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April 12, 2019

UCAB Quality of Life Committee Meeting
Monday, April 15 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: "Early Childhood Education"
Guests: Verna Washington, Supervisor, Division of Title I and Early Childhood Programs and Services/ Montgomery County Public Schools

Barbara J. Andrews, Ph.D., Administrator, Early Childhood Services / Children, Youth and Family Services, Mont. Co. Department of Health and Human Service

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

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, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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4Business: Benchmarking to Be the Best for Business
Council Office Building, 3rd floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

County Executive Marc Elrich and Council Vice President Sidney Katz are embarking on a multi-pronged joint initiative: **4Business – Benchmarking to Be the Best for Business**. The objective is to engage the local business community in a grassroots campaign to assist businesses to locate, grow and prosper in Montgomery County. There will be a series of 4Business listening sessions beginning with one on Wednesday, April 17 from 11:30am to 1:00pm in Rockville.

For more information about the initiative and the five other listening sessions, read the news release here.

Citizen Advisory Boards to Host Capital Improvements Program Budget Forums

Residents and groups are invited to provide input into the County's next six-year capital construction budget by attending public forums that will be held in April and May by the County's local citizen advisory boards. The forums will help define construction and planning priorities for the various regions in the County as officials develop the Fiscal Years 2021 to 2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.

The schedule for forums in each regional area is listed below:
- **Silver Spring – Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.** – Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, 240-777-5307.
- **Bethesda-Chevy Chase – Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.** – Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, 240-777-8200.
- **Upcounty – Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.** – BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, 240-777-8040.
- **Mid-County – Monday, May 20, 7 p.m.** – Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8101 or 240-777-6820.
- **Eastern County – Thursday, May 23, 7 p.m.** – Eastern Montgomery Regional Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8414.

The following links provide more information:
Open Budget (Montgomery County's interactive open data budget websites covering departments, agencies, projects and more)
- http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/openbudget.html

Office of Management and Budget Publications:
- http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/publications.html

The CIP includes costs for new, or renovated, major projects such as roads; public schools and Montgomery College facilities; water and sewer lines; parks, libraries, health and recreation facilities; and other public buildings and projects. Suggestions and comments from participants will be considered by the regional citizen advisory boards for inclusion in the funding priority lists they submit to the County Executive. The lists will also be shared with County departments and agencies for consideration as they formulate the CIP for their departments.

**Montgomery Council Seeks Applicants for Two Open Seats
on the Montgomery County Planning Board**

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22975&Dept=1

Applications must be received no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

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Recognizing Montgomery County's Rich Diversity

Wallet Hub, a personal finance website, has released its 2019 list of "Most Diverse Cities, and four cities from Montgomery County made the top 30: **Gaithersburg (#4), Silver Spring (#6), Germantown (#7) and Rockville (#28).** The number one city on the Wallet Hub list is Houston, Texas. The methodology for Wallet Hub's annual list included the following diversity factors: socioeconomic, cultural, economic, household and religious. Learn more, here.

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Department of Correction and Rehabilitation Holds One-Day Hiring Event
Saturday, April 27   8:30am – 6:00pm
Montgomery College Rockville Campus – Mannakee Building
900 Hungerford Drive, Rockville

The Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR) provides progressive and comprehensive correctional services through the use of pre-trial supervision, secure incarceration and community treatment and reintegration programs. For information, call 240-777-9759 or 240-777-0311.   Apply on-line | Print Flyer | Get Directions

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GreenFest
Sunday, April 28   11:00am – 4:00pm
Brookside Gardens
1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton

Get details at https://mygreenmontgomery.org/event/montgomery-county-greenfest-2/

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"One Stop Fair Housing Shop" to be Held April 30
https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23001

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Montgomery Residents Can Learn More—and Make Comments—About Proposals for I-495 and I-270 at Workshops to be held by Maryland DOT/State Highway Administration
A Germantown Stop Has Been Added!

Thursday, May 16   6:30pm – 7:30pm
Seneca Valley High School
19401 Crystal Rock Terrace, Germantown

