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November 17, 2017

**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, November 20 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: A Council Perspective from County Councilmember Craig Rice (District 2)

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

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.



**Road Closures Planned for Thanksgiving Parade in Silver Spring
Saturday, November 18 6:00am-1:00pm**

There will be several road closures in the Silver Spring area on Saturday, November 18, for the Thanksgiving Parade. **All the north and southbound lanes of Georgia Ave. between East-West Highway and Colesville Road will be closed from 6:00am – 1:00pm on the day of the parade.** If you are planning to watch the parade, organizers suggest you take the Red Line to the Silver Spring station. For more information about road closures, visit [here](#).

Registration for Department of Recreation Winter Classes and Programs is Open

Registration for the Department of Recreation winter classes and programs is now open.
Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec> for details.

Holiday Schedule for Thanksgiving Day, November 23

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23.

County Offices – Closed

Libraries – Closed

County Liquor stores – Closed

Recreation- All programs and facilities are closed

Montgomery Parks - For operating schedule, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Sunday schedule (Riders can access the [schedule](#) for their route and find the Sunday schedule.)

Metrorail – Information available at www.wmata.com

Metrobus – Information available at www.wmata.com

TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center – Not operating

TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store – Not operating

Refuse/recycling pickup – No collection; collection for Thursday and Friday provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station – Closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – Free

State offices and courts – Closed Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24

You're invited!

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Reopen Montgomery County Public Libraries' Quince Orchard Branch Saturday, December 16 10:00am 15831 Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg

County Executive Ike Leggett invites residents to a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand reopening of the newly refreshed Montgomery County Public Libraries' Quince Orchard Branch. The "refresh" for the library includes new flooring and painting throughout the building, redesigned public restrooms, new Information and Checkout customer service desks, a new book drop, enhancements to the meeting room, new furniture and workstations in public and workroom areas, and exterior improvements to the grounds and parking lot, including a new bike rack at the entrance.

Branch hours starting Sunday, December 17 will be: Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm, Monday -Thursday 9:00am-9:00pm, and Friday and Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm.

The Quince Orchard Chapter of the Friends of the Library will serve refreshments immediately following the ceremony.

For more information on the refresh project, visit

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Library/branches/quinceorchard.html>

Affordable Care Act Enrollment Deadline is December 15

There are several changes with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) but health insurance coverage is **STILL** available through the ACA. The enrollment period is December 15, so residents must enroll early to not miss the chance for affordable health coverage.

The enrollment period is only 45 days this year (until December 15), so be sure and enroll early so you don't miss the chance for affordable health coverage. You can browse and compare plans at www.marylandhealthconnection.gov.

Financial assistance is STILL available for those who qualify. Find out what documents you need to enroll at www.montgomeryhealthconnection.org.



Montgomery County Department of Transportation to Host Open Houses for US 29 BRT

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is hosting three upcoming open houses to keep the public informed regarding the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line being developed along a 13.5 mile stretch of U.S. Route 29 between the Silver Spring Transit Center and Burtonsville. The new line is expected to begin service in 2020 and will be the first of its kind in Maryland. When it is complete, the BRT will feature limited stops, off-board fare collection, priority signaling, Wi-Fi, and level-boarding through all doors to provide a faster ride. Stations will have real-time travel information.

The open houses will highlight how the BRT may provide residents and commuters an easier, faster, more reliable, and less stressful way to travel. There will be information about all aspects of the project, displays, opportunities to share feedback, and a children's activity area.

The last open house in this series is scheduled for:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017 6:30pm - 8:30pm

- Silver Spring Civic Center Great Hall, [1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD 20910](#)

Sign language interpretation and other assistive services will be provided upon request. Contact Darcy Buckley at 240-777-7166 or send a request to darcy.buckley@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Learn more about BRT at GetOnBoardBRT.com

A large red-bordered sign for WMATA Metro. It features a "No Red Line Trains" symbol (a red circle with a diagonal line over a train icon) and a map of the Silver Spring to Fort Totten section of the Red Line. The map shows stations from Silver Spring to Fort Totten, with Takoma Station marked as closed. Text on the sign includes "NO RED LINE TRAINS between Silver Spring ↔ Fort Totten", "Takoma Station closed", "November 25 - December 10", and "www.wmata.com". The WMATA logo is also present.

Matching Mini-Grants Now Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events in Upcounty Communities!

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is \$1,000. Funds must be matched, and the event must take place this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2018.

