



Marc Elrich, County Executive  
Richard Madaleno, Acting Chief Administrator Officer  
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**September 18, 2020**

**Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, September 21, 7:00pm**

***Topic: Discussion: 2020 Election Ballot Questions A, B, C and D***

*Guests: Councilmember Evan Glass (At-Large); Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive;  
George Margolies, Chair, Montgomery County Charter Review Commission*

***Topic: Discussion: Budget Preparation for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY22)***

*Guest: Dale Tibbitts, Special Assistant to the County Executive*

Due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, this will be a virtual meeting on Zoom with the public welcomed. To join the meeting with video and/or audio, click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89706617276> or call in to 1-301-715-8592 for audio only.

We suggest that you connect five to ten minutes early because you may be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click the link. If you are new to using Zoom, you can [join a test meeting](#) to familiarize yourself with the application.

*The public is welcomed at all UCAB meetings!*

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**Montgomery County Revises Guidelines for Phase 2 Outdoor Performances**

Montgomery County officials announced today that venues will be permitted to have live outdoor performance of 50 people or fewer; but they must meet certain guidelines. This new provision further expands entertainment options for residents during Phase 2 of reopening. Venues interested in having outdoor live performances must submit a request for a Letter of Approval and adhere to specific guidelines to protect the health and safety of guests, performers, production crews and staff.

[Press release](#)

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## Montgomery County Executive Elrich to Hold Virtual Forums on Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget Sept. 21 and 30

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich will hold two virtual forums on the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Operating Budget to get input from residents about their suggested priorities for services and programs. These virtual sessions will be conducted via Microsoft Teams and will enable more access for residents.

The FY22 budget forums are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, Sept. 21: FY22 County Operating Budget Forum. 7:00pm [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
- Wednesday, Sept. 30: FY22 County Operating Budget Forum. 7:00pm [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

On March 15, the County Executive will transmit his Recommended FY22 Operating Budget to the County Council. The Council will approve the budgets at the end of May.

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The Sept. 21 and 30 meetings will be streamed live on the [County's website](#) and [Facebook page](#) and on the [YouTube](#) channel. Montgomery County residents can view the meeting live with closed captioning on County Cable Montgomery (Channel CCM) by tuning to Comcast Channel 6 or 996 HD; RCN Channel 6 or 1056 HD or Verizon Channel 30. Residents also can join Montgomery County's conversation about the FY22 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget22.

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### Pay Your Property Taxes Online *Payments Due Sept. 30 and Dec. 31*

The Montgomery County Department of Finance is encouraging property-owners to pay their tax bills online this year because of the COVID-19 health crisis. Bills were mailed out to property owners earlier this summer, and property tax payments are due Sept. 30 and Dec. 31. The County's cashier window is currently closed to the public.

[Read more](#) about paying your tax bill safely and conveniently.

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### Shady Grove Sector Plan Amendment

A worksession will take place next week, September 24, and will focus on community facilities, environmental sustainability, parks and open space. The discussion will also follow-up on land use/zoning issues for the Crabbs Branch Office Park and the vacant property at Frederick Road (MD 355) and Shady Grove Road.

Here is the staff memo. [https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Planning-Board-Memo-for-Worksession-No.-5\\_FINAL.pdf](https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Planning-Board-Memo-for-Worksession-No.-5_FINAL.pdf)

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## County Announces COVID-19 Testing Schedule for Upcoming Week

Montgomery County health officials will provide free walk-in and drive-thru COVID-19 testing at multiple sites during the upcoming week. Testing clinics are free, and no doctor's order is required. Online appointments are encouraged but walk-ups are available. Make an appointment on the [testing website](#). Residents with symptoms should call the Testing Helpline at 240-777-1755 for assistance with testing. The County's home-based testing and human services screening is available for eligible residents. Find more information on the home-based testing and eligibility on the [testing website](#).

The self-administered nasal swab tests provided at the clinics are from CIAN Diagnostic Laboratories in Frederick. These tests are nasal swab molecular tests. Also called a PCR test, this diagnostic test detects genetic material of the COVID-19 virus using a lab technique called polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The County does not offer antibody testing.

### **Upcounty sites:**

#### **Monday, Sept. 21**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Germantown (parking garage behind Regal Cinema)  
20002 Century Boulevard  
Outdoor drive-up clinic

#### **Thursday, Sept. 24**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Germantown (parking garage behind Regal Cinema)  
20002 Century Boulevard  
Outdoor drive-up clinic

#### **Tuesday, Sept. 22**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Germantown (parking garage behind Regal Cinema)  
20002 Century Boulevard  
Outdoor drive-up clinic

#### **Friday, Sept. 25**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Germantown (parking garage behind Regal Cinema)  
20002 Century Boulevard  
Outdoor drive-up clinic

#### **Wednesday, Sept. 23**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
CDC Mobile Trailer Lakeforest Mall  
701 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg  
Outdoor drive-up clinic; walk-ups welcome  
Parking lot near food court entrance,  
directly in front of Ride On transfer station

Find out more about free testing clinics for COVID-19 and other locations at [www.MoCoCOVIDTesting.org](http://www.MoCoCOVIDTesting.org)

For the latest COVID-19 updates, visit the [County's COVID-19 website](#) as well as the County's [data dashboard](#) or follow Montgomery County on Facebook [@MontgomeryCountyInfo](#) and Twitter [@MontgomeryCountyMD](#).

