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Bringing the County Closer to You!

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November 13, 2015

ATTENTION!

255 Rockville Pike is without power today.
(Friday, November 13)

The County's Departments of Permitting Services and Procurement are closed due to an electrical power outage within their respective areas of 255 Rockville Pike. Pepco is investigating and estimates restoration of power could occur this afternoon. No electronic scheduling or other requests can be processed. We appreciate your understanding.

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UCAB Full Board Meeting
Monday, November 16   7:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "Preparing for 2016 General Assembly"
Guests: State Legislators from Districts 14, 15, 17 and 39 (invited)

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 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Community Paper Shredding/Recycling and Clothing/Household Item
Donation Collection Event – Germantown
Saturday, November 14   10:00am-2:00pm
Northwest High School
13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown
(weather permitting)

There will be a limit of five paper bags or small cardbox boxes of paper per household/vehicle. For a detailed list of clothing and household goods that will be accepted at this event, go to http://www.bbbsnca.org/donate (Big Brothers Big Sisters National Capital Area).

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Residents Invited to Participate in Live Online Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett
Tuesday, November 17   1:00pm-2:00pm

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will hold a "virtual" town hall meeting on Tuesday, November 17 from 1 to 2 p.m. County residents will be able to ask questions of the County Executive before and during the chat at Live Discussion with Ike Leggett.

Questions and answers will be posted both during and after the chat.

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Public Hearing on Water Quality Protection Charge
**Tuesday, November 17   1:30pm
Council Office Building, 3rd floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on Expedited Bill 45-15 that would designate the Water Quality Protection Charge as an excise tax imposed under the County's general taxing authority; ratify the collection of stormwater management charges levied under Section 19-35 since July 1, 2013; and continue the levy and collection of the Water Quality Protection Charge from property owners under the same terms and conditions as set out in Section 19-35.   Those interested in testifying at the public hearing should visit http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/about/pub.html or call 240-777-7803.

The deadline to sign up is 5:00pm on Monday, November 16.

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Montgomery County Councilmembers Roger Berliner and Sidney Katz invite you to a Senior Forum
**Wednesday, November 18
Resource Fair: 10:00am-10:30am
Program: 10:30am-12:00pm
Leisure World Community Crystal Ballroom
3701 Rossmoor Boulevard, Silver Spring 20906**

Discussion will focus on spotting elder abuse, avoiding senior scams, and living life to the fullest. Guest speakers include John McCarthy, State's Attorney for Montgomery County; Eric Friedman, Director of the County's Office of Consumer Protection; and Kathleen Meaney Stobie, Director of the RSVP Program for the County's Volunteer Center.

Questions? Contact Councilmember Berliner's office at 240-777-7898 or
councilmember.berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov

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Taking Action! Forming a Common Agenda for African American Student Achievement
**Saturday, November 21 8:30am-3:00pm
The Universities at Shady Grove
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville**

*Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dorinda Carter Andrews, Associate Professor,
Department of Teacher Education, Michigan State University*

This event is planned to engage the community in a conversation about student performance and the achievement gap. This event will focus on forming a common agenda for the achievement of African American students.

For more information, visit http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement

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8 Members of Montgomery Council Write to Leaders of County's State Delegation to Reiterate Council's Position on Potential Liquor Control Changes

Council President George Leventhal, Vice President Nancy Floreen and Councilmembers Marc Elrich, Tom Hucker, Sidney Katz, Nancy Navarro, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer wrote the letter after Delegate William Frick and Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot said they would be proposing bills to alter the County's system of alcohol control.

"The bills proposed by Delegate Frick and Comptroller Franchot share substantial common ground with the County Council's approach," the letter states. "Our proposed legislation would also allow private wholesalers to sell directly to retailers and restaurants. However, the Frick and Franchot proposals seek a complete change without regard for the aspects of DLC operations that actually work well for consumers and taxpayers or the impact on other county priorities."

Read the entire letter at
http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_detailsNew.asp?PrID=15501

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**Leggett Hails News of County's 2015 Triple-A Bond Rating;
County Among Best in Nation for Fiscal Responsibility**
http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15496

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**County Executive Isiah Leggett: Six-Point Plan for Economic Development
in Montgomery County**

At the beginning of his third term, County Executive Isiah Leggett announced a six-point plan to accelerate economic development in Montgomery County. These actions boost both new and ongoing initiatives while a comprehensive economic strategy is well underway.

- Turn vacant office space and land into productive assets.

- Build a new start-up business accelerator called MC-Squared to nurture the next generation of tech savvy entrepreneurs.

- Create an independent transit authority for Montgomery County to move transit projects forward.

- Appoint a Development Ombudsperson to facilitate problem-solving and ensure transparency and responsiveness for our business community.

- Launch Ultra Montgomery, a high-speed fiber network, to connect our business, academic and federal institutions along major corridors and in transit-oriented, smart-growth communities.

- Consolidate all our workforce programs and develop innovative ways to address both community needs and market demands.

To learn more about these initiatives and more, visit http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ep/index.html#

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Holiday Schedule for Thanksgiving Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following schedule for Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 26:

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County liquor stores – closed

Recreation – all programs and facilities are closed

Montgomery Parks -- for holiday operating schedule on Parks' facilities, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Sunday schedule

Metrobus – Sunday schedule

Metrorail – Sunday schedule

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) -- closed

Refuse/recycling pickup – no collection*

Transfer Station – closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Administrative Offices – closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27

State offices and courts – closed

*Collection for Thursday and Friday provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

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Annual Thanksgiving Parade to be Held November 21 in Silver Spring;
Includes Opportunity for Holiday Selfie
http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15500

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Panhandling: It's Not Safe. It Does Not Help.

Donate to The Community Foundation for Montgomery County (and select 'Neighbors in Need Montgomery Fund'), a non-profit, non-government organization that will distribute the proceeds to grassroots efforts in Montgomery County to REALLY help folks in need. Visit montgomerycountymd.gov/panhandling.

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BILINGUAL VOTERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE POLLS FOR THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking bilingual voters to work at early voting centers and at polling places on Election Day.

Because of the diversity within the county, the Montgomery County Board of Elections recruits workers who speak numerous languages. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet Federal requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polls. Spanish speaking election judges are needed for both Early Voting, April 14 through 21, and Election Day, Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

The Election Law of Maryland requires that election judges are registered to vote in the State of Maryland, 17 years of age or older, and a U.S. citizen. Bilingual judges must also be able to speak, read, and write English. All election judges will be compensated for training and for Early Voting or Election Day service.

If you are interested in taking this leadership position in your community, please contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at **240-777-8532**, download an election judge questionnaire from our website at www.777vote.org, or e-mail Dr. Gilberto Zelaya at **gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov**.

For more election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org, the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at http://elections.state.md.us, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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

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