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Independence Day Celebrations!

Gaithersburg SummerFest - a Lawn Party and Fireworks (hosted by the City of Gaithersburg)
Saturday, July 1 *(There will be no fireworks on July 4)*

Bohrer Park
506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

5:00p-9:00p there's Live Music by Nation • Indoor & Outdoor Activities, Inflatables & Games • Classic Car Show • Beer Tasting by Local Breweries; at approximately 9:20p there will be a Fireworks Spectacular; and 10:00p-11:30p there will be a SummerGlo After Party with music, dancing, giveaways & snacks for purchase.

If the fireworks are canceled due to inclement weather, select SummerFest activities will be moved inside the Activity Center at Bohrer Park on Saturday, July 1, and the fireworks only will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 2. For other details, see www.gaithersburgmd.gov

Germantown Glory! – hosted by Montgomery County Executive and County Council
Tuesday, July 4

South Germantown Recreational Park (SoccerPlex)
18041 Central Park Circle, Boyds (located in West Germantown)

Entertainment begins at 7:00pm with Quiet Fire, a soul, R&B and rock band that covers hits from the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Fireworks at dusk. *The rain date for fireworks only is July 5.*
See more entertainment details, see [Press Release](#) | [download flyer](#). Follow signs for free on-site parking.

Message from the Police: Many families walk to the Germantown event from the local neighborhoods. When the event is over there will be mass exodus of pedestrians. We are cognizant of all traffic and the desire of drivers to leave the event, but we must give priority to the pedestrians for a few minutes until the roadways are clear.

Poolesville Community Celebration – hosted by the Poolesville Fire Department
Tuesday, July 4

Soccer Field @ Hughes Road & Sugarland Road
Festivities begin at 5:00pm, fireworks at dusk.

Celebrate Damascus! – (hosted by the Community)
Friday, July 7 parade begins at 7:00p

A Community Parade will travel along Rt. 27 from the high school to Lewis Drive and end at the fire department's activities grounds. Classic cars, tractors, fire equipment, and bands.
Fireworks begin after the parade. Food (including chicken dinners) for sale after the parade.

Saturday, July 8 10:00a-4:00p

Events held throughout the town – a community breakfast, Damascus Motors' Cruise-In Open Showroom, family carnival, children's activities, open house at the fire station, live radio broadcast, banana split eating contest, and more!

Remember . . .

In Montgomery County, [all fireworks are illegal to possess or discharge](#) including gold label sparklers.

Holiday Schedule for Independence Day, July 4

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

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County Liquor stores – all stores will be open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Recreation – Indoor and outdoor pools open, Germantown Indoor Pool closes at 3 p.m. all other pools close at 6 p.m.; Administrative offices, senior centers and recreation centers will be closed.

Montgomery Parks - Information available at <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Ride On – will operate on a Saturday schedule. Information is available at this link: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/holiday_schedules.html.

Metrorail – Information available at www.wmata.com

Metrobus – Information available at 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

"I Take It Personally;" New Drunk Driving & Alcohol Over-Consumption Prevention Campaign

The Montgomery County Department of Liquor Control and the Department of Police launched a new public awareness campaign. It is designed to encourage community members and retail establishments in the County to do what they can to limit alcohol over-consumption and commercial establishment over-service, as well as confirm the commitment of public safety officers to enforce drunk driving laws. Learn more [HERE](#).

Mixed Paper Processing Facility

An open house to celebrate the recently opened Mixed Paper Processing Facility at the Recycling Center was held on Tuesday, June 27. The facility, located at 16105 Frederick Road in Derwood, is adjacent to the Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station. The facility processes approximately 200 tons of paper/cardboard per day, which is sorted and baled. The baled paper is sent domestically and internationally to be recycled into reusable materials such as cereal boxes, printer paper, paper bags, cardboard boxes and pizza boxes. [See photos](#)

County to Hold Lottery for Farmer's Market Coupons for Low-Income Seniors; Limited Number of Coupons Available

A **limited** number of free farmer's market coupon books worth \$30 will be distributed by lottery to low-income seniors in Montgomery County on Tuesday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. The coupon books are available to Montgomery County residents age 60 years and older whose income is less than \$22,311 (family of one). The coupons may be used at farmer's markets in Montgomery County and participating markets in the District of Columbia until November 1, 2017.

