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### ***Traffic Alert!***

On Sunday morning, May 23 and starting at approximately 8:00am, a large number of motorcyclists will be traveling on Airpark Road, MD Route 124, Shady Grove Road, I-270, I-370, and I-495 as they make their annual Memorial Day trip to Washington D.C. Residents are invited to come out and watch the parade of bikes which should last 20 to 30 minutes.

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### **UCAB Congratulates New Officers at May 19 Meeting**

On May 19, the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board received a briefing on the recent session from some of the State legislators who represent the Upcounty region --- Senator Brian Feldman, Delegate Charles Barkley, Delegate Kathleen Dumais, Delegate Aruna Miller, and Delegate Jim Gilchrist. In addition, County Councilmember George Leventhal provided a brief overview of Council business to date.

Montgomery College Planner Sandra Filippi and other project team members discussed the College's project to renovate the Science and Applied Studies Building on the Germantown Campus which will be submitted for review by the Planning Department soon. For details on the project, contact Ms. Filippi at [sandra.filippi@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:sandra.filippi@montgomerycollege.edu).

The Board also elected new officers for 2014-2015: Chair – Robert Nelson (Goshen); Vice-Chair – Pat Seals (N. Potomac); and Vice-Chair -- Daisha New (Poolesville). The official transfer of the gavel will take place at the board's annual meeting on Monday, June 16. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown.

***Next meeting: Monday, June 16 7:00pm  
at the Upcounty Regional Services Center***



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## Work to Begin on Whites Ferry Road Bridges

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) will soon begin construction of two replacement bridges and accompanying approach roadway work to carry Whites Ferry Road over Broad Branch Tributaries in Poolesville. The work is to be performed consecutively and the properties between the two bridge sites will be accessible to property owners at all times.

Construction will take place Monday through Friday between 7:00am and 5:00pm with road closures from June 14, 2014 to August 25, 2014. Occasional Saturday work may be necessary to make up for weather delay. There will be detour signs posted on Whites Ferry Road and neighboring streets to provide for vehicular traffic to detour around the work site.

Construction is scheduled to take approximately three months for completion. Throughout the construction process, a full-time County representative will be present on the job site during the hours of construction to oversee the construction progress, monitor the work zone for pedestrian and traffic safety and to answer questions you may have regarding the project.



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## State Resurfacing Sections of Various Roadways in County

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is beginning resurfacing work on several roads in Montgomery County. Weather permitting, the \$4.6 million work will be completed by late summer. This work is part of smaller area-wide overlay resurfacing projects that will improve driving conditions for motorists. SHA will remove the top layer of asphalt, patch, resurface, and install new pavement markings on the following Upcounty roads:

- **MD 115 (Muncaster Mill Road)** from MD 124 (Woodfield Road) to Avery Road;
- **MD 124 (Woodfield Road)** from Woodfield School Road to MD 108 (Damascus Road); and
- **MD 117 (Clopper Road)** from the entrance of Seneca State Park to Long Draft Road.

Crews will close a lane of traffic on roads inside the work zones on weekdays between 9am and 3pm and up to two lanes, overnight, Sunday through Thursday between 9:00pm and 5:00am. Residents and travelers are advised that construction equipment can be loud and disruptive. SHA will guide traffic through work zones and asks for the patience of the public as crews work to make these improvements.

For more information, visit [SHA's website](#)

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## Board of Education Asks for Public Comments

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking public comment on proposed revisions to [Policy BLB, Rules of Procedure in Appeals and Hearings](#). The updated policy provides Rules of Procedure that govern all appeals to the Board and all hearings before the Board requested by persons who are adversely affected by a recommendation or final decision of the superintendent of schools. This policy does not apply to decisions that are specifically required by statute or bylaws of the Maryland State Board of Education or Board policies/Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) regulations, such as those applicable to special education. This policy is being updated in order to comply with the new Maryland State Department of Education's regulations regarding student discipline, which must be implemented by the beginning of the 2014–2015 school year.

