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December 5, 2019

Upcounty Quality of Life Committee Meeting

Monday, December 9 7:00pm

**Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: Creative Housing Strategies

*Guests: Zachary Marks, Development Director
Housing Opportunities Commission
and*

*Sylke Knuppel, VIKA
Chair of Montgomery County Chapter, MD Building Industry Association*

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.

Congratulations!



Sidney Katz



Tom Hucker

Montgomery County Council elects Sidney Katz as President, Tom Hucker as Vice-President

This week, the Montgomery County Council unanimously elected Councilmember Sidney Katz as president and Councilmember Tom Hucker as vice president of the Council. They will serve one-year terms as officers of the Council. Katz just completed a one-year term as Council vice president. Read more at

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23685&Dept=1



Improving the Business Climate (Charrette #2)

**Monday, December 9 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Wheaton Community Recreation Center
11701 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton**

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and County Council Vice President Sidney Katz hosted the first [4Business Charrette](#) at the Upcounty Regional Services Center in Germantown. Participants provided input and ideas on a variety of topics important to the business community including business support/economic development; procurement; permitting/public construction impacts/transportation; government access/communications; and regulations/taxes/fees.

Learn more by visiting the [4Business](#) web page. [See more photos from the Flickr album.](#)

Montgomery County Public Libraries to Adjust Hours at the Maggie Nightingale Branch

The Maggie Nightingale branch of Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL), located at 19633 Fisher Ave. in Poolesville, will change the hours of operation beginning Monday, Dec. 9. The change will only affect the hours on Mondays, which will change from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

MCPL adjusted the hours to better serve customers after reviewing results from a survey requesting feedback on the current hours for the Maggie Nightingale branch. The survey, online and print, was disseminated to the Poolesville community April 15 through June 15, 2019.

In addition to the new Monday hours, the branch is open the following:

- Tuesday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Wednesday 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

More information about MCPL is available by visiting the [website](#).

Health Officials Release First Report on Health Disparities Among Population Subgroups

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23682

Montgomery County Department of Transportation to Hold Public Forum on Regarding Proposed Ride On Bus Route Changes in Clarksburg Area

**Thursday, December 12 6:30pm
Rocky Hill Middle School
22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg**

In the case of inclement weather, the public forum will be postponed and rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation will hold a public forum to provide details, receive comments and answer questions about proposed Ride On bus route changes in the Clarksburg area. Prior to the start of the forum, residents will be able to review map displays illustrating the proposed changes.

The proposed changes involve Ride On Routes 75, 79 and 90. The proposed service alterations would redistribute the coverage area by introducing new service to roads where there is a perceived need for service and discontinuing service on roads where rider usage has been low.

Additional information on the proposed changes is available now on the Ride On website:

- Information on proposed changes involving Route 75 are available at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/Resources/Files/Clarksburg%20Services_Proposed_Route%2075.pdf
- Information on proposed changes involving Route 79 are available at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/Resources/Files/Clarksburg%20Services_Proposed_Route%2079.pdf
- Information on proposed change involving Route 90 are available at: https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/Resources/Files/Clarksburg%20Services_Proposed_Route%2090rev.pdf

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to speak at the forum are requested to furnish, in writing or by email, on or before Monday, Dec. 9, their name, home address, telephone number, e-mail address and organization to the Division of Transit Services, Ride On Public Forum, 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850. The information can be sent via email to mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov.

In addition, comments may be written, faxed or e-mailed on the proposed service changes to the Division of Transit Services by Wednesday, Dec. 18. The fax number is 240-777-5801.

Information about the forum also is available by phone at 240-777-5800.

Montgomery County Council adopts landmark legislation to create Policing Advisory Commission

This week, the Montgomery County Council unanimously adopted Bill 14-19 creating a Policing Advisory Commission. The goal of the Commission is to improve Council oversight of the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and strengthen community trust in police. The Commission will advise the Council on policing matters, provide information regarding best practices, and recommend policies and programs.

A policing policy commission is different from a public oversight commission or public review board that some communities have established. This County's new commission will not investigate or prosecute complaints against officers. Those matters are retained under departmental procedures, and Montgomery County lacks the authority to create an effective public review board under current state law.

Rather, the Commission is intended to review the policy guidelines that shape how the department and officers do their work. For example: How do we train officers for encounters with residents who have mental health challenges? How do we treat marijuana use or possession in enforcement? How effective is our disciplinary process?

Read more at https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=23693&Dept=1



Winter Registration Underway

Register for [Montgomery County Recreation](#) and [Montgomery Parks](#) winter classes and programs are underway. Peruse the [Montgomery County Guide](#) today.

Affordable Housing Developer Forum

County Executive Marc Elrich met with developers to discuss leveraging a range of financing opportunities to preserve and produce affordable housing. The Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) hosted the Affordable Housing Developer Forum. DHCA staff explained how the County supports affordable housing and representatives of the development community offered comments and suggestions about how the County can better support their ability to develop residential properties through improved collaboration and communication.



The Path to Social Justice and Racial Equity

County Executive Elrich was joined by County Councilmembers, county department heads, educators, and community leaders at his signing of the historic Racial Equity and Social Justice Act for Montgomery County.

Watch the news conference [here](#). See more pictures from Flickr [here](#).



Did You Know? . . .

Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame Inducted First Class in the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame



Five of the top athletes in Montgomery County history and a legendary coach were inducted into the County's Sports Hall of Fame inaugural class. [Read More](#)

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County Council <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/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