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Montgomery College: Workforce Development, Continuing Education and Partnering with the Business Community

Our July 22 breakfast mixer was at DeJaBel Café, 2519 University Boulevard West, Wheaton, MD 20902, 301-946-0020 / www.dejabelcafe.com. Owner Eddie



Velasquez has made DeJaBel Café into Wheaton's local coffeeshop and café,

with free WIFI, delicious coffees, sandwiches, & pastries.

Montgomery College is the largest community college in the state, with more than 60,000 students on three campuses in Silver Spring, Rockville and Germantown. It is a major economic engine and a premier provider of workforce training, whose efforts ensure that businesses in the county



and throughout Maryland have an educated and skilled workforce.

For staffing needs, visit the website of the Student Employment Services program, lead by Eric Myren <https://montgomerycollege.recruitmax.com/ENG/candidates>.

The Workforce Development and Continuing Education division is responsive and flexible, offering courses and training that fits what is happening in business, and works collaboratively with industry. Montgomery College has an office in Wheaton South where anyone can receive information about credit and noncredit course offerings and the number of course offerings in Wheaton from general education preparation to business skill development to degree completion.

Visit the Workforce Development and Continuing Education website at www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce.

Dr. Brian K. Johnson, in one of his last speaking engagements as President of Montgomery College, talked about how the economy has impacted the college, and how the school has tried not to let budget reductions affect student



Photos courtesy of Vicky Surles

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Kensington Sector Plan Moves to Planning Board

The Kensington Sector Plan draft was finalized by Park and Planning staff in mid-September with hopes that the Planning Board will review, approve and transmit the plan to the County Council by October 1. If the council approves the plan, it will be adopted into the East Transit Corridor Master Plan.



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The Planning Board had signed off on most of the suggested building height limits and zones in the new sector plan during a staff worksession. The overall height limit in the sector plan, which crafts redevelopment in town over the next few decades, will be 75

feet, which is allowable in only two sections of the plan, one along Connecticut Avenue and Knowles Avenue, and the other along Connecticut Avenue and University Boulevard. Most of the town segments will have 60-foot height limits, including along parts of Metropolitan Avenue, Plyers Mill Road and Connecticut Avenue.

Developers will have to achieve certain criteria in their site plans, including open space, green space, and proper setbacks, to be granted the maximum allowable height. The Planning Board approved raising the maximum proposed height along Howard Avenue's Antique Row to 50 feet from 45 feet at the request of the owners of Antique Village. The 5-foot difference is an entire level, and would allow for more market flexibility.

Residents who testified at a public hearing in July said the 75-foot height limit was too high, but the town council a few weeks later passed a resolution generally supportive of the direction staff was taking in the sector plan, including a height limit that "generally should not exceed six stories" or about 72 to 75 feet without special approval from town officials.

Planning Board members lowered height limits along one section of University Boulevard, dropping to 45 feet a staff-recommended 60-foot limit. They also requested requiring building heights to be lower adjacent to residential and historic areas with the greatest heights stepped back from the areas.

Source: The Gazette

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Public Meeting Regarding Major Mixed-Use Development on Safeway Site

Safeway and Patriot Realty are holding a public meeting regarding their proposal for a major mixed-use development at their current Georgia Avenue/Reedie Drive site. Safeway has a similar project called City Vista in D.C. at 5th and K Streets.

Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 pm

at Crossway Community, Inc.
3015 Upton Drive
Kensington, MD 20895

For further information, contact:
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The Entrepreneur Power Hour

- *Connect with other entrepreneurs with similar target markets and complementary products and services.*
- *Create joint ventures and strategic alliances.*
- *Brainstorm new ways to present your offerings.*
- *Build your list of potential clients and customers.*
- *Broaden your network of support.*

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 – 7:30 pm: Introductions & purchase refreshments

7:30 – 8:30 pm: Power Hour

at DeJaBel Café / 301-946-0020
2519 University Blvd. West
(just west of Georgia Avenue)
Wheaton, MD 20902

For more information, call
Kathy Bailey at 301-233-5765

Kensington 8K Race

Kensington 8K Race, 2-Mile Challenge and 1K Fun Run to be held on Saturday, Sept. 26. The race will benefit Kensington Parkwood Elementary School, North Bethesda Middle School, and Walter Johnson HS. For information or to sign up, call 301-946-3804 or visit the race website at www.kensington8k.org.

Royal Mile Pub Changes Owners



After 28 years, the Morrison family has left the pub business and Royal Mile Pub. Ian Morrison sold the pub to Michael Moore, a federal contractor, Wheaton resident and frequent pub customer. And on September 9, Royal Mile Pub in downtown Wheaton threw a change-of-ownership bash.