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the State Highway Administration (SHA) will be taking the next steps in studying proposed alternatives for I-495 and I-270 by holding a total of seven public workshops in Montgomery and Prince George's County in April and May. Four of the workshops—where residents can learn more about the alternatives and make comments to planners—will be held in Montgomery County, including one in Germantown that was a late addition to the schedule. Since presenting the Preliminary Range of Alternatives in July 2018 that included 15 options, MDOT/SHA reduced the preliminary alternatives to seven recommended Screened Alternatives. MDOT/SHA is hosting this series of workshops to present the traffic, environmental and financial analyses for the recommended Screened Alternatives. The workshops also will address the recommendations for the alternatives to be retained for detailed study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
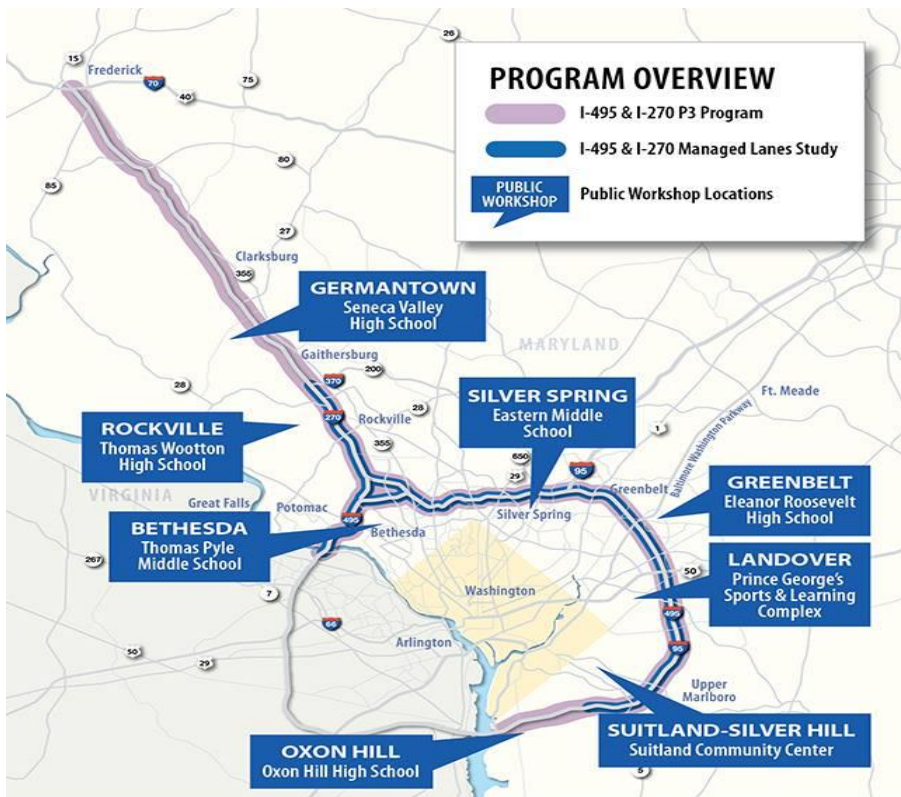
The study limits for the first project will extend along I-495 from south of the American Legion Bridge to west of Maryland Route 5 and along I-270 from I-495 to I-370, including the east and west I-270 spurs.

Locations ----
Each workshop includes two identical one-hour presentations at which the MDOT/SHA team will guide attendees through the displays, handouts and interactive and hard copy maps. The workshops will provide an overview of where the proposed projects currently stand. The workshop sessions in Montgomery County will be:

- - Bethesda: 10 and 11 a.m., Saturday, April 13, at Pyle Middle School at 6311 Wilson Lane.
- - Silver Spring: 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, at Eastern Middle School at 300 University Boulevard East.
- - Rockville: 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 25, at Wootton High School at 2100 Wootton Parkway.
- - Germantown: 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 16, at Seneca Valley High School at 19401 Crystal Rock Terrace.

The history of the project and what will be discussed at the workshops are available at https://495-270-p3.com/. The study team can be contacted via email at 495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us.

MCAEL Announces 6th Annual Spelling Bee
Wednesday May 8   6:30pm
Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center
7995 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring

The Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL) strengthens the countywide adult English literacy network to support a thriving community and effective workforce. MCAEL is one of more than 117 literacy coalitions in the United States. Coalitions range from national and regional to local. Literacy Powerline, an organization that supports coalitions, has defined a progression model for literacy coalitions that shows how they **assist communities to move from disconnected organizations working in silos to a comprehensive network of organizations working together on a common goal**. MCAEL is staffed by a team of six who support the coalition of almost 70 providers in Montgomery County.
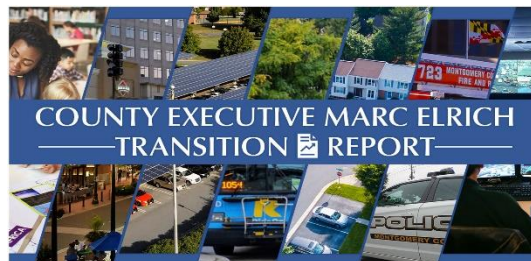
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Matching Mini-Grants Now Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events!

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is $1,000. Grant funds must be matched, and the event must take place this current fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2019.

There is no deadline for application, but the event must be held by June 30, 2019 and funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

Applying is easy. For an application, contact Catherine Matthews, Director, Upcounty Regional Office (northern part of the county) at Catherine.Matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-8040.

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Transition Team Report

The transition team of Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich focused on developing the "first drafts" of strategic plans to guide the administration in focusing on seven specific Priority Outcomes and Key Indicators reflecting the goals championed during his campaign. Elrich believes the best policies are both data-driven and compassionate, and that County government must be transparent and accountable to residents.

- To view the report, please visit montgomerycountymd.gov/transition_report.
- For a printable, PDF version, please click here.

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Elrich Speaks at Sugarloaf Citizens Association Annual Meeting

County Executive Marc Elrich was the keynote speaker at the Sugarloaf Citizens Association's annual meeting at Linden Farm. Elrich provided an update about his administration's priorities and answered questions from residents.

- For more photos, see the County's Flickr album.

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The Census Bureau will be hiring approximately 600 Census Takers in Montgomery County. Apply Now by visiting 2020census.gov/jobs. for more information or help applying call 1-855-JOB-2020 or contact Daniel McCall, the recruiting agent for Montgomery County.

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For other news and meeting agendas, visit:
County Council https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council
Planning Board 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://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec
Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html
Department of Environmental Protection http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep
Department of Permitting Services https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps
Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org
Office of Community Partnerships   https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships
Commission for Women   https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw
Parks Department http://www.montgomeryparks.org/
Planning Department http://montgomeryplanning.org/
Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs