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Montgomery County Council to Hold 5 Public Hearings on FY13 Operating Budget

*Residents Can Sign Up to Speak at Afternoon and Evening
Hearings in Rockville on April 10, 11 and 12*

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ROCKVILLE, Md., April 9, 2012—The Montgomery County Council will hold five public hearings spread over April 10-12 on Montgomery County's Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget. More than 150 people are expected to express views about specific items, and the general structure, of the budget.

The public hearings will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10; at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11; and at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12. All hearings will be held in the Third Floor Hearing Room of the Council Office Building at 100 Maryland Ave. in Rockville. The number of speakers for the week is limited due to the number of spots available. To register to speak, residents should call 240-777-7803.

The hearings will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and also will be available via streaming through the County Web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

County Executive Isiah Leggett presented his recommended budget to the Council on March 15. Over the next 10 weeks, the Council and its six committees will analyze the recommendations and will adopt the FY13 budget in late May. The budget adopted by the Council will take effect on July 1.

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“Budgets are all about people and the role that government plays in the lives of our residents,” said Council President Roger Berliner. “I encourage residents to provide their input about how we can best balance the Fiscal Year 2013 operating budget.”

In addition to speaking at the public hearings, residents can offer comments on the budget via email at county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov ; via regular mail to: County Council, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville MD 20850; or by calling the Council’s budget hotline at 240-777-7802. Information on the budget can be found at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council and by clicking “budget update.”

Details about the County Executive’s recommended budget and the worksessions the Council and its respective committees will be holding on it can be found at: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/council/budget_summary/2013_budget_home.asp .

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