

Montgomery County Council to Host Muncaster-Derwood Area Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, June 15

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Residents Can Express Views on the ICC, Traffic, Budget, Schools, Pepco at Redland Middle School in Rockville

ROCKVILLE, Md., June 10, 2011—The Montgomery County Council will continue its efforts to find out what issues most concern residents when it hosts a Town Hall Meeting for the Muncaster-Redland-Route 124 area on Wednesday, June 15. The meeting at Redland Middle School in Rockville will start at 8 p.m. A pre-meeting reception will begin at 7:30 p.m.

This will be the third Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Council in 2011. The Council hosted a Town Hall Meeting for the East County area in Silver Spring in January and one for the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area in March. The Council is composed of President Valerie Ervin, Vice President Roger Berliner and Councilmembers Phil Andrews, Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal, Nancy Navarro, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer. Most town hall meetings hosted by the Council in recent years have drawn crowds of more than 200 residents.

Redland Middle School is located at 6505 Muncaster Mill Road in Rockville.

It is expected that the major topics of the evening will include the recently adopted County budget, the performance of power utilities, including Pepco, following storms; the Inter-County Connector; traffic; schools; and the redevelopment of existing neighborhoods and business areas.

The meeting will allow residents to voice their opinions on specific issues and will allow them to ask questions of the Councilmembers in an organized, but informal, setting.

“The Council comes off one of the most difficult budget years in history as we had to close an operating budget gap of \$300 million for Fiscal Year 2012,” said Council President Ervin. “We made some decisions in approaching this budget that will affect the budget process for years to come because we could not continue to operate in the manner we had been in recent years. Some of these very difficult decisions will impact every resident of this County. In addition, the Council has been working to improve situations that affect people in this community every day. We want to hear their thoughts on these issues.”

Council President Ervin said Town Hall Meetings are one of the avenues the Council has pursued to keep residents better informed.

“This Council has made a priority of having better direct communication with residents, and Town Hall Meetings have proven to be an excellent way to do just that,” she said. “For the residents, these meetings provide a forum where they can see their elected officials in a different format than a televised meeting or through a news release.”

The meeting will be taped for later broadcast on County Cable Montgomery (CCM—cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon). Susan Kenedy, a producer for the County station, will moderate the meeting.

For more information about the Town Hall Meeting or about the broadcast times, call 240-777-7931.