In the Upcounty (northern part of the county), the lottery for the coupon books will be held at:

Benjamin Gaither Senior Center

80A Bureau Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

For more information, call 240-777-3810. To see other locations, visit

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21224

FIVE WEEKEND Lane Closures on Rockville Pike in Bethesda at NIH/Walter Reed 10:00pm Friday thru 5:00am Monday: July 7-10; July 14-17; July 21-24; July 28-31; and Aug. 4-7

The Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation will close lanes of Rockville Pike (MD 355) between Woodmont Avenue and Wilson Drive, near the Medical Center Metro Station, NIH, and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Naval Support Activity Bethesda.

Weather permitting, these lanes will be closed for FIVE WEEKENDS IN JULY AND AUGUST:

- 10:00 PM Friday, July 7 thru 5:00 AM Monday, July 10 -- Two Northbound Lanes.
- 10:00 PM Friday, July 14 thru 5:00 AM Monday, July 17 -- Two Northbound Lanes.
- 10:00 PM Friday, July 21 thru 5:00 AM Monday, July 24 -- Two Northbound Lanes and One Southbound Lane.
- 10:00 PM Friday, July 28 thru 5:00 AM Monday, July 31 -- One Northbound Lane and Two Southbound Lanes.
- 10:00 PM Friday, Aug. 4 thru 5:00 AM Monday, Aug. 7 -- Two Southbound Lanes.

These lane closures are part of the ongoing construction of the Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station, which will establish a shallow pedestrian underpass between NIH and Walter Reed, and deep elevators on the Navy side of MD 355 to the Metrorail mezzanine. Construction of the Crossing Project is anticipated through mid-2021.

The area of Rockville Pike near the Medical Center Metro Station, NIH and Walter Reed is a construction zone. Please pay attention to all signs, and drive, walk or bike carefully through the area. [*En Espanol Aqui*](#)

New Entrances & Safety Measures at Council Office Building

Starting on or about July 5, 2017, the Council Office Building, which is located at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville, will have new security measures in place for your safety. For more information watch the [Council Office Building Security Video](#) . [Para más información vea el siguiente video.](#) [Click here for Press Release](#)

Ready to Do Business in Montgomery County? Ready to Expand Your Business Here?

Leggett Launches Business Portal; Single Point of Entry for County Businesses

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett today joined County Council President Roger Berliner, members of the County Executive's Economic Advisory Group and representatives from local chambers of commerce and business organizations to announce the launch of the County's new Business Portal. The launch took place at the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce offices.

The business portal is a gateway to County-government services and information related to doing business in Montgomery County. It is modeled after national, best practices and based on input from an extensive survey in 2016 on improving government services for businesses. Integrating information from multiple County departments, the business portal is a single point of entry that aims to further streamline County services and operations to make it easier to start and grow a business in the County.

The portal is available at: montgomerycountymd.gov/biz

Montgomery County Public Libraries Announces Digital Collection of Local African American Newspaper

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) announced that seven years of the Montgomery Times newspaper is now available through a digital archive on MCPL's website. The Montgomery Times began publication in 1992 and was combined with the Prince Georges Times in 1999 as the *African American Times*. The paper ran until 2002, covering news of interest to the African American community in Montgomery County.

Working with Barbara Flack-Darko, who was the publisher and editor-in-chief of the paper, MCPL sent the collection of papers to Advantage Preservation in Iowa for digitization and hosting of the archive. The archive is searchable by keyword and name, and can be limited by year. The archive can be accessed from the [Articles](#) portion of the MCPL website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library, and from the [African American History Resources](#) page. MCPL staff can also assist customers in using this resource.

For more information contact, Anita Vassallo at 240-777-0030.