A copy of the [draft policy](#) is available through the Department of Public Information and Web Services by calling 301-279-3391. You also can access the policy on [the MCPS website](#).

**Individuals who wish to provide comments should respond in writing by Thursday, May 29, 2014.**

All written responses should be sent to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 122, Rockville, Maryland 20850 or sent by email to the Board of Education at [boe@mcpsmd.org](mailto:boe@mcpsmd.org). All responses will be shared with the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools

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## **Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Inc. Announces**

### **OPEN SOLICITATION #2014-46**

#### **Identifying Out-of-School-Time Providers for Excel Beyond the Bell Middle Schools**

**Issue Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

**First Closing Date: Friday, June 13, 2014, 2 p.m.**

The Collaboration Council leads **Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB)**, the County's initiative to create a local out-of-school time (OST) system that will increase the number of quality programs promoting positive youth development, especially in our most vulnerable communities, that will inspire children and youth to achieve their full potential.

#### **Excel Beyond the Bell Middle School Program**

As part of this initiative, a three-year out-of-school time pilot was created in partnership with the Montgomery County Recreation Department (MCRD) and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). In its first year, EBB programs were located at Argyle Middle School in Wheaton, Roberto Clemente in Germantown, and A. Marion Loiederman in Silver Spring. EBB school sites have expanded over the three year pilot to include Forest Oak, Neelsville, and Col. E. Brooke Lee. EBB will expand in FY15 to include Montgomery Village Middle School, pending budget approval.

Visit [www.excelbeyondthebell.org](http://www.excelbeyondthebell.org) for more information.

*The Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Inc. (the Collaboration Council), is a quasi-public non-profit organization and the Local Management Board for Montgomery County, Maryland. The Collaboration Council's mission is to improve the well-being of children, youth and families through collaborative partnerships. For information regarding the Montgomery County Collaboration Council, its initiatives and programs, visit our website at [www.collaborationcouncil.org](http://www.collaborationcouncil.org).*

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## **Ride On Partners with Libraries and Schools to Sell SmarTrip Cards; Kids Ride Free Expanded**

[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=13746](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=13746)

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## **Election Judges Needed for 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election!**

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election judges at polling places for the Gubernatorial Primary Election to be held on June 24, 2014.

To serve in this paid position on Election Day or during Early Voting, an election judge must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. They must also be able to speak, read, and write the English language, be at least 17 years of age by June 24, and while acting as a judge must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election judges may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign financial entity.

**Election judges are needed in all Election Districts within Montgomery County.** Voters registered as Republican or Unaffiliated are especially needed as well as bilingual Election Judges, particularly in Spanish, and are encouraged to apply. The application process requires both an online quiz and completion of hands-on training. All applicants who are selected for these positions will be compensated at rates that vary based on the position, as advertised at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

To apply online, or for more information, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) and select the **Election Judges' link**. For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE (8683), visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at <http://elections.state.md.us>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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## ***Celebrate! Gaithersburg***

The **32nd Annual Celebrate Gaithersburg Festival** will draw community to Gaithersburg's historic city center. The one-day event is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 2014, 12:00noon-5:00pm, and will include multiple stages of live entertainment, food, and themed activity areas for all ages and interests. **For details, visit** <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/celebrate-gaithersburg-in-olde-towne>

### ***Did You Know . . . ?***

The U.S. Census Bureau just named Gaithersburg among the top 15 fastest growing cities in the U.S!  
<http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/news/press-releases/2014/05/20140522-gaithersburg-among-top-15-fastest-growing-cities-in-the-us>

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## ***A Reminder to Leadership Montgomery Members & Graduates . . .***

***The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is on June 12 at 6:00pm!***

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## ***Use Maryland's new and free 511 service to get current traveler information on State roads and highways!***

Call 511 or 1-855-GOMD511 or visit [www.md511.org](http://www.md511.org) for current travel information. Remember to use 511 safely - Maryland law prohibits hand-held mobile phone use and texting while driving.

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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/department/news\\_releases](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/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>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships/index.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