Applying is easy. [Download the PDF](#) application form, complete it, and submit it to your Regional Director. Regional Directors are listed on the application form.

There is no deadline for application, but funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now

See the [application](#) for more details and instructions.

Montgomery County Council to Host Town Hall Meeting for Students **Wednesday, November 29 7:00pm** **Council Office Building, Third Floor Hearing Room** **100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

A pre-meeting reception will begin at 6:00pm in the 2nd floor cafeteria.

The Montgomery County Council wants to know what is on the minds of younger residents when it hosts its seventh annual Town Hall Meeting for youth on Wednesday, November 29.

At the 6:00pm pre-meeting reception, students will have a chance to meet with Councilmembers and talk with them in an informal setting. Also at the reception, Councilmembers will recognize the finalists for the Councilmember for a Day Challenge and Councilmember Craig Rice, who serves as Chair of the Council's Education Committee, will announce the winner of the challenge. The remainder of the reception is for students to visit with Councilmembers.

The Council Office Building is in downtown Rockville and is about a three-block walk from the Rockville Metrorail station, which also is a main stopping point for many Ride On bus lines. For students traveling to the meeting by car, free parking will be available by entering the Council parking garage from the Fleet Street entrance.

Students from public and private schools from around the County and students from local colleges are encouraged to express their views on any aspect of the Montgomery County Public Schools system, programs that impact students, or public policy issues that impact their daily lives. They also can ask questions of the Councilmembers.

Students can also earn student service learning (SSL) hours for attending the Youth Town Hall meeting.

The meeting will be broadcast live on County Cable Montgomery (CCM—cable Channel 996 on Comcast, Channel 1056 on RCN, and Channel 30 on Verizon) and rebroadcast at various times in the weeks following the meeting. The meeting will also be streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube (FB.com/CountyCableMoco and YouTube.com/CountyCableMoCo).

Students will also be encouraged to share their thoughts on the meeting and ask questions via Twitter and Facebook Live using the hashtag MoCoYouth. Susan Kenedy, a producer for the County station, will moderate the meeting.

Learn more by watching: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi0IKzM9z7c&feature=youtu.be> .

If you need more information or have questions about the meeting, email sonya.healy@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-7926.

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett Participates in Environmental Summit

This week, County Executive Ike Leggett participated as a speaker at the “Transforming Communities: Trash-Free Solutions for Healthy Lives, Clean Land, Safe Water Summit (Trash Summit)” sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. The event was held at the Nationals Park, Norfolk Southern Club in Washington, D.C. District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser and Prince George’s County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III joined Leggett to speak at the event. Leggett presented awards to two Montgomery County residents, Beth Rogers and Kevin Kearney, for their work to advance the County’s anti-littering and trash-free programming goals.

The Trash Summit brought hundreds of community members, business leaders, elected officials and partners to explore topics of waste reduction, litter prevention and community cleanups. The event included a variety of round-table discussions, panels with local leaders, presentations and an awards ceremony.

Recognized regionally and nationally as a leader of environmental stewardship Montgomery County’s Department of Environmental Protection implements a multi-pronged approach to stream clean-up and restoration. It is estimated that the storm water management practices implemented in the Montgomery County portion of the Anacostia River capture over 11,000 pounds of trash each year.

For more information about the Department of Environmental Protection or the County’s participation in the summit, contact Leslie Wilcox at 240-777-7780.

“Increasing Chances For All”

“Increasing Chances For All” is a Montgomery County Office of Procurement program designed to ensure that minority, female and disabled (MFD) business owners receive a fair share of the County’s contracting opportunities is setting records and winning awards. In fiscal year 2017, MFD businesses were awarded more than 23 percent or \$217,819,206 of the total funds subject to the MFD program in Montgomery County. That’s a record high for the procurement office, and marks three years of steady improvement. The [Women Presidents’ Educational Organization \(WPEO\)](#) recently recognized the MFD Program at its Breakthrough Breakfast with the Public Access Partner Award.

Office of Procurement Director Cherri Branson said there have been more MFD bids because of a revised and more transparent procurement process, in addition to increased community outreach efforts. The 2017 MFD Annual Report is available online, [here](#).

Earlier this year, the Office of Procurement received the [2017 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award](#) from the National Procurement Institute for the fifth year in a row.

For more information about contracting opportunities with the County, visit the Office of Procurement’s website [here](#).

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://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/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://permittingervices.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>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>