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Montgomery County Council Council Office Building 100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Albornoz and Council Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to share information about Montgomery Community Media, Montgomery County's nonprofit access media organization.

So, is the pandemic over? Are we required to wear a mask in Montgomery County? When is the next election? Where can I vote? What's up with that new construction zone on Rockville Pike? How long will it take?

These are the kinds of questions Montgomery County residents seek answers to every day, and MCM is a valuable resource for finding the answers.

With your support, MCM is laser focused on providing and sharing with residents the news and information they need, the stories they want to share and the means to do it.

During these critical times, our small, Emmy award-winning staff of journalist continue to publish relevant stories and programs every day to keep residents informed.

We maintain and program three public access cable channels and a full range of social media platforms that distribute programs contributed by or produced for the benefit of Montgomery County residents.

We also provide affordable media skills classes for anyone... from school aged students to senior citizens. We believe storytelling, podcasting and video production skills can benefit everyone when it comes to communicating in our current, fast-paced world.

You know that during the pandemic, such skills proved invaluable to our government, schools, civic organizations, and nonprofits alike. The successful use of communication and video technology kept us all moving forward.

MCM also helped civic and nonprofit organizations stay connected to their constituencies with live streams, programs and video messaging.

Today, I'm happy to share that we have completed a renovation of our Rockville facility and we're welcoming our employees and the public back to in-person work and learning in a brighter, safer environment.

We thank you, again, for your continued support of our mission and we invite you to visit our newly refreshed website, <a href="www.mymcmedia.org">www.mymcmedia.org</a> for more information about our award-winning organization. Thank you.

With highest regards and appreciation,

Nannette Onley Hobson

CEO

Montgomery Community Media