Ian Morrison's parents bought the building in 1981 and turned it from a biker bar into the Celtic capital of Montgomery Co. when he was just 7. Now, almost 30 years later, Morrison wants to be able to spend more time with his wife and two young daughters.

Moore will preserve the pub's character and keep traditions like half-price bottles of wine on Mondays, scotch tastings on Thursdays, Scottish and Irish "lassies and lads" singing sessions on Sundays and the "Sea Chanty," or drunken pirate melodies, on the first Tuesday of every month. Pub regulars had been afraid it might turn into a sports bar.

Source: The Gazette

Flea Market in the Park at Wheaton Outdoor Rink

Saturday, October 10, 9 am to 2 pm

There's a great place in Montgomery County to buy and sell treasures. Admission and parking are free for shoppers. Come to the Wheaton Outdoor Rink (just down the hill from Wheaton Ice Arena, next to the dog park) on the second Saturday of the month for the Flea Market in the Park. Wheaton Regional Park Outdoor Rink, 11751 Orebaugh Avenue, Wheaton.

Vendors: Registration costs \$20; sign-up at www.ParkPASS.org for course #88449.

If you have questions, contact the Wheaton Ice Arena at 301-649-3640.

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS!

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Phil Klein
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Wheaton, MD 20902
301-962-1383
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www.Wachovia.com

Recycling/Environmental Protection

Mont. Co. Dept of Environmental Protection, Div. of Solid Waste Svcs.
Alan Pultyniewicz
101 Monroe St., 6th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-6480
alan.pultyniewicz@montgomerycountymd.gov
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling

THANK YOU TO THESE MEMBER RENEWALS!

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Nancy Sherwood
301-933-1222

Apartments

Inwood House
Meg Marshall
301-649-6595 x204
www.inwoodhouse.org

Arts Organizations

The British Players
For information and tickets,
check website
301-875-8544
www.BritishPlayers.org

Montgomery Art Association

Sandy Cepaitis
301-564-0331
www.MontgomeryArt.org

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301-949-4656
www.HarrySewell.com

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www.johnsonimmigration.com

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Rene B. Guzman
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www.logansautomotive.com

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www.mtb.com

M&T Bank - Kensington, Montgomery Ave.

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www.mtb.com

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www.mtb.com

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Greg Twombly
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www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce

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www.jta-atc.com

Martial Arts Instruction

Black Belt Martial Arts Center
Sheeba & Robert Lee
301-946-5425
www.bbmac.com

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Graphic Visions Associates
Dixie Horning
301-963-8600
www.GraphicVisions.com

Real Estate

Bozzuto Group
Toby Bozzuto
301-623-1516
www.bozzuto.com

Shopping Centers & Malls

Westfield Wheaton
Duncan Smith
301-942-3200
www.westfield.com/wheaton

Wheaton Shopping Center

David Aaronson
301-657-1110

Womens' Clothing/Accessories

Marian's Connections
Marian Fryer
301-942-5818
www.mariansconnections.com

Spotlight on New Member

Mont. Co. Dept. of Environmental Protection Division of Solid Waste Services

New member Alan Pultyniewicz is Recycling Coordinator at the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Solid Waste Services, and was a featured speaker at a breakfast mixer on Green issues and Recycling, early this year.



Alan provided an update on the County's recycling program, and told how to recycle materials such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, gave tips on reducing waste, with information on buying products made with recycled content.

Montgomery County has been a national leader in recycling, and has established a County-wide goal to recycle 50% of all our solid waste. The amount of materials recycled in Mont. County has increased every year, and the materials which must be recycled are increasingly supported by strong, stable markets.

The curbside recycling program accepts many types of plastics to recycle: plastic bottles such as milk, juice, water, syrup, vegetable oil, salad dressing, detergent and shampoo/conditioner; plastic food-grade tubs and lids such as margarine/butter tubs, cottage cheese, yogurt, mayonnaise, dairy topping, peanut butter and salad containers; plastic pails/buckets such as ice cream, detergent, pet food and kitty litter containers, plastic flower pots, and plastic beverage cups.

The plastics are taken to the County Recycling Center where they are separated from other commingled materials, such as glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, foil products and bi-metal steel and tin cans. The plastics are separated by type and then baled and sent to processors the County contracts with.

At the processor, the plastics are cut into flakes and washed, and the labels are removed. The plastic flakes are melted and formed into small pellets that manufacturers use to make a host of recycled-content products: clothing, automotive accessories, carpeting, synthetic lumber products, toys, sleeping bags, and polyester fill.

