



**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**MEMORANDUM**

December 12, 2014

**TO:** Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

**FROM:** Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager  
Department of Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** The Agricultural Advisory Committee and Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Please be advised the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room A at 6:00 p.m.**

The agenda is on the next page. **Please note we will celebrate the holidays starting at 6:00 pm with some refreshments and the meeting will follow.**

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on Tuesday evening.

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## **Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda – December 16, 2014**

1. Holiday Celebration with refreshments and Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from November 18, 2014. (See Attachment A.)
3. The Tour of farms with Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson will be held after the holidays due to scheduling challenges. January 5 or 30, 2015 are proposed dates. The tour of farms includes Pam Saul, Robert Stabler, Wade Butler, David Weitzer and Rocklands Farm?
4. Follow up from the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with stakeholders to discuss expanding Broadband high speed internet access to the Agricultural Reserve. The meeting was requested by Council Member Roger Berliner and attended by Jeremy Criss and David Weitzer. (See Attachment B.)
5. League of Women Voters Agricultural Fact sheet (See Attachment C.)
6. Update on the Positions approved for FY15 Operating and Capital Budget:

The-BDS position (Kristin Fisher) interview was held on October 20, 2014 for Preferential Hiring applicant. The OHR Director approved DED to contact some of other 32 applicants that met the minimum requirements. DED questions having to rate all 32 applications given since three months have passed since the deadline to apply.

Agronomy Educator for UM-Extension part-time contract for Doug Tregoning has been approved and Doug has started to prepare for Pesticide Bill 52-14 and the Winter Agronomy Update meeting.

New Resource Conservationist for MSCD (Brian Taylor) The OHR approved the position to be reclassified to BDS position and the e-recruitment ad will be advertised within the DED-MSCD as recommended by the MSCD Board of Supervisors. The Ad was released December 2, 2014 and closes on December 15, 2014.

7. New Appointments to the AAC (See Attachment D.)
8. The Pesticide Legislation Bill 52-14 (See Attachment E.) The Bill is supported by 5 Council members (Leventhal, Floreen, Reimer, Navarro, and Elrich). The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday January 15, 2015 at 7:30 pm with the T&E Committee.  
[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/bill/2014/Packets/20141028\\_4C.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/bill/2014/Packets/20141028_4C.pdf)

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors-January 6, 2015@ 7:00pm  
Montgomery Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors-January 9, 2015@ 9:00am  
Montgomery County Agricultural Pres. Advisory Board-January 13, 2015@ 7:00pm  
Agricultural Advisory Committee-January 20, 2015@ 7:00pm  
Farm Bureau Day in Annapolis-February 18, 2015  
Winter Agronomy Update-February 25, 2015-Urbana Fire Hall