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Happy Holidays!

Happy Holidays, Montgomery County!

We experienced a major snowfall on Friday, Dec. 18. Many of us were snowed in, stuck in traffic or simply watching the white stuff fall from the safety of our warm homes!



In light of the official beginning of Winter, the Virginia Cooperative Extension's Montgomery County office, Virginia Department of Forestry and Montgomery County Emergency Services Coordinator's office would like to remind you of some safety tips for the winter season:

- Have your chimney and wood stove inspected annually by a certified chimney specialist
- Make sure a live tree is kept watered and inspected for dryness, and make sure any type of tree is not

near any heat source (fireplace, stove, etc.)

- Never use kerosene or similar heaters without providing a fresh air intake

- Keep enough water, non-perishable food, medicines and personal needs on-hand for 3 to 5 days per person

- Make sure your vehicle is winter weather ready and you have blankets or extra winter clothing, along with snacks, along on road trips

More tips and specific information can be found at www.readyvirginia.gov or www.vaemergency.com.

Stay safe this season!



Board of Supervisors members Annette Perkins, Jim Politis (middle) and Gary Creed were re-elected in the 2009 General and Special Election. They were sworn into their new terms of office on December 14 by Judge R.W. Grubbs (right).

Public hearing on County budget

The County's budget is the government's estimated revenues and expenditures for a specific period of time. The County's budget runs on a fiscal year basis that begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. It consists of the Operating Budget, which accounts for day-to-day operations, and the Capital Budget, which is the first year of the Capital Improvement Program. The core function of the budget office is to coordinate, develop, implement, and evaluate the County's operating and capital budgets.

The approved Fiscal Year 2010 budget may be found at www.montva.com/finance. Click on 'Budget' in the right-hand navigation.

A public hearing will be held concerning the Fiscal Year 2011 budget on Jan. 11, 7:15 p.m., at a regular Board of Supervisors meeting to be held in the second floor board room of the Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg.

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Important dates:

- **Dec. 24 & 25** - County offices closed for Christmas
- **Dec. 31, Jan. 1** - County offices closed for New Year
- **Jan. 11** - Board of Supervisors meeting, 2nd floor Board Room; 7:15 p.m.; Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg
- **Jan. 25** - Board of Supervisors meeting, 2nd floor Board Room; 7:15 p.m.; Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg

View our online calendar at

MontgomeryCountyVA.gov



Montgomery County launches redesigned site

Montgomery County launched its newly redesigned web site, www.MontgomeryCountyVa.gov, with new features and easier to navigate web pages.

The County's web site redesign is the first since the current site was launched in 2001. It will offer citizens:

- Ability to view Board of Supervisors' meetings through video on demand
- Improved search features
- Easier to use navigation with sections for residents and transacting business
- More photos and graphics for a fresh look and feel throughout the site



- Best practices incorporated in managing content
- Latest news and calendar information posted on homepage
- Home page link to online payments
- E-mail subscription lists and RSS feeds

"The County's web site is a vitally important tool for communicating with citizens, visitors and businesses in our community," said Ruth Richey, Director of Public Information. "It is a valuable resource for information about County services, meetings, events and more. Our goal is to continue to expand the web site with more information and features in the coming months."

To view the redesigned site, go to
www.MontgomeryCountyVA.gov.

Did You Know?

A new spay and neuter clinic is coming to Montgomery County!
Keep an eye on your inbox for next month's newsletter and more information.

Go anywhere in Christiansburg

The Blacksburg Transit launched its Christiansburg-only route on Nov. 23. There are three traveler routes:

- The Shopper Express - this route travels around the mall area
- The Explorer - this route travels through Christiansburg's downtown area, several adjoining neighborhoods and businesses
- Go Anywhere! Christiansburg - this route travels from any place in Christiansburg to any place in Christiansburg; it requires an advanced scheduling of service by the rider

The routes are a fare-free service until Jan. 31.

For full route description, schedule and more information, visit www.btransit.org or call 961-1185.



County Administrator Craig Meadows chatted with Santa at the Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) Holiday Party.

"I really enjoyed meeting a number of the volunteers, and spending time with the group," Meadows said.

Your newsletter

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