

May 2017 My Green Montgomery e-news with articles on RainScapes trainings, Bike to Work Day and the County's new green fleet.



If something's too good to be true: know your consumer rights about solar panels

Most solar energy installers are skilled and effective professionals. But if problems arise, Montgomery County residents have a strong ally on their side: the Office of Consumer Protection. [Learn More»](#)

Montgomery County Consumer ...



Bike to Work Day is tomorrow!

If you're new to biking to work, this is a great day to start.

BTWD offers Pit Stops at convenient locations around the region and at a Pit Stop you'll meet other bikers, local businesses, and might even win a prize. [Find a Pit Stop»](#)

(Stop by the Friendship Heights, Silver Spring, and Rockville pit stops to say hi to DEP staff!)

MAY 19

3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Bethesda Green Leadership Academy Stream Cleanup [Learn More >>](#)

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Space is still available in the upcoming RainScapes trainings

You can register for one of two RainScapes trainings at Brookside Gardens focused on the basics of rain gardens and conservation landscaping. The trainings are Wednesday, May 31 from 4pm to 7pm and Saturday, June 1 from 10am to 1pm and cost \$15.

RainScapes staff will show participants how to evaluate their site, design and implement a landscape, and qualify to receive a RainScapes Reward rebate. [Learn More»](#)



Meet the newest addition to the County's great green fleet: the Chevy Bolt

As part of the County's commitment to achieving energy efficiency, it has purchased 16 new Chevrolet Bolt electric vehicles (EV). The announcement was made May 6, at the third annual Montgomery County GreenFest celebration. [About the new green fleet»](#)

Responding to Climate Change: A Faith-Based Perspective [Learn More »](#)

MAY 23

8:00 PM-9:00 PM

Discover the frogs and toads of Montgomery County [Learn More»](#)

MAY 31

4:00 PM-7:00 PM

RainScapes rain garden and conservation landscaping training [Learn More»](#)

JUNE 3

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Paper Shredding and Recycling Event - Burtonsville [Learn More»](#)

JUNE 3

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Storm Drain Art Painting Volunteer Project [Learn More»](#)

JUNE 3

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

RainScapes rain garden and conservation landscaping training [Learn More»](#)

JUNE 4

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Bike Ride for Clean Water [Learn More »](#)

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Thanks to everyone who came out to GreenFest 2017!

More than 790 people grabbed their umbrellas and headed out to Bohrer Park to celebrate the 3rd annual Montgomery County GreenFest. They danced, played games, met environmental leaders, watched green films and more. It was a great day, but don't take our word for it... check out our image slideshow above!

Special thanks to all the exhibitors and partners that helped make the event a success! [View more images of GreenFest.](#)



Prepare for a green (and likely hot) summer

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make your summer green:

- **Care for trees...don't plant them.** Water your trees regularly, especially on hot days, and [mulch](#). Do not plant any new trees until October.
- **Saving energy shouldn't mean sacrificing comfort.** [You can save energy this summer](#) by switching to LED light bulbs, lowering your water heater temp, and ensuring your air conditioning is in good working order.
- **Try grasscycling.** [Learn how.](#)
- **Protect yourself against ticks and mosquitoes.** [Download this guide](#) to lyme disease and ticks, and read this blog to [reduce mosquito breeding](#).

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