



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON Remembrance AND Reconciliation



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NOVEMBER IS *Remembrance and Reconciliation Month*

Montgomery County's Commission on Remembrance and Reconciliation will hold special events and activities throughout the month of November, and encourages other groups to hold its own events, to promote a better understanding of County history – including recognition of three men who were the victims of racial terror lynchings in the late 1800s.

The project seeks to memorialize and honor two men who were lynched in Rockville – John Diggs-Dorsey (in 1880) and Sidney Randolph (in 1896) – and George Peck, who was lynched in Poolesville in 1880.

The Commission was established by the Montgomery County Council to help bring the County together. The commission is composed of community leaders who work with the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), the Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project and other community stakeholders to commemorate the three locations in the County where racial terror lynchings have been documented.

The County was home to thousands of enslaved individuals and the economy benefited from the exploitation of their labor. Following emancipation, segregation was enforced in schools, public facilities, and housing. Covenants and zoning plans were adopted to separate African Americans and White people, while unequal services were provided to African American neighborhoods and residents.

Montgomery County is now home to multi-ethnic communities whose awareness of the deplorable racism and historical discrimination against African Americans cannot be assumed. The Commission intends that by openly commemorating, reflecting upon, and grieving these incidents of violence that the County can continue to work towards community-wide reconciliation.

The Commission invites Montgomery County residents, agencies and the private sector to engage in conversations and practices within families, neighbors and coworkers to acknowledge, alleviate and dispel the harms caused by historical racism and discrimination as evidenced in words, acts, and deeds. The Commission appeals to the residents, agencies and the private sector of Montgomery County to respond with respect, empathy, and concern for all persons experiencing various stages of trauma derived from the inadequate affirmation of their human rights and expressions of personal fulfillment.

Schedule of Events for Remembrance & Reconciliation Month

OCTOBER 29, Noon - 3 p.m., Celebrate Emancipation Day. Button Farm Living History Center, 16820 Black Rock Road, Germantown. More information at <https://buttonfarm.org/>

NOVEMBER 1 - 30: Throughout the month, MCPS students will receive instruction in local African American Community History.

NOVEMBER 1, 7:00 p.m., Sandy Spring Slave Museum Emancipation Day Virtual Program. More information at <https://www.sandyspringslavemuseum.org/>

NOVEMBER 2, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Certain Party or Parties Unknown Exhibit Kickoff (available all month). Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. Hosted by Arts and Humanities Council. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/certain-party-or-parties-unknown-tickets-441252517157>

NOVEMBER 5, Noon - 4 p.m., Montgomery County: Historical Black Sites and Places Bus Tour hosted by Lincoln Park Historical Foundation, Inc. (Fee Charged). For registration and more information please contact sherlenelucas@aol.com

NOVEMBER 5, 10 a.m - 1 p.m., Sandy Spring Slave Museum Emancipation Day Open House. 18524 Brooke Road, Sandy Spring. Stories of Underground Railroad (2-4 p.m. Fee charged.) Gospel Choir (5-8:30 p.m. Fee charged). More information at <https://www.sandyspringslavemuseum.org/>

NOVEMBER 8, 7 p.m., Broadcast of "Unwritten Law": Symposium on the Lynchings in Rockville. Hosted by Montgomery History. MCM Cable Channel 21.

NOVEMBER 10, 7:00 p.m., Broadcast of Remembrance Conference and Soil Ceremony for John Diggs-Dorsey and Sidney Randolph. Hosted by Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project. MCM Cable Channel 21.

NOVEMBER 15 - 17, 6:30 p.m., MCPS Changemaker Workshops. Hosted by MCPS. Activists will help students and families learn strategies to address challenges in their communities. SLS hours available for attending. Register: https://mcpsmd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JdGxmIbwTImuLzsKQR4iMA

NOVEMBER 20, 1:30 p.m., MoCoLMP Teach-In (Online). Veteran teachers of the MoCoLMP Education Committee who have incorporated local lynching history into their courses will share resources and best practices. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mocolmp-teach-in-tickets-453814831377>

NOVEMBER 20, 3 p.m., Human Rights Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Towns Commons Drive, Germantown. Hosted by Montgomery County Office of Human Rights. Nomination form and more information can be found at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights/>

NOVEMBER 21, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Montgomery College "Let's Talk! Montgomery County's Journey Toward Remembrance and Reconciliation." Hosted by Montgomery College. Register at <https://bit.ly/letstalkmoco>