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Do you want to become more engaged with your county government? -- but you just don't know where to start? Here's a primer...

Most business is conducted on line. First, go to the home page of MoCo:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov>

From there, you will be able to explore the many opportunities to get involved in the different branches of government:

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH	
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County Council's Website http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Council/	This is the Council's general website, with links to its calendar, meeting agendas, council records/bills, and information about the members. Scroll to the bottom and enter your email address to sign up for newsletters, notices, meeting agendas from the Council.
Council Appointed Boards, Committees and Commissions http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/CC/index.html	This page lists the 4 Council-appointed boards, committees and commissions, including general information about each one, and notice of vacancies. Scroll to the bottom and enter your email address to sign up for notices of vacancy announcements.
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EXECUTIVE BRANCH	
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County Executive's office http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/index.html	This is the County Executive's general website, with links to initiatives, budget, statistics, and other information.
General County Website http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/	This is the County's general website that provides links to information for businesses, residents and county services.

<p>Office of County Executive, County Calendar http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcg/calendar.html</p>	<p>This website provides a single source of information about County activities by month, including time, date, location and links to an agenda. It includes, for example, Council meetings, health testing, open houses, park events, Commissions and Board meetings, etc.</p>
<p>Open Budget http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/openbudget.html</p>	<p>This website provides a single source of information for the County’s operating budget, capital budgets, spending, performance data, and links to data on a wide variety of issues, such as public safety, transportation, elections, housing, etc.</p>
<p>Boards, Committees and Commissions</p> <p>http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/list.html</p> <p>http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/calendar.html</p> <p>https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/BCCpublic/Default.aspx</p>	<p>These are Boards, Committees and Commissions in the Executive Branch (see above for Council appointed groups).</p> <p>This website lists all of the Boards, Committees and Commissions in the Executive Branch. It has a link for each one to get more information.</p> <p>This website lists the upcoming meetings of each Board, Committee and Commission, including date, time and location.</p> <p>This website lists the current vacancies on Boards, Committees and Commissions in the Executive Branch. Click on the specific Commission of interest and submit an application online.</p>

<p>OTHER EXECUTIVE BRANCH</p>	
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<p>Regional Service Centers</p>	<p>There are 5 Regional Service Centers (RSC) that cover all parts of the County. Their aim, in general, is to bring County services closer to the community and to citizens who use those services, increase citizen accessibility to government and participation of citizens in their government, improve the responsiveness of public services to the needs of the local community and coordinate interdepartmental activities and responses to community issues and concerns.</p>
<p>General Information About Regional Service Centers https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/government/rsc.html</p>	<p>This website provides general information about RSCs, including a map to determine which RSC covers your residence. The five RSCs are: Bethesda/Chevy Chase, Silver Spring, East County, Mid-County, and Upcounty.</p>

<p>Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Service Center http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc/</p>	<p>The Bethesda-Chevy Chase RSC includes the Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Friendship Heights, Garrett Park, Glen Echo, North Bethesda, Potomac and Rockville communities.</p>
<p>Silver Spring Regional Service Center http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/silverspring/</p>	<p>The Silver Spring RSC includes the Silver Spring Regional Area, Urban District, and Arts & Entertainment District.</p>
<p>East County Regional Service Center http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastcounty/index.html</p>	<p>The East County RSC includes the Burtonsville, Colesville, Cloverly, Fairland, and White Oak communities.</p>
<p>Mid-County Regional Service Center http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/midcounty/</p>	<p>The Mid-County RSC includes the Ashton, Aspen Hill, Brookeville, Capital View, Derwood, Forest Glen, Glenmont, Kemp Mill, Kensington, Layhill, Norbeck, Olney, Sandy Spring, Upper Rock Creek, and Wheaton communities.</p>
<p>Upcounty Regional Service Center http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty/</p>	<p>The Upcounty RSC includes the Barnesville, Boyds, Clarksburg, Damascus, Dickerson, Gaithersburg, Germantown, and Montgomery Village communities.</p>

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<p>Montgomery County Public School website</p>	<p>http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/</p>
<p>Montgomery County Police Department website</p>	<p>http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol/index.html Non-emergency number: 301.279.8000</p>
<p>Montgomery County Board of Elections Website</p>	<p>http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections/index2.html Elections.maryland.gov (to register online) http://electionsmaryland.com</p>

Social Media

Montgomery County has an active presence in social media that connects you to news, meetings and activities. There is a directory to social media at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OPI/socialmedia.html>

This site displays an extensive list of county links for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr.

In addition, you can go to directly to the websites for the county executive, county council and departments. Click on the icons at the top of the web page, to connect to information and photos:



Facebook



Twitter



YouTube



Flickr



Instagram

For news feeds directly to your desktop, connect to RSS (Really Simple Syndication). Instructions are provided when you click on the RSS icon:



COUNTY CABLE NETWORK

County Cable Montgomery (CCM) provides cable TV access to a range of programs, from “behind the scenes” at the police department, to recreation offerings, events to promote diversity, and weekly recaps of county news. CCM is available on Channel 6 and 9 on Comcast and RCN, and Channel 30 on Verizon.