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March 31, 2017

**UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, April 3 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

Topic: Transportation Planning

Guest: Gerald Cichy, Commissioner, Montgomery County Planning Board

All board and their 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.

**Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road Intersection to be
Temporarily Closed on Saturday, April 1**

Beginning at 6 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, the Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) will temporarily close the MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) / Randolph Road intersection to reconfigure traffic lanes. During this time, MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) and Randolph Road will be reduced to one lane in each direction, with no turns permitted through the intersection.

Drivers are urged to plan extra travel time or avoid the area. Weather and progress permitting, crews will open all lanes by 7 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, please see the Maryland State Highway Administration [press release](#).

Starting Saturday, April 1 . . .

The **Germantown Flea Market** begins April 1st, at the MARC Station Parking lot, from 8-11. They are held the first Saturday of the month through November. To get a booth, contact: 301-972-2707 or fleamarket@germantownmdhistory.org

Little Bennet Campgrounds open on April 1st. <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/little-bennett-regional-park/little-bennett-camping/>

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

How will you celebrate?



All April long, the County is hosting events in honor of Earth Month, including:

- [Paper shredding and recycling event: April 2](#)
- [Montgomery County Energy Summit: April 5](#)
- **[Free Documentary Screening of Hometown Habitat at BlackRock: April 9](#)**
- Transportation Week Events with DOT and Ride On: April 10-14
- [C-Pace Green Ribbon Cutting](#)

Montgomery County GreenFest, which includes exhibitors and vendors, workshops, music, kids activities, food trucks and an electric vehicle and car show. The full schedule of movie screenings will be announced in April at montgomerycountygreenfest.org.

For more Earth Month activities in Montgomery County, visit www.mygreenmontgomery.org/earth-month/ or [Earth Month website](#).

50+ EMPLOYMENT EXPO



RETOOL, RECHARGE, REINVENT

Monday, April 3, 2017 • 10am–3pm

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Maryland

Easy access via the metro redline — White Flint metro stop.

OVER 50 & LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

Recruiters from dozens of employers, including non-profits, government, healthcare, retail, technology and more!

<p>SEMINARS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Applications 	<p>RÉSUMÉ HELP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resume Assistance and Critique
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Keynote Speaker: Jim Handy

Montgomery County's salute to Vietnam Veterans wins prestigious national Telly Award for County's PEG cable organization

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=20923

County Ranks Highest in Health Ratings in Maryland

Montgomery County ranks as the healthiest county in Maryland in the annual *County Health Rankings* (CHR) for Maryland. The CHR, a collaboration of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, compares counties within each state on more than 30 factors that impact health, including social determinants such as education, jobs, housing, exercise, commuting times and more. According to the 2017 Rankings, the five healthiest counties in Maryland are Montgomery County, followed by Howard County, Carroll County, Frederick County, and Talbot County.

Read more at <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/maryland/2017/rankings/montgomery/county/factors/overall/snapshot>



Montgomery College's Spring 2017 Season

Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia

Thursday, April 6 11:00am

Globe Hall

Montgomery College

20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

Guest: Aminatta Forna, Author

Award-winning author, Forna was born in Scotland and raised in Sierra Leone and Britain. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and Lannan Visiting Chair of Poetics at Georgetown. Focusing on her illuminating book, *The Devil That Danced on the Water*, a memoir of her dissident father and her life in Sierra Leone, Forna will address politics in Sierra Leone, her writing life, and the relationship between the two.

For more information on the College's Athenaeum Series, visit <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/athenaeum>

Questions? Contact: Joan M. Naake, Professor of English, Director of Renaissance Scholars
Director of Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia
Phone: 240-567-1951 joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu
<https://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/renscholars>

Tree City USA

Montgomery County has been recognized as a 2016 **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Arbor Day Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation and education organization. A million members, donors, and partners support our programs to make our world greener and healthier. Read the congratulatory letter http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OPI/Resources/Files/2017/ArborDay_Foundation_2017.pdf

They're back!

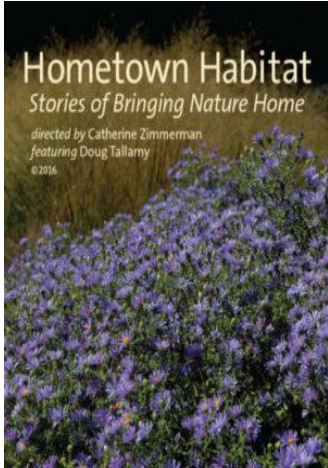
Penguin Rush Hour

Puzzled??? It's a public art mural outside of the Silver Spring Metro Station. The 100-foot mural, designed by Sally Callmer Thompson, is a whimsical depiction of penguin commuters rushing through metro transit. The penguins disappeared for a time while the artwork was being restored. We couldn't do it justice with a photo here, so go see it for yourself.

