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April Program: The Agricultural Reserve by Jim Humphrey, Chair, Planning and Land Use Comm.

The program for our May 10 meeting will be on the 90,000 or so acre portion of Montgomery County designated as the Agricultural Reserve (Ag Reserve). Speakers will be Jeremy Criss, Agricultural Services Division Manager in the County's Department of Economic Development, and Caroline Taylor, Executive Director of the Montgomery Countryside Alliance.

Mr. Criss will explain the history behind creation of the Ag Reserve, the zoning in place, the Transferable Development Rights (TDR) Program, sewer constraints and other limitations on allowed development, use of sand mound septic systems, and desired restrictions on creation of "child lots." He will also address the variety of agricultural activity in the county--the horse industry, turf farms, fodder crops and table food production.

Ms. Taylor will relate the history of the Montgomery Countryside Alliance and its various activities. The group's mission is to advocate for policies that preserve the natural environment, and protect rural open spaces and working farms. The primarily volunteer group works to address the range of challenges facing the Agricultural Reserve, promote it through educational and legislative initiatives, and increase support and awareness of our local agricultural communities.

The presentations by Mr. Criss and Ms. Taylor will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Please join us for what promises to be a very informative program. As always, the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Reserve Your Tickets Now for the Montgomery County Civic Federation's 2010 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET Friday, May 14, 2010

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Reservations must be received by Monday, May 10

May's Community Hero: Donna Baron by Jim Humphrey, Chair, Planning & Land Use Comm.

Civic activist Donna Baron will be recognized by the Federation as a Community Hero at our meeting on Monday, May 10. Ms. Baron lives in a decades-old residential subdivision near the new "Science City" that planners envision will arise in an area west of the city of Gaithersburg. More than two years ago, she became concerned over the amount of new development that county planners were proposing for the area, especially on the historic Belward Farm located on Darnestown Road. The 107 acre farm, which until a few years ago had been home to a cattle herd, is the site where Johns Hopkins University plans to build 4.6 million square feet of commercial and laboratory space and create some 15,000 new jobs.

Realizing most of her neighbors knew little about the revision of the area's master plan that was underway and the growth being planned for their community, Donna decided to spearhead an effort to inform and educate fellow residents. About a year and a half ago, she gathered a small group of concerned citizens in her living room and formed the Gaithersburg-North Potomac-Rockville Coalition. Ms. Baron has served as Coordinator for the Coalition, while seeking the advice of civic activist colleagues to educate herself about the master planning process. In record time, she learned the intricacies of the various aspects of planning, such as zoning, traffic analysis, infrastructure financing, and methods used to calculate the adequacy of schools, parks and public facilities to service the anticipated growth. Donna expanded the Coalition to include more than 525 area residents on the email distribution list, and created and maintained the group's website, www.scale-it-back.org.

The Federation applauds Ms. Baron's efforts to educate and mobilize her community to fight to reduce the amount of

growth allowed by the new master plan for the Gaithersburg West area, now renamed the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan. As a result, safeguards were written into the plan to try to lessen the negative impact of new development in the area. Donna Baron is a true community hero.

Federation to Honor Awardees at May 14 Banquet by Sandy Vogelgesang, MCCF Public Relations Officer

Each year the MCCF hosts an awards program and dinner to salute those individuals and organizations who have provided outstanding public service to the county or helped improve governance. This year's Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, May 14, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m., at the Conference Center at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville.

The Wayne Goldstein Award (formerly The Gazette Award) which is conferred on an individual or group for outstanding public service to the people of Montgomery County, will be given to Hearts & Homes for Youth. That organization began its long history of helping youth in need in February 1964. Originally incorporated as the non-profit Boys' Home of Montgomery County, the group was founded by attorney Mel Feldman and The Honorable Alfred D. Noyes, Judge of the Juvenile Court. They believed that young men who at that time were labeled "delinquent" or "incorrigible" could become productive members of society, if given the opportunity to grow and mature in a wholesome, family setting. Four boys were housed in the original Boys' Home, which consisted of two attic rooms of an old farmhouse in Rockville that was being run as a halfway house for psychiatric patients. The group changed its name when it expanded its mission to provide services to girls as well as boys.

As current President and CEO of Hearts & Homes for Youth, Rex Smith oversees the only shelter specifically for children and youth in Montgomery County, eight group homes, three independent living programs, a therapeutic foster care program, a Runaway Prevention Program, Art and Recreational Therapy programs, and a staff dedicated to the mission of helping troubled children and youth who are abused, neglected or runaways become independent, productive adults. MCCF Past President Jorge Ribas will be on hand to present the Wayne Goldstein Award to Hearts & Homes for Youth.

Montgomery Preservation Inc. will receive The Sentinel Award, sponsored by the Montgomery Sentinel newspaper. This award is given to an individual or group for a significant contribution to good government at the local level. With its roots as a local committee of the Maryland Historical Trust in the 1970s, Montgomery Preservation Inc. was founded in 1984 and is the only countywide, private, non-profit historic preservation organization in the county. Its mission is to preserve, protect and promote the county's rich architectural heritage and historic landscapes.

