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Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) – Upcoming Meetings

Quality of Life Committee Meeting

Monday, December 9 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Sidney Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: The Status of our County's Senior Population . . . in our economy, workforce, education, etc.

Guest: Dr. Jay Kenney, Chief of Aging and Disability Services, from the Department of Health and Human Services

Full Board Meeting

Monday, December 16 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Sidney Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Guest: Councilmember Nancy Floreen (At-Large)

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County Executive Leggett, Joined by County Councilmembers, Signs Law Raising County's Minimum Wage

County Executive Ike Leggett, joined by Councilmembers Elrich, Navarro, Ervin, Leventhal, Riemer, and Floreen, signed into law Bill 27-13 which establishes a County minimum wage. The County minimum wage will be phased in over four years, reaching \$11.50 per hour on Oct. 1, 2017. Maryland's current minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour, or \$15,000 a year for a full-time, year-round worker.



Highway Services is prepared for "wintry mix" and more

Forecasters are calling for a "wintry mix" of possible sleet, freezing rain, or snow flurries this weekend. All such conditions will be handled by Highway Services crews to ensure motorists, transit patrons, bicyclists, and pedestrians can travel as safely as possible. Check the County's website map for storm information, road closures, and access to traffic cameras at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/SnowMap or on Highway Services' webpage, [Highway Services' website](#). You can also call 311 (TTY, call 301-251-4850), Monday – Friday, 7am-7pm and should you observe any roadway issues or other maintenance concerns needing immediate attention.



New Fire Chief Appointed for Montgomery County

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett has named current Interim Fire Chief **Steve Lohr** as the County's new Fire Chief. Chief Lohr's appointment will be effective upon County Council approval.

See entire announcement at http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13181

BlackRock Center for the Arts presents . . .

A Charlie Brown Christmas with The Eric Byrd Trio
Saturday, December 7 3:00pm & 7:30pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive
Germantown, MD 20874



Family, Film, Holiday, Jazz - Selected by the Washington Post as one of last Fall's 23 things not to be missed.

for details, visit <http://www.blackrockcenter.org>



Montgomery Philharmonic Concert "Russians in Many Coats"

Sunday, December 15 7:00pm
Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church
610 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg

(The concert will conclude with a performance of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite.!)

For more about the orchestra, visit <http://www.montgomeryphilharmonic.org>.
For information on the 2014 Bernie Rappaport Middle School Young Artist Competition, visit <http://www.montgomeryphilharmonic.org/styled/page38/youngartists.html>

A reminder from The Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service . . .

Every year, "cold ashes" result in house fires. Remember --- No Ash in the Trash!

See tips for fireplace safety at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/news/2013/12022013.html>

Leggett Announces Public Forums on the FY15 Operating Budget; Residents' Input Crucial in Determining Priorities

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is sponsoring five budget forums throughout the County during the month of January to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget priorities. Leggett encourages residents to attend the forums and provide input.

All of the forums are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., on the following dates:

- **Monday, January 6**, BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown.
- **Monday, January 13**, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda.
- **Thursday, January 16**, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.
- **Monday, January 27**, Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring.
- **Wednesday, January 29**, Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring.

The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget on March 17. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May.

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MCPS Community Forum on Bell Times Proposal
Monday, January 6 7:00pm-8:30pm
Seneca Valley High School
19401 Crystal Rock Drive, Germantown

Superintendent Starr is recommending that input be gathered on the following changes:

- **Move high school start times 50 minutes later** from 7:25 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (school ending at 3 p.m.)
- **Move middle school start times 10 minutes earlier**, from 7:55 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. (school ending at 2:30 p.m.)
- Keep elementary school start times as they currently are (8:50 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.), but **extend the school day by 30 minutes** (school ending at 3:35 p.m. and 4 p.m.)

Free child care (ages 4 and older) and interpretation services will be provided.

For more details and other dates, visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/belltimesworkgroup/index.aspx>



English as a Second Language
Winter 2014 Classes in Germantown
January 7 – March 25
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm
Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity
Sidney Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Registration (testing and placement) will held on Monday, January 6 5:00pm-7:00pm. The registration fee is \$25 - \$60.

For more information, contact Kathy at the Spanish Catholic Center, 301-740-2523, ext. 972 or 973.

2013-14 Deer Management Season

The 2013-14 deer management operations season began on October 28. There will be several intermittent park closures through the end of February. This year, Cabin John Regional Park is recommended for implementation of deer population management programming beginning January 2014. For more information or to comment, visit ParksDeerManagement.org.

Proposed Trail Connector in Clarksburg, Maryland

M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks invites you to review and provide input on the design of a new trail connector in Clarksburg, Maryland from the Little Bennett Regional Park Maintenance Yard to the south entry of the future Little Bennett Park Day Use Area. For more information or to comment, visit www.parkprojects.org.

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/cshtml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

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

Note: Council will be on recess December 16, 2013 to January 10, 2014