude by 9:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by November 1 at www.mcpsstateoftheschools.org.

**Did you Know? . . . Montgomery Parks is Home to Maryland's Largest Tree
Located in Dickerson Conservation Park**



A tree grows in Dickerson—a very large tree, in fact the largest known tree in the state. [Montgomery Parks](#), part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission is being awarded the 2013 Champion Tree Award today, by the [Montgomery County Maryland Forestry Board](#) for the American sycamore tree (*Platanus occidentalis*) located in [Dickerson Conservation Park](#). The 137-foot tall tree with a circumference of 310 inches or 25 feet and crown spread of 108 feet is recorded in the 2013 Register of Champion Trees for Montgomery County, MD at 475 points. Tree point index is a measurement determined by adding the tree's circumference, height and average crown spread. It was discovered by Montgomery Parks Maintenance Crew Leader Dale Crigger at [Black Hill Regional Park](#)

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cshtml.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://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>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>