The County provides weekly recycling collection service to about 208,000 single-family households for mixed paper, cardboard and paperboard; and commingled materials. For more information, or for an additional recycling bin, call 240-777-6410.

Mont. Co. Dept. of Environmental Protection Division of Solid Waste Services

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Phone: 240-777-6480 / Fax: 240-777-6465
alan.pultyniewicz@montgomerycountymd.gov
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

The 42nd Annual Labor Day Parade & Festival

Along with the parade, the festival featured family entertainment with live music, an art show, children's activities, arts & crafts from area artisans, and great food! The works of local artists were displayed in the Kensington Town Hall & Armory throughout the Labor Day Weekend for the 15th Annual Montgomery Art Association "Paint the Town" Art Show and Sale. This popular Art Show is held in conjunction with the Kensington Labor Day Festival. The Montgomery Art Association website is www.MontgomeryArt.org.

Photos courtesy of Vicky Surles



2010 Census is Coming Soon

The 2010 Census count will begin on April 1, 2010. It takes only ten minutes to complete the census questionnaire. The Census Bureau has designated parts of Prince George's, Montgomery, and Frederick counties, as well as Baltimore City, as extremely "hard-to-count" areas in the upcoming decennial census.

Under-counting Marylanders could have long-term consequences for the state, since census results affect the distribution of federal funds for things like health care, education programs and public transit.

For every individual that is not counted, we lose approximately \$1,400 per year in federal funds that the state can garner for either goods or services, which really equals \$14,000 for the census' 10-year span.

- The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.
- The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- The next census is in 2010.
- Participation in the census is required by law.
- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.
- Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

Learn more about the 2010 Census at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census>

Listening/Public Input Session on Zoning Rewrite

Tuesday, September 29, 7 pm

Park and Planning Headquarters
8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring

The public is invited to a listening session scheduled as part of what planners are billing as Zoning Week September 29 - October 2. Planners, who have been working on an analysis of the existing code in preparation for a major overhaul, have hired a consultant team to draft the revision. The consultants, Code Studio, want to hear from anyone interested in zoning at this listening/public input session. This public event will feature small group discussions where participants can describe what's good - and bad - about the current zoning code and make recommendations for the rewrite. The Planning Board will then meet with the consulting team during a regular board meeting.

Scenes of Autumn

Montgomery Art Association Exhibit and Sale
www.MontgomeryArt.com

Saturday, October 31 to Friday, December 11, 2009
FREE ADMISSION

at the
Brookside Gardens Visitors Center
1800 Glenallan Avenue
Wheaton MD 20902
www.BrooksideGardens.org

Hours: 9 am - 5 pm

Art Exhibit at DeJaBel Café

Artwork by Vicky Surles

Showing from October 1 to October 31, 2009

at DeJaBel Café

2519 University Blvd, West, Wheaton, MD 20902

www.dejabelcafe.com / 301-946-0020

Reception on Saturday, October 10, from 6 to 8 pm



Rebuilding Continues in New Orleans CHAMBER MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

For the second year in a row, the First Baptist Church of Wheaton, a longstanding Chamber member, has sent a team to help rebuild New Orleans. They went on the third week of June to continue the rebuilding that has taken place since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

This year's team of six was assigned a home in the Gentilly area that was nearing completion. The owner's husband died just prior to Hurricane Katrina, leaving her with two teenagers. Then Katrina did its damage - and since then the family has had to live with relatives. The team's job was to finish the trim. The family is now back in their home.



On the last evening in New Orleans, the team revisited the home they worked on in 2008. They met the owner and one of



her three sons. She shared with them how she finally got to move back into her house on December 23. They love being back at home and she is now assisting her neighbors as they complete their houses.

Larry White, who lead this year's team says, "Stories like these are so gratifying and it is encouraging to see New Orleans being slowly restored, primarily by volunteers".



Photos courtesy First Baptist Church of Wheaton

Kensington Arts Theatre - KAT
presents

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

at The Kensington Town Center
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

PERFORMANCES: October 23*, 24, 30, 31**

November 1, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14

Thu / Fri / Sat at 8 pm and Sun at 7 pm

* Special 9:30 pm Opening Night performance

** Special midnight Halloween performance

TICKETS: \$20.00 for adults; \$17.00 for seniors & students;
\$13.00 for Kensington residents; \$13.00 for under 13 years.

For more info, call 240-396-4307 or www.katonline.org.