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### **Montgomery County Food Resources**

Find a [listing of food distribution events](#), tools for providers, and opportunities to donate.  
Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19-food](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19-food)

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## County to Host Virtual Fall Forum on Mental Health and Recovery Thursday, October 1 6:00pm

Montgomery County's Fall Forum: "Many Pathways to Family Recovery" will be held online on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. The free event focuses on various approaches to mental health care and substance misuse treatment, as well as recent trends in these areas. Live closed captions are available throughout the event in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

Keynote speakers are Jason Martin, the Director of Addiction Services at [Sheppard Pratt](#); and LaTonia Rich, co-executive director of [Tree of Hope](#), an organization that trains peer recovery specialists.

During the virtual resource fair, attendees can speak directly with recovery organizations in the community using video, voice, or text. Attendees will also have opportunities to ask questions to DHHS representatives about County resources during the Q&A Panel.

The forum will be held on the Microsoft Teams Live platform. Participants will receive a link to join the event upon [registration](#). For more information, email [Corey.Brandel@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Corey.Brandel@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## County's Office of Human Rights Seeks Nominations for Hall of Fame *Deadline for nominations is Thursday, October 15!*

The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights (OHR) is accepting nominations for its Hall of Fame. Nominations should be individuals – either living or deceased – whose ongoing work, service and contributions have positively impacted human and civil rights in the County. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Oct. 15.

This is the 11th year for this biennial event. The Human Rights Hall of Fame mission is to honor individuals who have made great personal sacrifices in contributing to human and civil rights in Montgomery County, either as trailblazers of the past or as current light bearers in the struggle. The honorees will be recognized for their visionary leadership, outstanding achievements and altruism on the road to eliminating discrimination and advancing human rights.

A select number of nominees will be recommended for induction into the Hall of Fame by a panel of Hall of Fame members who will act as the selection committee. The virtual induction ceremony is planned for Sunday, Dec. 6.

The OHR Hall of Fame began in 2001 and is held every other year. More than 90 individuals have been inducted over the years. For a complete listing of inductees or to find the nomination form on the [Office of Human Rights website](#).

For more information about the program contact Office of Human Rights Director James Stowe at [james.stowe@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:james.stowe@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## Montgomery County Council and County Executive seek public input on the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study Draft Environmental Impact Statement *Deadline Extended to Friday, October 16*

The Study's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) includes traffic, environmental, engineering and financial analyses of the Build Alternatives and the No Build Alternative. The DEIS process provides an opportunity for residents, interest groups and other agencies to review and provide comments on the proposed federal action and the adverse and beneficial environmental impacts and proposed mitigation for unavoidable impacts. [Read more](#)

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## Día Nacional De Registración De votantes Seminario Web En Español

Martes, 22 de Septiembre de 2020  
3 - 4 p.m.

**APRENDA CÓMO:**

- Registrarse para votar
- Solicitar una papeleta por correo
- Votar en las Elecciones Presidenciales de 2020

National Voter Registration Day Spanish Webinar | Sept 22: 3 - 4 p.m.

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*Presentando al Dr. Gilberto Zelaya, Oficial de Información Pública, Junta Electoral del Condado de Montgomery.*

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- Votar en las Elecciones Presidenciales de 2020
- [Haga clic AQUÍ para registrarse para este evento gratuito](#)

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## Montgomery County Recreation Extends Summer Outdoor Pool Season through Sunday, October 4

Weather permitting, certain outdoor pools will remain open on modified schedules through Sunday, Oct. 4.

The Bethesda, Germantown and Martin Luther King, Jr. outdoor pools will remain open through Oct. 4. The Glenmont Wheaton Outdoor Pool will remain open on a modified schedule beginning Sept. 21. The Long Branch, Upper County and Western outdoor pools will close for the season on Sunday, Sept. 20. [Read more for details.](#)

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## Don't Forget to Complete Your Census Survey Today *less than 3 weeks left!*

*It's safe, confidential, easy to do, and important to our community!*

Please take the next 10 minutes to respond online by visiting [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov). To respond via phone, contact the Census Bureau at **844-330-2020**. To learn more about response rates across the state and county, please visit <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>

*To see the 2020 Census timeline, click [here](#).*

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## Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame Announces The Class Of 2020

**SAVE THE DATE: 10-18-2020**

**Montgomery County SPORTS HALL OF FAME**

**Induction Ceremony**

Sunday October 18  
7:00 PM

Streamed Online  
[www.mcshf.org](http://www.mcshf.org)

More information at [www.mcshf.org](http://www.mcshf.org)

 Tom Brown Football, Baseball	 Johnny Holiday Broadcasting	 Jeri Ingram Tennis
 Roy Lester (Posthumous) High School Football	 Curtis Pride Baseball	 Amy Wood Field Hockey

A virtual induction ceremony will stream on the MCSHF website Sunday, October 18th at 7pm.

