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## **Early Voting is Extended!**

The opportunity to vote early has been extended by Gov. O'Malley **through Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Polls will be open on Friday, November 2 from **8:00am – 9:00pm** at:

**Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center**, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville 20853

**Germantown Recreation Center**, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown 20874

**Marilyn J. Praisner Community Rec. Ctr.**, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville 20866

**Montgomery County Executive Office Building**, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville 20850

**Silver Spring Civic Building**, One Veteran's Plaza, Silver Spring 20910

Voters are encouraged to visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) where you can track wait times at each of the five Centers. This information will be updated hourly.

For more information on Early Voting, please call 240-777-VOTE (8683)

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## **Vote "FOR" on Question B!**

### **FIFTEEN POLICE POLICIES AWAITING UNION LEADERS' "APPROVAL" – MOST FOR OVER TWO YEARS;**

*Result of "Effects Bargaining" Repealed by County Council and Now Before Voters as Question B on November Ballot*

Montgomery County released a list of 15 Police Department policies which are awaiting "approval" by Police Union leaders under "effects bargaining."

Twelve of the 15 have been on the list for over two years and one policy – on "Use of Force," critical to protecting police officers and the public alike – has been on the list for approval by Union leaders for over four years.

Five of the issues have already been agreed to in collective bargaining contracts between the County and the Union but are still being held up because of "effects bargaining."

Last year, all nine Montgomery County Councilmembers voted to repeal "effects bargaining." Union leaders have petitioned the issue to the November ballot as Question B.

"Effects bargaining" means that Union leaders can demand that Police Chief Tom Manger bargain the effects of any management decision with them. This prevents the Chief from effectively carrying out his job of managing the Police Department in the most productive and efficient way possible -- protecting both his officers and the lives and property of County residents.

No other police union in the State of Maryland has this in law. No other Montgomery County employees' union group has this sweeping power.

"This is the list that Union leaders don't want the public to see," said Patrick Lacefield, Director of Montgomery County's Office of Public Information. "Who do you want to run the Montgomery County Police Department -- the Police Chief or Police Union leaders? That's what Question B is all about.

"Republicans and Democrats may not agree on much – but both the Republican and Democratic parties in the County are urging a vote FOR Question B."

Even with the repeal of effects bargaining, the Police Department will still maintain its requirement to bargain with the Fraternal Order of Police leadership on wages, benefits, hours, working conditions, grievances, safety and more, just like other County unions and other police unions around the State.

Question B would not affect police officers' shifts, schedules, or transfers – all those issues have already been bargained in binding contracts between the County and the union and do not change.

Please click [here](#) to view the list and read more about the impact of "effective bargaining" on the Police Chief or visit [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=8947](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=8947)

For information on Question B in Spanish, click on [YouTube](#).

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## You're Invited to a Ribbon Cutting! - Darnestown Heritage Park



**Please Join M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks and the Darnestown Civic Association for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open Darnestown Heritage Park**

Saturday, November 10, 2012, 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
14019 Darnestown Road  
Darnestown, MD 20874  
\*Near the intersection of Rte. 28 and Seneca Roads.

(Parking is available at Harris Teeter, adjacent to the park.)

Remarks will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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## ***Community Meetings on Countywide Rapid Transit***

To keep Montgomery County moving into the future, transportation planners are working on a plan exploring [bus rapid transit](#) on the county's main roads. At three public meetings in mid-November, they will unveil their preliminary recommendations and seek input.



Learn the results of transportation modeling and analysis on 20 potential corridors, including an assessment of whether existing travel lanes should be used for new transit lanes or whether more lanes should be built.

Rapid transit is similar to light rail, but runs on county roads, often in ultra-modern buses. The meetings will have an open house format.

Tuesday, November 13 - [Montgomery Blair High School](#)

Wednesday, November 14 - [Shady Grove Training Facility](#)

Thursday, November 15 - [Wheaton Library](#)

All meetings are from 6:30pm – 9pm. Drop in any time or view our formal presentation at 7 p.m.

