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County Holiday Schedule for Memorial Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27:

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County liquor stores – all retail stores open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Recreation – indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities will be open; administrative offices, senior centers and community recreation centers will be closed

Montgomery Parks – for holiday operating schedule on Parks’ facilities, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org.

Ride On – Sunday schedule

Metrobus – Sunday schedule

Metrorail – Sunday schedule

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

Refuse/recycling pickup – no collection*

Transfer Station – closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Administrative Offices – closed

State offices & courts – closed

*Collection provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday).

Montgomery Parks Operating Schedule for Memorial Day Holiday Weekend

South Germantown Splash Playground and Miniature Golf open for season on Saturday, May 25, 2013.

[Montgomery Parks](#), part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will open the South Germantown Recreational Park [Splash Playground and Miniature Golf Course](#) this Saturday, May 25, for the summer season. Also starting this Saturday, [Lake Needwood Boats](#), [Black Hill Boats](#) and the [Cabin John Train](#) all move from weekend hours to summer season hours with weekday operations. Brookside Gardens’ [Wings of Fancy Live Butterfly and Caterpillar Exhibit](#) will be open all weekend from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

All Montgomery Parks’ facilities, parks and programs will follow standard operating hours with the following exceptions:
CLOSED ALL WEEKEND SATURDAY, MAY 25 – MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013:

- Wheaton Ice Arena and Cabin John Ice Rink

CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013

- Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Center and Wheaton Indoor Tennis Center
- All recreational and regional athletic fields Montgomery Parks
- Park Permits Office
- Montgomery Parks Nature Centers:
 - Locust Grove Nature Center

- o Meadowside Nature Center
- o Brookside Nature Center

Please visit www.MontgomeryParks.org for more details.

County Executive Leggett Recognized by Governor for Supporting Transportation Funding Bill

During the recent signing of the transportation funding bill in Annapolis, Governor Martin O'Malley publicly recognized County Executive Ike Leggett for his support for the legislation that will help replenish the State's Transportation Trust Fund for major projects. This legislation will help provide funding for projects around the region, including projects planned in the Upcounty area such as the Watkins Mill Interchange, and the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT).

To see video from Annapolis, visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=cP3qffhfaes

Montgomery Council Unanimously Approves \$4.8 Billion Total Operating Budget for FY14; All-Agencies Budget Has 4.1 Percent Increase

On May 23rd, the Montgomery County Council unanimously approved a \$4.8 billion County total operating budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014). The budget, which reflects a 4.1 percent increase over the approved budget for FY 2013, "continues to invest in our economic and social infrastructure," said Council President Nancy Navarro. With this new budget, schools, Montgomery College, public safety and the social "safety net" are priorities, property taxes are maintained at the charter limit, and there will be a \$692 tax credit for homeowners. In addition, library funding is increased, police staffing is increased, and the energy tax is reduced by another 10%.

The FY14 operating budget and adjustments to the Fiscal Years 2013-18 six-year Capital Improvements Program will go into effect on July 1.

For the full press release, go to

http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=9505

Teddy Bear Drive for Oklahoma Children This Weekend at SoccerPlex

Friday, May 24 - Monday, May 27 (until 6pm)
Maryland SoccerPlex & Discovery Sports Center
18031 Central Park Circle
Boyd's, MD 20841

The Maryland SoccerPlex Foundation is partnering with Family Magazine and 94.7 Fresh FM to collect new Teddy Bears for tornado victims in Moore, Oklahoma.

Look For the Red Bins at the Discovery Sports Center and Fields 18-22!



**Office of County Executive Holds Public Hearing: MD 355 Sidewalk in Hyattstown Wednesday,
May 29 6:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center, Meeting Room D (third floor)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

The public is invited to comment on a proposal to construct: a) a continuous sidewalk along the west side of MD Route 355 (Frederick Road) from Hyattstown Mill Road to a point just south of the Montgomery/Frederick County line; b) a 3' high retaining wall behind the proposed sidewalk; and c) storm drainage improvements. Interpreter services will be provided for the deaf or hearing impaired and for Spanish-speaking residents upon request.

Written comments for consideration by the Public Hearing Officer may be submitted to:

Bruce Johnston, Chief, Division of Transportation Engineering
100 Edison Park Drive
Gaithersburg MD 20878.

If questions, call 240-777-7223.

Notice of Public Hearings re ICC Commuter Bus

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) gives notice of 3 public hearings on proposed changes to the ICC commuter bus routes. The MTA is proposing to reallocate resources from three of the routes to other transit bus service due to low ridership. The affected commuter bus routes are: Nos. 202, 203, and 205. **Route No. 202 operates weekday peak service between Gaithersburg and DOD/Fort Meade.** Route No. 203 operates weekday peak service between Columbia and Bethesda. **Route No. 205 operates weekday peak service between College Park and Germantown.** *The proposed date to discontinue service is August 1, 2013.*

The public hearings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 6: 00 PM-8:00 PM	Wednesday, June 5, 2013 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Thursday, June 6, 2013 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
College Park City Hall Council Chambers 2 nd Floor 4500 Knox Road College Park, MD 20704	Owen Brown Interfaith Center 7246 Cradlerock Way Columbia, MD 21045	Activity Center, Bohrer Park at Summit Hall 506 South Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877

For more information, see MTA website at <http://mta.maryland.gov/public-hearings-icc-commuter-bus-changes>



Free Admission!
**Saturday, June 8
10:00am-2:00pm**
South Germantown Recreation Park
18041 Central Park Circle • Boyds, Maryland 20841

For details, visit <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/bam.asp>

Maryland Senior Olympics Start in August!

To my senior friends, start getting in shape for the Maryland Senior Olympics that start this summer! Events will be held around the State with three scheduled in Montgomery County (swimming, badminton, and softball).

For details, visit <http://www.mdseniorolympics.org>

County Executive Leggett, County Council President Navarro, and Dept. of Economic Development Honor County's Small Businesses

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Department of Economic Development (DED) Director Steve Silverman, Montgomery County Council President Nancy Navarro and approximately 300 local business owners and representatives attended the Inaugural Montgomery County Small Business Awards luncheon that was organized by DED to honor the important contributions all of the County's 33,000-plus small businesses make and, in particular, to recognize winners in eight distinct award categories. Winners at this year's event were:

Bioscience Company of the Year – Creatv MicroTech, Inc.
Information Technology Company of the Year – WeddingWire
Innovation Network Company of the Year – SOL VISTA Consulting, LLC
Small Business of the Year (1-10 Employees) – SPAGnVola
Small Business of the Year (11-50 Employees) – Zane Networks, LLC
Small Business of the Year (51-200 Employees) – Apex Home Loans
Start Up Business Of the Year – Gator Ron's Zesty Sauces & Mixers
Workforce Development Award – Merry Maids of Gaithersburg

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board to Hold Their Annual Meeting Monday, June 10 7:00pm Upcounty Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) is appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council to advise them and the Upcounty Regional Services Director on issues impacting the northern part of the county and the county as a whole. Members are residents from Gaithersburg, Germantown, Poolesville, Darnestown, Clarksburg, Goshen, North Potomac, Shady Grove, Montgomery Village, Dickerson, Comus, Damascus, and the business community is represented too. The Board comments on master/sector plans, transportation/transit issues, facility siting, capital projects and county services and programs. The public is invited!

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County Council www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council

Planning Board www.montgomeryplanning.org