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**June 30, 2016**

## **Holiday Schedule for Independence Day, Monday, July 4**

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Independence Day, Monday, July 4.

**County Offices** – closed

**Libraries** – closed

**County Liquor stores** – all County liquor stores will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Deliveries will be made as normal; but there will be no pickups

**Recreation** – the Germantown Indoor Swim Center will close at 3 p.m., all other aquatic facilities will close at 6 p.m.; swim lessons will meet as scheduled; administrative offices, senior centers and community recreation centers will be closed

**Montgomery Parks** - For holiday schedule, visit [www.MontgomeryParks.org](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org)

**Ride On** – Will operate on a Saturday schedule

**Metro rail** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**Metro bus** – Information available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights)** - closed

**Refuse/recycling pickup** – no July 4 collection. Collection will slide by one day. For information on slide schedule go to <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/holidays/>

**The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station** - closed

**Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters** – free

**MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices** – closed

**State offices and courts** – closed

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## **Independence Day Celebrations Monday, July 4**

**Germantown Glory** – South Germantown Recreation Park/SoccerPlex, 18041 Central Park Circle, Germantown (Boys). Music starts at 7:00pm with Quiet Fire, a soul, R&B, and rock band. Food vendors on site. Fireworks scheduled for 9:15pm. [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec). Rain date is July 5 for fireworks only.

**Gaithersburg** - Bohrer Park at Summit Hill Farm, 506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg  
Festivities start at 11am with a variety of activities concluding with a fireworks show at approximately 9:30pm.  
<http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/leisure/independence-day>

**Poolesville** - Soccer Fields at Hughes and Sugarland Road, Poolesville; 5:00pm-10:00pm. Live music, food trucks, fireworks display. <http://umcvfd.org/poolesville-traditional-4th-of-july-fireworks-event/>

**Mid-County Sparkles** - Albert Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Road, Kensington. Music starts at 7:30pm with Gringo Jingo performing the best of Santana. Only handicapped parking is available on-site. Food vendors on site. Fireworks scheduled at 9:15pm. [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec). Rain date is July 5 for fireworks only.

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**BlackRock Center for the Arts' Summer Concert Series**

**Starts Saturday, July 2 7:00pm**

**On the Lawn**

**12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown**



2:00pm

Justin Roberts & the Not Ready for Naptime Players (tot rock)  
Grammy-nominated all-stars of the indie family music

7:30pm

**Sister Sparrow and the Dirty Birds (rock, soul)**

This nine-piece powerhouse group puts a modern spin on classic soul.



For the series schedule, visit <http://www.blackrockcenter.org/summer-concerts>

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**Annual "Celebrate Damascus Parade & Fireworks"**

**Friday, July 8**

**Parade starts at 7:00pm (rain or shine)**

**Fireworks start at 9:15pm (rain date for fireworks only is July 9)**

If questions, visit contact the Damascus Volunteer Fire Dept.'s non-emergency number, 301-253-3913

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**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting**

**Monday, July 18 7:00pm-9:00pm**

**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center**

**12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

**Topic: General Discussion**

Board 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](mailto:catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## Leggett Seeks Applicants for Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group

***The deadline for applications is July 20, 2016.***

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill three vacancies on the Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group for representatives of the affected Upcounty community.

The purpose of this Group is to address community and environmental issues and concerns pertaining to the County's solid waste facilities located in the Dickerson area. These facilities include the Resource Recovery Facility, the Yard Trim Composting Facility, properties originally purchased for the Site 2 landfill, and property associated with the Linden Farm (formerly called the Matthews Farm).

The 18-member Group has 12 voting members, including representatives of Sugarloaf Citizens Association, For a Rural Montgomery (FARM), representatives from the towns of Poolesville and Barnesville, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, and six representatives of the affected community. Six non-voting members include representatives of the Operator of the Resource Recovery Facility, the Operator of the Montgomery County Compost Facility, the Operator of the Dickerson GenOn (now NRG Energy), the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Members serve three year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held at least quarterly at 7:30 PM at 20900 Martinsburg Road in Dickerson.

**Please Note that the BCC Application Process is Online!!!**

You may access vacancy announcements for boards, committees, and commissions through the following link:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/index.html> . Please read instructions carefully on that page, where you will find a link directly to the vacancy announcements.

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members of these boards are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Leggett's appointments are generally subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of individuals selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

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## Community Use of Public Facilities' Facility Use Subsidy Program – Accepting Applications

This program subsidizes facility fees for use of school classrooms, all-purpose rooms/cafeterias, library meeting rooms, the Clarksburg Cottage meeting room, and the District 3 Police Station meeting room. The activity/program must be sponsored by a Maryland-based, non-profit 501(C)(3) organization that **primarily** serves vulnerable youth or low-income residents receiving financial assistance. Applications for FY17 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) are now being accepted. More information, including how to apply can be found at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/CUPF/info-other/Subsidy.html>

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## County Reduces Permitting Fees Again for Building and Land Development Applications

Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS) is pleased to announce another cut to permit costs by eliminating the five percent automation fee. The automation fee provided funding for development of DPS's online eServices including ePermits and ePlans. Eliminating the current automation fee will reduce costs for all Building and Land Development Permit Applications received on or after July 1.

In 2014, DPS reduced the automation fee from 10 percent to five percent. In 2014, DPS also reduced fees for wood construction commonly used for multi-family housing. Last year, DPS launched a new permit fee structure that resulted in savings for many residents and businesses.

For more information about the Department of Permitting Services, call 311 or visit the website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices).

