

*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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***Holiday Schedule for Labor Day***

Montgomery County Government will observe the following holiday schedule for Labor Day on Monday, September 2.

**County Offices** – closed

**Libraries** – closed

**County liquor stores** – all retail stores open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Recreation** – outdoor aquatic facilities will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Olney Indoor Swim Center and Martin Luther King Jr. Indoor Swim Center will be open normal hours. All other indoor aquatic facilities will be closed. Administrative offices, senior centers and community centers 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](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

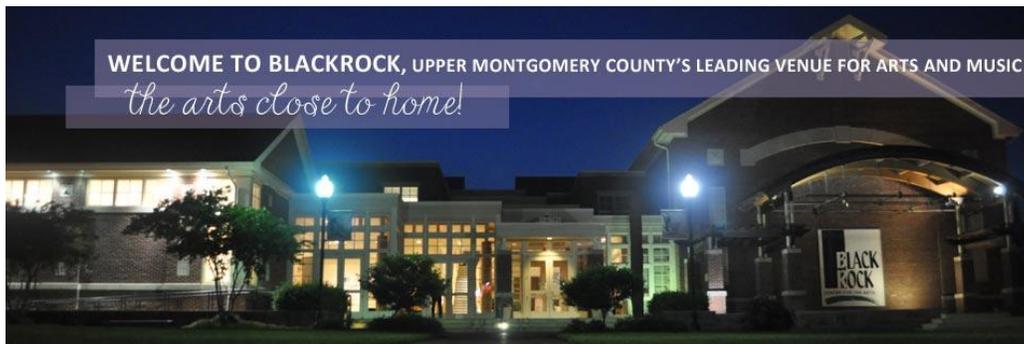
**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – free

**MCPS Administrative Offices** – closed

**State offices & courts** – closed

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

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***BlackRock Gets Ready for 12<sup>th</sup> Season of Performances!***

As BlackRock Center for the Arts opens its doors for arts-filled fun on **Saturday, August 24 from 11:00am-2:00pm**, they will be presented with a \$5,000 check from Wegmans Food Markets to support educational programs for at-risk youth and the Center’s concert series!

To learn more about the performance schedule, classes, and art exhibits, visit [www.blackrockcenter.org](http://www.blackrockcenter.org).



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## Drainage Project Will Cause Short Term Closure of Annapolis Rock Road

County Transportation’s Division of Highway Services announces an upcoming drainage improvement project and culvert replacement in the eastern Damascus/upper north portion of the county, near the Howard County line. **The duration of the closure will be limited to approximately two weeks.** In the interest of public safety, MCDOT will move quickly to replace the culvert. **The culvert replacement is scheduled to start near the end of August.** Variable message signs have been placed at the closure points along Annapolis Rock Road. The message boards will supply you with closure information as well as reopening information as the project proceeds. Please follow the detour signs for alternate routes.

See press release for details, [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/dpwt/PressRelease/PR\\_list.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/dpwt/PressRelease/PR_list.asp)

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## Join the Montgomery County Volunteer Center team as a *Montgomery Corps* member!

Help the Volunteer Center get more people engaged in volunteering! Applicants are sought for a full time, one year volunteer position with a \$1,000 per month stipend along with modest individual benefits. This position, located at the Upcounty Regional Center in Germantown, will be part of a team of 5 Montgomery Corps members working in Montgomery County government to help make the County a better place for all of our residents. Applicants to the Volunteer Center position should have good computer skills, and bilingual skills would be a plus.

To find out more, contact Molly at [molly.callaway@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:molly.callaway@montgomerycountymd.gov) or 240-777-2607.

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## New “engageMontgomery” Topic Is Posted On The Kinds of Financial Data Residents Find Useful; Residents Encouraged to Weigh In and Provide Feedback

Another new topic was posted this week on Montgomery County’s *engageMontgomery* website (<http://engage.montgomerycountymd.gov>), giving residents the opportunity to voice their opinions and share ideas about the kinds of County financial data they would like to see posted on *dataMontgomery*.

The new question up for discussion is:

- **What kinds of financial data would you like to see posted on *dataMontgomery*, (<https://data.montgomerycountymd.gov>) and how would you like to see it posted (charts, graphics, views, etc.)?**

The *engageMontgomery* site serves as an informal online Town Hall Meeting. Users who sign up for an account are encouraged to express their ideas on key issues, as well as support the ideas that they like best from others. This provides elected officials, department heads and program managers with valuable feedback on issues that affect the community.

For access to additional information about the County’s open government efforts, go to the *openMontgomery* website at (<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/open>).

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## Montgomery Wins Prestigious 2013 Award for Excellence from The National Procurement Institute!

Montgomery County was one of only six agencies in Maryland that received this award that recognizes organizational excellence in public procurement -- identifying best practices that measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement and leadership attributes of the procurement organization.

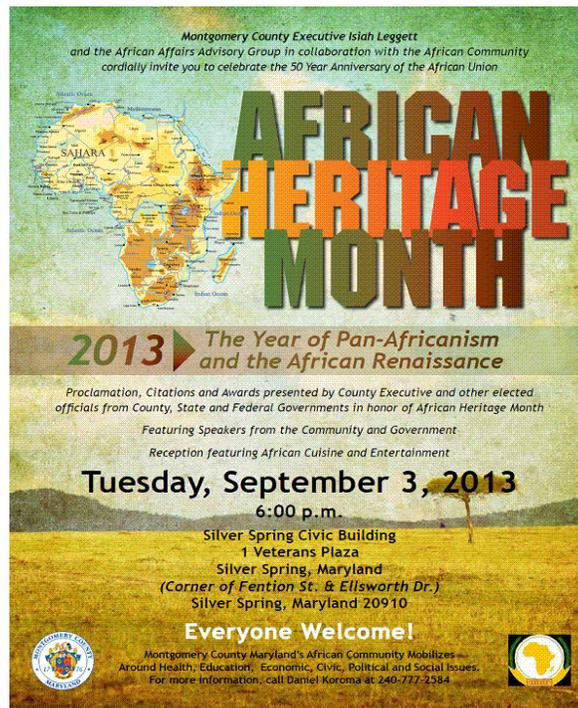
for more details, visit [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=11938](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=11938)

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## County Celebrates African Heritage Month Tuesday, September 3 6:00pm Silver Spring Civic Building One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring

*Everyone is welcomed!*

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=12016](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=12016)



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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/departments/news\\_releases/](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>