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Timothy Firestone, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director  
Robert Nelson, UCAB Chair

**December 19, 2014**

**CANCELLED**  
**UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting**  
*Scheduled for Monday, December 22 7:00pm*

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**Road Closure – Laurel Crossing Drive, Germantown**

Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection is proposing to close Laurel Crossing Drive in Germantown on or near December 29 for approximately 6-7 months. The purpose of closure is to repair a storm water management pond and to stabilize the road embankment. Look for signs announcing the closure.

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**Holiday Schedule for Christmas and New Year's Days**

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Christmas Day on Thursday, December 25 and New Year's Day, January 1:

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed on December 25 and January 1; all branches will close at 6 p.m. on December 24 and 31

County liquor stores – closed

Recreation – all facilities closed December 25 and January 1; senior centers, community and neighborhood recreation centers will be closed December 25 through January 1; aquatics programs operating on a modified schedule, contact each facility directly.

Montgomery Parks -- all Parks facilities are closed both days. For operating schedules during the holidays, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://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

State offices and courts – closed

\*Collection provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday).

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## County Executive Leggett to Hold Public Forums on the FY16 Budget

This is a great opportunity for the community to provide input for the County's budget for fiscal year 2016 which begins on July 1, 2015 and ends on June 30, 2016. Come out with your questions and suggestions!

- **Monday, January 5, BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**

- Wednesday, January 14, Silver Spring Regional Services Center, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring.
- Tuesday, January 20, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring.
- Thursday, January 22, Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring
- Monday, January 26, Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda.

**All of the forums will begin at 7:00pm.**

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, call 240-777-6507, TTY 240-773-3556 or email a request to [Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov)

The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget on March 16. The County Council approves the operating budget at the end of May.

Join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY16 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MontCoFY16budgetforum.

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## Make MLK Day a Day ON, and not a Day Off!

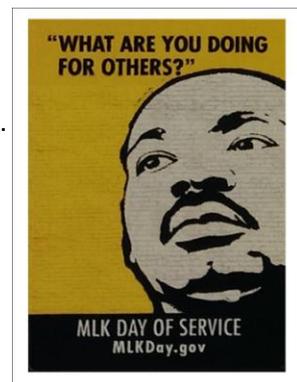
### Sign up Now for Montgomery County's MLK Weekend of Service

Martin Luther King Jr devoted his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all. He challenged us to build a more perfect union and taught us that everyone can play a role in making America a better country. Each of us can contribute to strengthening our community by volunteering in Dr. King's honor on the King Holiday and throughout the year.

Get details at <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Questions? Please email [servicedays@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:servicedays@montgomerycountymd.gov) or call (240) 777-2600.

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***A message from Holy Cross Germantown Hospital . . .***

**Volunteers Drivers Needed for Inclement Weather**

Holy Cross Health is preparing for the upcoming winter weather season. During winter storm events involving ice or snow, doctors, nurses and other allied health professionals are needed to continue providing vital and lifesaving care to patients at health facilities. Many of these professionals do not have four-wheel drive vehicles, which can make getting to the hospital at times impossible.

To address this need, Holy Cross Health is seeking volunteers with four-wheel drive vehicles who would be willing to provide transportation to these health care providers and bring them safely to their respective hospitals in Silver Spring or Germantown.

To join the team of dedicated volunteers, please reply to [SSMD-IncidentCommand@holycrosshealth.org](mailto:SSMD-IncidentCommand@holycrosshealth.org) with your name, cell phone, and e-mail to receive more information and the requirements for drivers. Thank you for your consideration.

*Note: You can also contact Shady Grove Adventist and MedStar Montgomery Medical Center in Olney to see if they also need drivers.*

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**Police Alcohol Holiday Task Force Still in Effect!**

The Montgomery County Police Alcohol Holiday Task Force, comprised of officers from the Alcohol Initiatives Section and patrol officers from other police districts, as well as officers from the Gaithersburg City Police Department, the Maryland National Capital Park Police Department, Maryland State Police, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and the Takoma Park Police Department will be devoting their full time and attention to detecting alcohol-related offenses this holiday season. The task force will continue through January 10, 2015.

<http://www.mymcpnews.com/2014/11/19/alcohol-holiday-task-force-begins-tonight/>

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**Office of Consumer Protection Advises Consumers to Choose Charities & Donate Carefully**

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14346](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14346)

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**Leggett, County Delegation to India, Taiwan Elevates Montgomery's Global Profile and Puts "Runners on Base" to Broaden Life Sciences Investment, Boost County Business**

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=14359](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=14359)

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*“Upcounty Today!” is taking a break and will return on January 9<sup>th</sup>.*



*Wishing you and yours a very happy holiday season!*

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*Council is on recess until Jan. 13, 2015.*

*After December 18, the Planning Board will be on recess until January 8.*

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

**County Council** <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

**Planning Board** [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news\\_releases](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://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>