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## Consumer Protection Begins Online Complaint Filing System & Relaunches "Tip" Line

Montgomery County residents can now [file consumer complaints electronically](#). This new, online system makes it easier for consumers to request that the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) investigate and hopefully resolve disputes regarding most consumer transactions.

At the same time, OCP is relaunching its 24-hour "tip" line to facilitate receiving anonymous tips, suggestions, comments, and/or feedback regarding any consumer protection issues. Consumers and merchants are encouraged to call 240-777-3681 to leave a consumer-related message for OCP director Eric Friedman.

The online complaint tracking and case management system offers an efficient way for consumers to report problems and seek assistance regarding auto repair and sales, home improvement, new home warranties, retail sales and advertising, collection practices, home services, towing, and more. The Montgomery County Department of Technology Services used in-house expertise to build this customized online system.

OCP is responsible for enforcing consumer protection laws prohibiting unfair and deceptive business practices to ensure a fair marketplace for consumers and businesses. OCP engages in complaint investigation and resolution, consumer education and outreach, and advocacy and legislation. OCP licenses all auto repair shops, towing firms, new home builders, appliance repair shops, and pawn/consignment stores. OCP provides expert mediation services, video alerts and information on cable TV, and assistance from a dedicated team of investigators and volunteers.

For more information about the Office of Consumer Protection, call 240 777-3636, or 311, or visit the website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/consumer](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/consumer).

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*BlackRock presents . . .*

**2016 Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition**  
**Annual juried exhibition sponsored by the Baltimore Watercolor Society**  
**June 9 – July 16, 2016**

THE KAY GALLERY



The most competitive juried watercolor exhibit in the region, the *2016 Mid-Atlantic Regional Watercolor Exhibition* is also the 131st annual exhibition sponsored by the Baltimore Watercolor Society (BWS), which was founded in 1885 by a group of five women artists in Baltimore, MD. Limited to original paintings created using water-based media on paper, the exhibit includes selected works created by up to 95 artists from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC. Cast a vote for your favorite to help select the winner of the “People’s Choice Award.”

TERRACE GALLERY



**e(3): Pat Goslee, Lynn Putney, and Veronica Szalus**  
**Experience, energy and emotion link three artists’ studio practices**  
**June 9 – July 16, 2016**  
**Meet the Artists Reception**  
**Sunday, June 26 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM | FREE**

Echoes of both the spiritual and the scientific reverberate through the work of Pat Goslee, Lynn Putney and Veronica Szalus as each artist contemplates connectivity, vulnerability, growth and transformation, the fabric of a collective experience. The exhibit title, *e(3)*, references the three key elements the artists identified as common denominators connecting their individual studio practices: experience, energy and emotion.

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## **County Council Approves FY17 Work Program for Planning Department**

***New plans for the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Area, Gaithersburg East and Veirs Mill Road Corridor among funded projects for fiscal year starting July 1, 2016***

[The Montgomery County Planning Department](#), part of [The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#), has secured the County Council’s approval to proceed with an ambitious work program for fiscal year 2017 (FY17), starting July 1, 2016. The Montgomery County Council approved the Department’s \$19.5 million budget for FY17 at its meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2016. These funds support the work program for 148 employees.

The **Gaithersburg East Master Plan** is one of the major projects to be undertaken by the Planning Department in FY17 (fiscal year 2017 which is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). In 2014, the Gaithersburg East area was divided into the Montgomery Village Master Plan and Gaithersburg East Master Plan, so the planning for Montgomery Village could be expedited. The Gaithersburg East Master Plan will address any land use and transportation issues that arise after a preferred solution has been identified for the M-83 highway alignment. Uses within the proposed plan boundaries, including the Airpark, surrounding light industrial uses and several residential communities, will be analyzed, along with redevelopment and rezoning opportunities.

Visit <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/blog-news/2016/06/30/county-council-approves-fy17-work-program-for-planning-department> to see the entire project list as well as projects that are currently in progress.

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**Planning Department Invites Public Feedback on Short-Term Residential Rental Regulations at Community Meeting**  
**Monday, July 18 7:00pm-9:00pm**  
**MNCPPC Headquarters**  
**8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring**

[The Montgomery County Planning Department](#), part of [The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission](#), is holding a public meeting to discuss regulation of online-advertised, short-term home rentals, such as Airbnb, and receive feedback from the community about the issue. [RSVP](#) to the meeting and learn more about [short-term residential rentals](#).

**What is a short-term residential rental?**

Online services such as Airbnb, Flipkey, HomeAway and VRBO connect homeowners and property managers with travelers who seek the amenities of a home for a short-term rental stay. Currently, a short-term residential rental (less than a month, typical of companies like Airbnb) is not permitted in Montgomery County. However, if a residential owner wants to rent out his/her home or a part of the home for 30 days or longer, then the use is allowed.

**What type of laws are being proposed to regulate short-term rentals?**

The County Council is considering expanding the opportunities for short-term tenancy so homeowners can participate in the sharing economy. The Council introduced legislation (ZTA 16-03) in February 2016 to relax the requirements on short-term rentals in order to allow for Airbnb or other similar short-term residential rentals. ZTA 16-03 was introduced in conjunction with Bill 2-16, which would update the licensing requirements for all transient housing, including a bed and breakfast.

After holding a public hearing on ZTA 16-03 and Bill 2-16, the County Council asked the Planning Department to reach out to County residents and stakeholders to seek their input in establishing these new regulations. Part of this effort is to provide examples of regulations adopted by other jurisdictions locally and nationally that could assist Montgomery County in crafting its own new legislation.

Once planners have provided outreach and gathered additional information on the topic, they will present recommendations to the Planning Board and County Council

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**For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit:** <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

*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://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

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://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

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

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

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