Can't attend? Comment on our recommendations at [www.montgomeryplanning.org/brt](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/brt)

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**Montgomery County's Office of Human Rights to Host Panel Discussion on Immigration Issues**  
**Tuesday, November 13 7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
**Silver Spring Civic Building**  
**One Veterans Place, Silver Spring**

The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights (OHR) and the Human Rights Commission (HRC) will co-host a panel discussion on issues of interest to the immigrant community.

The panel discussion is a follow-up to a "listening session" held by the commission in June with various members of the County Executive's advisory groups. At the HRC's regularly scheduled monthly meeting, advisory group members were asked to share any concerns or issues related to immigration that they felt were impacting the community. Topics discussed included education, domestic violence, housing and law enforcement. Following this meeting, the commission agreed to schedule a discussion with a panel of experts to address the issues that came up at the listening session. A question and answer session will follow the panel's presentations.

For more information about the forum, call James Stowe, Director of the Office of Human Rights, at 240-777-8450.

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**A Message from the Fire Chief – Don't Forget to Change Your Clocks and Change the Batteries!**

Fire Chief Richard Bowers reminds residents that one easy step can help save their lives and the lives of those around them. Everyone is encouraged to use the extra hour they gain from daylight savings time to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, test the alarms, and remind friends, family, neighbors, and fellow community members to do the same. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue firefighters will be in neighborhoods and going door-to-door this weekend educating residents on the importance of working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and providing free batteries.

See press release [here](#).

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**Recreation Department Seeks Manager for Countywide Programs. Deadline for applications is November 8. Click [here](#) for details.**

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**ACC Mens Soccer Championship Matches**  
**Friday, November 9 5:30pm and 8:30pm**  
**Maryland SoccerPlex Stadium, Germantown**

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## Post Hurricane Message from the Parks Department

**Important:** Most M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks facilities and parks reopened to the public on Wednesday, October 31. Regional and recreational parks may be closed for a portion of the day as crews remove dangerous debris. **Do not enter parks when gates are closed.** Check Parks' website for ongoing status updates, [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org).

### Closed parks and facilities:

- Due to saturated ground conditions, all athletic fields (except synthetic turf) will likely be closed through the weekend. For updates, please check the Rainout Phone line at **301-765-8787**. Scheduling questions and/or requests should be directed to Montgomery County's Community Use of Public Facilities Office at 240-777-2703.
- Cabin John Train and Wheaton Train & Carousel are closed until the spring; The "Eye Spy" and Haunted Train and Carousel events are cancelled.
- Cabin John Dog Park
- Little Bennett Campground
- South Germantown Driving Range (closed until further notice due to significant storm damage).

**Reporting Downed Trees:** To report downed trees or other maintenance issues in Parks, please call 301-670-8080 or submit an online form through the [Online Service Center](#). The most hazardous work requests will be addressed first. Residents may email [Service.Center@MontgomeryParks.org](mailto:Service.Center@MontgomeryParks.org) to check the status of work requests. To report emergencies in parks, please call the Maryland-National Capital Park Police at 301-949-3010.

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### It's Not Over Yet!

Although the hurricane season is officially over in November, the winter's surprises will soon be here. Keep the following numbers handy.

### PHONE NUMBERS

3-1-1 for COUNTY INFORMATION on most anything  
9-1-1 for life threatening EMERGENCY  
240-773-TIPS (8477) for ANONYMOUS CRIME TIPS  
301-279-800 to contact the police for NON-emergencies

### LINKS

<https://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov/register.php> Sign up for Alerts

**(NOTE: If you have not signed up for these Alerts yet, please consider doing so NOW.)**

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/> Main County "Portal"

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**For News from the Office of the County Executive, visit:** <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other News and Meeting Agendas, visit:

**County Council** [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council)

**Planning Board** [www.montgomeryplanning.org](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org)

**\*\*\* Note: Due to the recent storm, the agendas for County Council sessions originally scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> have been rescheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Check the Council's website for details.**