

Vacation in your own back yard

If time and money constraints have you struggling to decide on a vacation this year, Montgomery County has an answer! Why not vacation in your own back yard?

There are many places in our County to visit for a day away from routine. The Hahn Horticulture Garden (right) at Virginia Tech offers a relaxing stroll through a floral fantasy land - for free! Visit www.hort.vt.edu/hhg, for upcoming events.

If your idea of a great getaway is stretching your legs and checking out the great outdoors, Parks and Recreation has just what you're looking for! For a list of parks and trails, visit www.MontgomeryCountyVa.gov/Parks.



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Give, get and be fashionable!



The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) put on a fashion show last week. There was a stage, a runway, an announcer and many wonderful models - mostly RSVP volunteers. The show was unique from any other - all of the outfits were purchased from secondhand clothing stores and none were over \$10!

The crowd ooh'd and ahh'd as each model graced the

runway. Their admiration turned to amazement when the prices of each outfit were revealed.

The message was clear - why spend more on clothing when you can buy gently used for much less? In turn, you save money, help your community and stay in fashion!

Purchase and donate from the following second-hand stores in our area:

Goodwill - 381-1544, Christiansburg & Blacksburg
MCEAP Thrift Shop - 260-3173, Christiansburg
Blacksburg Clothing Bank - 382-6186
Radford Clothing Bank - 633-5050
Salvation Army - 382-1023, Christiansburg
HSMC Second Time Around - 951-4327, Blacksburg
YMCA Thrift Shop - 552-2085, Blacksburg

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Important dates:

- **Aug. 10, 24** - Board of Supervisors Meetings - 7:15 p.m. - Board Room, 2nd Floor, Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg
- **Aug. 14** - 'Rock the Pond' concert series at the Frog Pond pool - 390 Cinnabar Road, Christiansburg - featuring DJ Kerri Taylor (middle school ages only.) For more information, call Parks & Rec at 382-6975

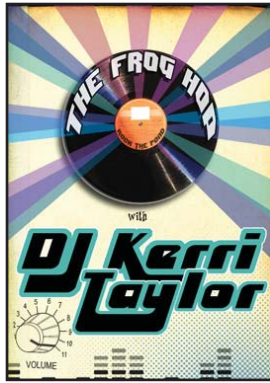
- **Aug. 17** - Special Joint Meeting on Regional 911 Communication Center - 7 p.m. - Multipurpose Room, 1st Floor, Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg

View our online calendar at

MontgomeryCountyVA.gov/calendar.php



'Rock the Pond'



'Rock the Pond' one last time this summer with a final concert by the Frog Pond pool, 390 Cinnabar Road, Christiansburg.

DJ Kerri Taylor will spin at a special party for middle school ages to beat the back-to-school blues on Friday, Aug. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee and food and refreshments will be available. Bring the family and enjoy good music and fun in a safe environment.

For more information, call Parks and Rec at 382-6975 or visit www.MontgomeryCountyVa.gov/Parks.

Friends help animals

Members of Montgomery County Friends of Animal Care and Control are volunteering at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter (434 Cinnabar Road, Christiansburg).

Because of their generous giving of time, the shelter is open from noon to 4 p.m. on the weekends, in addition to their regular hours of noon to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To find a pet like Pumpkin, the sweet male beagle mix pictured below, visit the Animal Shelter or browse their selection at www.nrvanimalshelters.com/Montgomery.



Where to recycle

The County operates 10 staffed recycling sites at which all County citizens (including residents of Blacksburg and Christiansburg) may deposit household waste and recyclables, including:

- aluminum
- steel and bi-metal cans
- glass
- #1 and #2 plastic
- newspaper and glossy magazines and catalogs
- corrugated cardboard
- used motor oil and antifreeze

No metal fuel tanks, oil drums, cylinders, yard waste, commercial construction waste, ashes or automotive parts are accepted.

Sites are open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. (6 p.m. in winter), Saturday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, noon - 6 p.m.

For a list of recycling sites, please visit www.MontgomeryCountyVa.gov/gs.

Become a fan of Parks & Rec on Facebook by searching for Montgomery County Parks & Recreation

Summer Activities

Montgomery County Heritage Day festivities are on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Montgomery Museum, 300 S. Pepper St., Christiansburg. Free admission, live entertainment, antique cars, food, beekeeping and much more! For more information, call 382-5644.

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Bring your canoe, bike, horse, fishing pole or walking shoes and head out to Pandapas Pond, just outside Blacksburg in the Jefferson National Forest. There is a walking trail going around the large pond. If you're adventurous, there are hiking trails that bring on more challenging terrain.

A short drive to McCoy will take you to the river bank. Picnic, sunbathe, fish or play in the water. If kayaking is your game - get ready to tackle the whitewater!

Mix a little bit of education into your backyard vacation by visiting historic Smithfield Plantation in Blacksburg (plaque pictured at right). A small entry fee will take you back in time to see how Col. William Preston and his family lived near the time Montgomery County was formed in 1776.



Whether it's nature, history or a splash in the river to make your summer complete, you can find it all right here in your own backyard!

Your Newsletter

This newsletter is for and about Montgomery County and its citizens. Please feel free to e-mail feedback to: correllla@montgomerycountyva.gov



This newsletter is a product of the Montgomery County Public Information Office, Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg.

Montgomery County would like to welcome new Economic Development Director Brian Hamilton.

Economic Development recruits new businesses to the area and supports the retention and expansion of existing businesses.

The County's FY10 Approved Budget is now available. The budget is posted online at www.MontgomeryCountyVa.gov, and may be viewed at the County Government Center, the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library branches, the Blacksburg and Christiansburg municipal buildings, the Christiansburg Recreation Center and the Blacksburg Community Center.