BlackRock to Host Free Documentaries with GreenFest
Sunday, April 9 4:00pm

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's partnership with DC Environmental Film Festival brings free documentaries to BlackRock Center for the Arts and GreenFest

As part of Earth Month, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will partner with the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital (DCEFF) to bring free screenings of the latest environmental documentaries to both the BlackRock Center for the Arts and the Montgomery County GreenFest.



Hometown Habitat – Stories of Bringing Nature Home, is an educational documentary focused on showing how and why native plants are critical to the survival and vitality of local ecosystems. Inspiring stories of community commitment to conservation landscaping show how humans and nature can co-exist with mutual benefits. **Following the screening of the film, director and producer Catherine Zimmerman will be on hand to answer questions from the audience. The discussion will be facilitated by DEP Director Lisa Feldt.** The screening, which is free and open to the public, is presented in partnership by the BlackRock Center for the Arts, DCEFF, DEP and the Montgomery Countryside Alliance. For more details, visit www.blackrockcenter.org/events/event/hometown-habitat-stories-of-bringing-nature-home/

In addition to showing *Hometown Habitat* in April, DCEFF is partnering with GreenFest for the third year in a row to screen documentaries. This year, the focus will be on short films, less than 30 minutes in length. Screenings of the short films start at 1 p.m. and will include popular documentaries highlighted during the 2017 Environmental Film Festival, including *Fix and Release* and *The Nature of Maps*.

County Council to hold Public Hearing on Proposed BRT Line for U.S. 29
Tuesday, April 18 7:30pm
Council Office Building, Third Floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville

The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on County Executive Isiah Leggett's proposed plan for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line for the U.S. 29 corridor. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 21, but was rescheduled to allow for more information on the plan to be made available.

BRT is a type of public transit in which specialized vehicles run on roadways—often on dedicated paths—that help avoid regular vehicle traffic. The County is considering several proposed lines.

The U.S. 29 BRT line would run between Burtonsville and Industrial Parkway in a dedicated lane, and from Industrial Parkway to Downtown Silver Spring in mixed traffic. BRT vehicles are larger and are boarded directly from higher-level platforms. They will make fewer stops than traditional buses, making commuting quicker. More information on the County's BRT program is available at: <http://getonboardbrt.com/>

The hearing will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM). The channel can be viewed on Cable Channels 996 (high definition) and 6 (standard definition) on Comcast; Channels 1056 (HD) and 6 (SD) on RCN; and Channel 30 on Verizon. The session also will be available live via streaming through the Council web site at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>. Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can sign up online at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html> or by calling 240-777-7803. The deadline to sign up is 5 p.m. on Monday, April 17. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the bill.



Shades of Spring 2017: Art League of Germantown Show & Sale
Visual Art

Wednesday, Apr 19, 2017 – Sunday, Apr 23, 2017
1:00 PM

Explore and shop for fine art and craft items made by local artists at “Shades of Spring 2017,” the bi-annual show and sale presented by members of the Art League of Germantown. [Read more...](#)

State Department Delegation from Kosovo and Macedonia



Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett met with a State Department Delegation from Kosovo and Macedonia. The delegation consisted of executives of municipal-level government and educational administrators. They were here to learn about the Montgomery County Model for creating social cohesion and public safety, which is community-based and interfaith. It is predicated on the high level of collaboration in County Government under the leadership of the County Executive.

Road Projects . . .

Stonebridge Concrete Repair and Replacement Project – The general scope of this project includes replacing damaged sidewalks, ensuring that curb ramps comply with accessibility standards, replacing deteriorated, damaged and misaligned curbs and gutters and restoring disturbed areas with soil, grass and mulch. The project also allows for replacing driveway aprons of those residents taking advantage of the [Driveway Apron and Lead Walk Repair Program](#). For more information of this program, visit http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/Concrete/driveway_apron.html. The project is scheduled to begin in March 2017 and take three months to complete, weather permitting. All construction work will be scheduled Monday through Friday between 7:00am and 6:00pm. For more information, contact Project Manager Adam Derrick at 240-777-7637.

Seneca Whetstone Residential Roadway Resurfacing Project – The work includes attending to damaged or deteriorating concrete curb, gutter and sidewalk ramps within the work zone, full-depth patching, paving, and replacing roadway lane markings. The project is scheduled to begin in late March/early April 2017 and will take four to five weeks to complete, weather permitting. Work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm. If questions, contact Project Manager Nick Boone, 240-777-7648.

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/>