



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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December 13, 2013

Councilmember Nancy Floreen to Meet with Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board

**Monday, December 16 7:00pm-9:00pm
Sidney Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center, Meeting Room A
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Ms. Floreen will discuss items of interest to residents and businesses and she wants to hear your thoughts. The Board will also finalize their priorities for the next Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Capital Budget, FY2015-2020. To see a draft from August, click [here](#).

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Reminder . . .

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

Leggett encourages residents to attend the forums and provide input about priorities for the upcoming operating budget (for July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015).

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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Reminder . . .

**Montgomery Philharmonic Concert
"Russians in Many Coats"
Sunday, December 15 7:00pm
Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church
610 S Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg**

The Orchestra is looking for just the right principal trumpet, harp and bass. You must love community orchestras, the occasional student musicians (we are a teaching orchestra), be reliable and willing to take chances!

Also, a sense of community and cooperation is paramount to us! Auditions will be held on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 pm, prior to our weekly rehearsal. We also have room for: 3 first violins; 2 second violins; 2 violas; and 3 basses.

For details, contact:

Amanda Laudwein
Orchestra Manager
Montgomery Philharmonic, Inc.
301-384-3797 (H)
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A community-based orchestra whose members come from a range of professions with one focus in mind—the enjoyment of learning and making music together. Our dues are modest and scholarships are available. We consider ourselves a teaching orchestra and rarely turn anyone away. Visit us at montgomeryphilharmonic.org

Community Meeting on Seneca Store (formerly Pooles's)
NEW DATE: Tuesday, January 7 7:00pm - 8:30pm (snow date is January 14)
Darnestown Elementary School- All Purpose Room
15030 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown, MD 20878

The project, at 16315 Old River Road, Poolesville, Maryland 20837, proposes to rehabilitate the existing store to obtain building and occupancy permits for mercantile use as a general store. The plans will be presented by the Parks design phase consultant, Setty & Associates.

For more information or to submit written comments on the design by January 14, 2014, contact:

Eileen Emmet,
Park Project Manager
M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks
9500 Brunett Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20901
Eileen.Emmet@MontgomeryParks.org
Phone: (301) 495-2550



Ride On Bus Routes 94 and 83 to Begin New Service in January!

Route 94 – “Meet the MARC” Route to run between Clarksburg and the Germantown MARC Train Station

Montgomery County’s Ride On bus service will be adding new service in 2014. A new Route 94 “Meet the MARC” bus service will operate during rush hours between Clarksburg and the Germantown MARC Train Station beginning January 13. For other details, visit http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13175

[See map](#)

Route 83 – Will extend existing service to future Holy Cross Hospital - Germantown

The existing Route 83 goes between Germantown Transit Center and Milestone Park & Ride Lot via Dorsey Mill with some service to Germantown MARC Station. To serve the future Holy Cross Hospital-Germantown, the route will be extended from its current routing along Observation Drive through Montgomery College/Germantown to the Hospital in late 2014. A map will be available as we get closer to the start date.

County Executive's Community Collaboration Grants Now Available

Discretionary grant funding is included in the County Executive's annual recommended budget to support non-profit organizations delivering services consistent with the County Executive's mission statement. For FY15, priority consideration will be given to safety net services, services to at risk senior citizens, and out-of-school time activities for youth. Applications are available online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/execgrants>.

Due Date: [January 15, 2014](#).

MCDOT Announces Grants to High School Students for Pedestrian Safety Education Projects

See http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/dpwt/PressRelease/PR_list.asp

Nonprofit Management Boot Camp

The Nonprofit Management Boot Camp will begin [on March 27, 2014](#). The deadline for applications is [February 10, 2014](#). This Boot Camp is offered in collaboration with Maryland Nonprofits. We are starting to accept applications. For more information, please visit: www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/cedeprtv/nonprofitleadership.html

For registration: www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce For questions, please contact Natasha Sacks at [240-567-1827](tel:240-567-1827); natasha.sacks@montgomerycollege.edu

Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity Seeks ESOL Teachers for Winter 2014 Semester

Enjoy teaching adults? Love learning about other cultures? Want to help make Montgomery County the most welcoming county in the region? Come join the county's Immigrant Resource Center - the Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity.

The Gilchrist Center relies on volunteers to teach our ESOL classes in Wheaton, Germantown, and our new site in the Gaithersburg Library. We offer 8-week sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings; drop-in conversation classes on weekdays and Saturdays; and beginning and intermediate classes on Saturdays in Wheaton and Gaithersburg.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining our team. We are seeking volunteer ESOL instructors to teach in Wheaton and Gaithersburg starting in January. Prior ESOL or other adult education experience is preferred.

Locations include:

- Mid-County Regional Services Center, 2424 Reddie Drive, Suite 220, Wheaton, MD, 20902
- Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, MD, 20902
- Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Suite 1000, Germantown, MD, 20874
- Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD, 20879

Please contact Anna DeNicolo at anna.denicolo@montgomerycountymd.gov to express your interest in volunteering or with questions. Also attach a copy of your resume and/or a cover letter that details your educational and teaching experience, and include your preferred volunteer location and availability.

County Council Approves Plan for a Rapid Transit System

On November 26, 2013, the Montgomery County Council approved the [Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan](#). The Council officially approved roadway space for rapid transit on ten routes (81 miles), including Route 355 and Route 29, plus the already-approved [Corridor Cities Transitway \(CCT\)](#), totaling almost 100 miles.

A nonprofit group, [Communities for Transit](#), hopes to educate the community more about rapid transit and suggests how the system might work. Check out the video.

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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://permittingservices.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