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From: Adams, Bruce**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2011 3:58 PM**Subject:** Food Meeting in the News: Office of Community Partnerships January Newsletter

Happy 2011 and thanks to all who attended our December 20 meeting at the Ag History Farm Park. I have pasted below the January 2011 e-newsletter of our Office of Community Partnerships. There is an article on our meeting.

We are hard at work preparing to post a summary report of the meeting on the web along with video clips and a photo slideshow. Here's a preliminary look at the slideshow: [Play slideshow](#)

Please take a look at the background information we have posted on participants:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cpstmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/partnerships/index.asp>. My goal is to build a broad network of people interested in working together on this issue. So that we can get to know each other, I am asking you to send me (if you have not already): name, title, a 100 word bio, a headshot photo, mailing address, preferred phone, and preferred email address. Just send it to me in a reply email. If you know of others who want to become part of our network, please have them send us this information. We are indicating those who participated ("The Fabulous 86") with an asterisk.

I will be back to you soon with the report summary and suggested next steps.

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Where will you be serving on Community Service Day October 22, 2011?

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Sustainable Community Food System Initiative: Montgomery County as a National Model?

Bruce Adams

Director, Office of Community Partnerships

In our August newsletter, **Andy Lowy**, an OCP summer intern, outlined the possibility of Montgomery County becoming the nation's model for sustainable agriculture and healthy local eating. Andy turned out a magnificent 118 page resource document laying out a broad vision and key elements, summarizing local and national best practices, and detailing his two dozen interviews with community leaders. On Monday December 20, 2010, a diverse crowd of more than 80 packed the conference room at the **Agricultural History Farm Park** to talk for three hours about the vision laid out by Andy in his research paper. [Summary of Vision and Key Elements](#)



If you are interested, check out the "**Sustainable Community Food System Initiative**" section on our OCP webpage at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cpstmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/partnerships/index.asp>

We have posted Andy's paper along with a list of participants, and we will be posting both video and written summary reports. Please feel free to join the network! In the meantime, here's a [slideshow](#) from the event.

There are many people to thank for the progress that has been made on this important topic. Most of all, thanks to Andy Lowy, a Sherwood High grad, for his great paper. Thanks to **Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS)** for sponsoring Andy's ten weeks at OCP. Thanks to **Mary Bradford** and **Jeremy Criss** for hosting us at the Ag Park. **Rana Koll-Mandel**, **Michael Randel**, and **Diane Harris Cline** did a fabulous job preparing for and facilitating the meeting. **Caroline Taylor** of Countryside Alliance and Jeremy Criss of DED provided great assistance in making sure we had key stakeholders in the room. Thanks to Caroline, **Butler's Orchard**, **Lewis Orchard**, and **Honest Tea** for the

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refreshments. **Lisa Austin** and **Melissa Steed** helped keep us moving forward and **Lucy Yost** and **Caitlin Alcorn** operated the flip cameras. Thanks to all and to our scribes.

American Indian Heritage Day: November 26, 2010

A Report by Gregory Hamilton

The **American Indian Heritage and Education Association, Inc.** (AIHEA) has been celebrating National Native American and Alaska Heritage Month in Montgomery County since 1995. The County Executive also presents his annual proclamation to the Native American community and Native American Veterans at this time. In 2010, we also celebrated the new Maryland State Holiday called "**American Indian Heritage Day**". Governor **Martin O'Malley** has named the day after Thanksgiving as a paid state holiday.



From the left: Tim Moore, Member of American Indian Society of DC; Michael Nephew, President, American Indian Society of DC; County Executive Ike Leggett; Anna (Old Elk) Johnson, Head Lady Dancer; Gregory V. Hamilton, President of AIHEA and Program Chair; Louise Hamilton, Vice President of AIHEA

AIHEA's celebration, powwow and native veteran's concert was held at the new Silver Spring Civic Center at Veterans Plaza on Friday November 26 from 11 am until 8:30 pm. Our theme for this year's celebration was: "**Celebrating Our Heritage and Honoring Our Warriors.**" This was the first year Montgomery County celebrated American Indian Heritage Day. This year's program was celebrated into two parts.

The Powwow which included educational vendors and displays throughout the day with drumming and dancing. The City of Rockville, Town of Kensington, City of Takoma Park, and the Montgomery County Board of Education passed resolutions naming the day after Thanksgiving as American Indian Heritage Day as a official paid Holiday for their employees. The City of Rockville Recreation Department provided Native American craft tables for kids. Powwow had approximately 325 attendees.

The Veterans concert that night honored native people, veterans and community for their