WHAT: County Sports Hall of Fame names 2020 class

WHO: Johnny Holliday, Curtis Pride, Amy Wood, Tom Brown, Jeri Ingram, Roy Lester

WHEN: October 18, 2020 7pm

WHERE: Virtual [WWW.MCSHF.ORG](http://WWW.MCSHF.ORG)

This year's class joins last year's inaugural class of Katie Ledecy, Dominique Dawes, Shawn Springs, Bob Milloy, Bruce Murray, and Walter Johnson in the Hall of Fame. More information about this year's ceremony can be found at the website [www.MCSHF.org](http://www.MCSHF.org)



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## Car Free Day is September 22

Car Free Day is a free international event celebrated every September 22 in which people are encouraged to get around without driving alone in cars and instead ride a train, bus, bicycle, e-scooter, e-bike, carpool, vanpool, subway, or walk. For those working from home, telework counts, too. Car Free Day is open to all people in the Washington metropolitan area. To participate in this fun and worthwhile event, just fill out the pledge form at <https://carfreemetrodc.org/about-car-free-day/>

Visit with MCDOT's Commuter Services staff on September 22 from 7:00am to 9:00am at various locations around Montgomery County. They'll be providing free hand sanitizer, face coverings, and for stopping by you'll have the chance to win a \$200 Smart Trip Card, a Capital Bikeshare annual membership, or other gift cards!

Locations: The Silver Spring, **Germantown, and Lake Forest Transit Centers, Shady Grove Metro Station**, Bethesda Metro Plaza, and in Friendship Heights – across from the Metro station)

*For more information, visit <https://carfreemetrodc.org/about-car-free-day/>*

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## You're invited to a Virtual Kickoff Meeting for the

### [Corridor Forward: the I-270 Transit Plan](#)

**Wednesday, September 30 12:00noon**

Montgomery Planning is hosting a virtual [kick-off meeting](#) on September 30<sup>th</sup> to introduce the community to the project and initiate a dialogue about the community's values and priorities for transit along the I-270 corridor.

They have also developed a short "[Transit Values Questionnaire.](#)" The questionnaire will help planners understand your values related to transit.

#### More about Corridor Forward:

In this plan, planners will evaluate and prioritize the following potential transit options to determine which best serves residents and employees living and working along the I-270 Corridor, the County's major north-south transportation network:

- Transit service along I-270, including express bus, BRT, rail and monorail.
- Transit service from Bethesda to Tysons, including a potential extension of the Purple Line, the North Bethesda Transitway and/or other BRT alignments.
- Transit service serving the Corridor Cities Transitway communities.
- Enhanced transit service along the existing MARC rail line.
- Extending WMATA's Red Line.

#### Opportunities for Involvement

There will be several opportunities for you and your neighbors to get involved with this process over the next two years, beginning with the [kick-off meeting](#) on September 30<sup>th</sup> at noon. Other opportunities include:

- [RSVP for the September 30 Corridor Forward Virtual Kick Off Meeting](#)
- Sign up for the [Corridor Forward eletter](#) to get the latest updates on the plan.
- Watch the [series of five Corridor Forward videos](#) to understand how planners are looking at considerations for transit options.
- Fill out the [Transit Values Questionnaire](#) to help planners know what you value about transit options.
- Learn more at [MontgomeryPlanning.org/corridorforward](http://MontgomeryPlanning.org/corridorforward)
- Contact staff with any questions or comments: [Patrick.Reed@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:Patrick.Reed@montgomeryplanning.org)

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## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration's District 3 Major Planned Maintenance /Construction Update

*For the Period Beginning September 18, 2020*

Visit [https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OC/D3\\_LANE\\_CLOSURES.pdf](https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OC/D3_LANE_CLOSURES.pdf) to get this week's MDOT SHA District 3 major planned maintenance- and construction-related lane closure update for Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Please share this information with members of your staff, members of your e-mail or list-serv groups, visitors to your website and your social media followers. Real-Time travel conditions and live traffic cameras are available at [md511.maryland.gov](http://md511.maryland.gov).

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*Enjoy the weekend but don't forget to . . .*



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

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/>

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](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)