Leggett Joins Latino Health Steering Committee to Release Blueprint for Latino Health Report

County Executive Isiah Leggett recently joined the Latino Health Steering Committee of Montgomery County for the release of the third edition of the "Blueprint for Latino Health in Montgomery County, Maryland 2017 – 2026." The health status report outlines the most challenging quality of life issues facing the more than 192,000 Latinos living in Montgomery County and recommends strategies for improving the health and wellness of Latinos in the community.

Montgomery County is now one of the most diverse counties in the United States, and Latinos comprise almost 20% of the county's population. A third of Latinos in Montgomery County are foreign born and they are younger than the overall county population, with a median age of 30.6 years compared with 38.9 years' median years' county-wide mark. As the Latino population continues to grow and demonstrate its unique social and cultural characteristics, County services must reflect evolving demographics and emerging health and non-health needs.

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21220

New burial site procedures proposed by Montgomery County Council
Public hearing scheduled for September 12 at 1:30pm

Montgomery County Councilmembers Craig Rice, Roger Berliner and George Leventhal today introduced proposed Bill 24-17 that would require the County Planning Board to establish and maintain an inventory of burial sites in the County. The bill would then require the burial sites to be identified in the inventory to be considered in the subdivision approval process under Subdivision Amendment 17-01. Councilmembers Marc Elrich, Tom Hucker, Sidney Katz, Nancy Navarro and Hans Riemer are co-sponsors of the bill.

The proposed bill and subdivision regulation was, in part, inspired by a situation that developed during the approval process for re-development in Westbard community in the River Road area of Bethesda. An African American cemetery thought to be in that area led residents to want the development plan to be reconsidered. The post-Civil War cemetery, which documents indicate was located north of the Westwood Tower Apartments on Westbard Avenue, was apparently paved over decades ago for use as a parking lot. See complete press release at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=21222



BlackRock's Summer Concert Series on the Lawn
Saturdays 7:00pm
July 1 – July 29

All Summer Concerts will be performed on the BlackRock front lawn, weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather, the concert will move inside to the BlackRock Mainstage. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the up-to-date performance information. Visit <http://www.blackrockcenter.org/events/category/none/performances/summer-concerts> for the schedule.

So Much to See, So Much to Do, So Close to Home



2017 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL WATERCOLOR EXHIBITION
Annual juried exhibit sponsored by the Baltimore Watercolor Society
Exhibit on View: June 17 – July 15, 2017
KAY GALLERY



DAVID R. DANIELS: BEYOND LIMITS
Solo exhibit of large-scale watercolor paintings
Exhibit on View: June 17 – July 14, 2017
TERRACE GALLERY



28th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale 2017

Support local farms this year during the 28th Annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale!

All 17 farms will be open [Saturday July 22, 2017](#) and 13 of them will reopen on [Sunday July 23, 2017](#) as well. Several farms have hayrides, pony rides, music, demonstrations and other fun activities planned. Purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants and more. Spend a day or two in the country petting farm animals or having lunch by a scenic pond. It's an educational experience and a great family day outing. Download brochure.

PLEASE CHECK EACH FARM FOR THEIR HOURS OF OPERATION.

Did You Know? . . .

Visit Montgomery! is the official destination and travel website for Montgomery County, Maryland. By being northwest of Washington D.C., the capital of the United States, we're in a wonderful location and we're the most populous county in Maryland, partly because it is one of the biggest suburbs for Washington DC. With many major U.S. government offices, scientific research and learning centers and business campuses located here, Montgomery County is a great place for learning more about the history of the country, experiencing new and exciting culture, and meeting people that love the same.

If you are curious about what to do in Montgomery County, be sure to visit https://visitmontgomery.com/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI-NbUiKPm1AIV2oWzCh0mXQ4IEAAYASAAEgJAB_D_BwE and click on the "Things to Do" in Washington DC and Montgomery County tab, which will list options for entertainment and concerts, outdoor activities, sports and recreation, family fun, art museums and galleries, DC attractions, suggested itineraries, and deals and coupons in Montgomery County and Washington D.C.

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://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

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://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>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>