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education and services. Dr. Johnson, who had been Montgomery College president since January 2007, was

placed on administrative leave with pay after full-time faculty members gave him a “no confidence” vote in August.



Photos courtesy of Vicky Surles

Hercules Pinkney was appointed September 3rd by the school’s Board of Trustees to serve as interim president. He had retired June 30 as vice president and provost of Montgomery College’s Germantown campus. Pinkney has been credited with spearheading a plan to turn that campus into a biotech hub.

Faculty members are comfortable with Pinkney at the helm, who says he will likely serve as interim president for a year. The search for a new president should begin by the end of the year, with hopes to have a new president in place by next school year.

The economic recession has helped boost community college enrollment to record levels throughout Maryland. With job losses on the rise, a number of state residents have gone back to community colleges to gain more skills. The growth of older students returning to school after years in the job



market is outpacing that of traditional students. Enrollment among students ages 21 to 34 has increased by 12% at Montgomery College in the past four years, compared with 9.8% among students 20 and younger.

In July, President Obama announced an ambitious 10-year plan to earmark \$12 billion for the nation’s community

colleges to help produce 5 million graduates by 2020. Much of the money will be available in the form of federal grants, for which community college officials will have to apply. The colleges have had a surge in enrollment since the economy turned down, but the federal grants won’t help with problems of space or building renovations. Some community colleges require funds to renovate old labs or expand existing buildings.

At Montgomery College, construction of a science center on the Rockville campus broke ground this year after years of deferred funding. Additional federal money for construction is a top priority, since building more facilities would enable offering more classes. Maryland’s fiscal 2010



operating budget passed by the General Assembly included \$84 million in capital funding for community colleges, which was partially from federal stimulus money.

Even in difficult times, Montgomery College strengthens the local economy by \$1.8 billion, and contributes more than \$101 million toward the regional income through College operations.

The college is an integral partner in efforts to attract biotechnology companies to the region, and local companies get employees from their outstanding biotechnology program. To supplement these efforts, there are plans to develop a science and technology park on the Germantown Campus.

Last Tuesday, Hercules Pinkney celebrated the opening of the Maryland Biotechnology Center office in Baltimore with Governor Martin O’Malley. The center also will have an office in Rockville, and Pinkney plans to make sure the college is associated with these types of projects.



Source: The Gazette



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E-mail Marketing with Constant Contact

Laura-Leigh Palmer
of a.s.a.p. graphics will present a
Constant Contact orientation/educational
event for small businesses about
e-mail marketing best practices
www.asapgraphics.com



Wednesday, September 23, 2009
from 7:30 – 9:00 AM



Hosted by
The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department
Kensington Station 5 at Connecticut Avenue and Plyers Mill Road
(Follow the signs to the third floor training room)



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World of Montgomery Festival



Live performances
Art exhibits
Food and craft vendors



Sunday, October 11
Noon-4:00pm
Downtown Wheaton
(Price Avenue & Elkin Street, 1 block north
of Wheaton Metro Station)

Free Admission

For more information,
visit worldofmontgomery.com
or call 240-777-8106



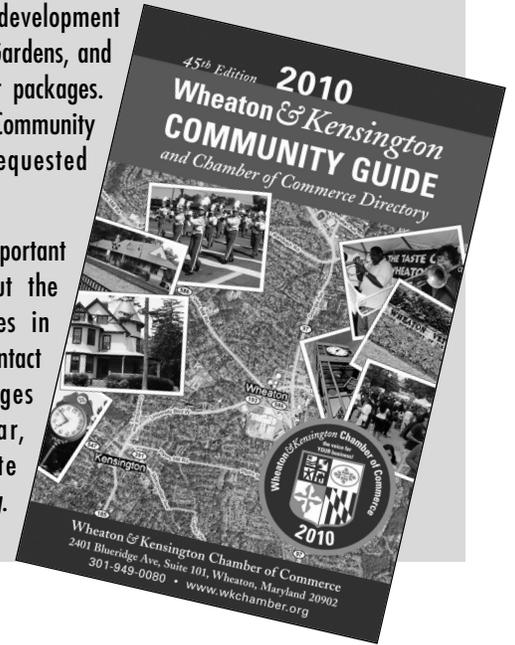
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2010 Wheaton & Kensington Community Guide and Chamber of Commerce Directories Now Available

The new 2010 Wheaton & Kensington Community Guides are being distributed to all members, and to libraries, local government centers, business development centers, Brookside Gardens, and in new home-owner packages. Extra copies of the Community Guide can be requested throughout the year.

The Guide is an important resource throughout the year. For updates in case a member's contact information changes during the year, check our website www.wkchamber.org.



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