MPI works with groups, public officials, and businesses to ensure that historic preservation plays a role in the economic revitalization and development challenges of the 21st century. Through their website and events, such as conferences on mansionization, MPI seeks to educate the public about County heritage resources and the role of preservation in creating livable, economically vital communities. MPI efforts to strengthen county preservation law, seek judicial appeal of deleterious government decisions, and promote heritage tourism in the county all serve to highlight the importance of historic preservation as a public policy. The group is also owner of the Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station, which has been restored to its 1945 opening day appearance and is available for rental for meetings, performances, and events. State Senator Jamie Raskin will present The Sentinel Award to Lorraine Pearsall, the current President of MPI.

The Star Cup, sponsored by the Civic Federation, is awarded to a delegate or committee of the Federation for outstanding public service on behalf of Montgomery County. This year's recipient is the MCCF Planning and Land Use Committee. That Committee provides basic information to individuals and communities on the full range of county government land use and planning processes, and recommends positions on current issues for consideration by the Federation's delegate assembly.

Members have participated in, or consulted on, rezoning, Special Exception, and Variance cases, as well as the biennial growth policy and revisions of area master plans. The committee also participates in or closely monitors government working groups and advisory committees that address land use and zoning matters. Members of the committee regularly testify at Planning Board and County Council hearings on planned development projects and also on proposed legislation within the jurisdiction of the committee. The members of the committee during the past year were: Jim Humphrey, Chair; Max Bronstein; Eileen Finnegan; Natalie Goldberg; Kathie Hulley; Virginia Sheard; and Wayne Goldstein, who passed away in April of 2009. County Council member Marc Elrich (D.-At Large) will present the Star Cup to committee members.

If you plan to attend the event, please fill out the reservation form at the back of this newsletter and submit it by close of business on May 10. The banquet is being held in a new location this year, **and we will need to submit an exact count for the dinner several days in advance. As a result, unlike past years, we will not be able to accommodate attendees who show up at the event without a reservation.**

Congratulations!

As part of the County's celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Ginny Barnes and Caren Madsen, our Environment Committee co-chairs, were presented awards as two of 40 environmentalists who have made a difference in Montgomery County over the past 40 years.

Searching for the Best Planning Board Chairman

By Peggy Dennis, President & Dan Wilhelm, Past President

The County Council has one of its most important tasks ahead of it – the selection and appointment of the new chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board. The Planning Board directly decides upon subdivision and related plans, oversees the revision of master plans and the annual growth policy, and provides policy recommendations to the council on many important topics. The selection of the best person to carry out the responsibilities of Planning Board chairman is therefore of paramount importance to all of us.

The Civic Federation has a long tradition of interviewing candidates seeking appointment to the Planning Board. This is a responsibility we take very seriously. Eight citizens from different areas of the County interviewed those five candidates the Council had selected for interviews. The group that interviewed the candidates has a long history of civic participation in Montgomery County: Max Bronstein, Peggy Dennis, Sharon Dooley, Chuck Lapinski, Dick Kauffunger, Virginia Sheard, and Dan Wilhelm. Susan Bronstein also sat in and expressed her views since the interviews were held at the Bronstein house.

Our interviews on April 19th and 23rd allowed 45 minutes with each candidate. The interviews consisted of two parts: a standard set of questions that were asked of all candidates and more detailed probing based upon their responses. This process allowed us to get a good understanding for each person's philosophy, background and experience, depth of knowledge, and understanding about the role of the chair.

While it is virtually impossible to find a perfect candidate, we had certain capabilities that we believe the "ideal" chairman should possess, including the following:

- A comprehensive and detailed knowledge of the County's land use zoning law, regulations and procedures. This is important since the regulatory role requires the application of existing law and regulations. The Planning Board also has an advisory role to the council (and to a lesser extent Executive) where knowledge of what works and doesn't work and what has been previously presented in terms of policy recommendations would be helpful. Thus, it is advisable for the chair to have experience with the Board, if not as a prior Board member, at least in dealing with the Board. We have heard and two of the interviewees who have served on the Board indicated that there is a significant learning curve for all new Board members
- Understanding the role of the chair relative to other Board members, the planning and parks directors and their staffs, and Council. For new planning and parks policy issues, the Planning Board chair is the primary advisor to council and understanding that role is

important. We feel that although required, the Chair should also advise the County Executive and heads of county agencies so that the entire county government functions more harmoniously.

- The chairman must be able to chair public meetings and hearings making sure that all procedures are properly followed, all relevant information is clearly presented, all points of view and perspectives are aired and listened to in a fair and impartial manner. A history with land use planning is desired but can be overcome by relying upon the professional planning staff. The chair needs to understand that the county is in a transitional stage from green field development to some in-fill and much redevelopment. A vision of how the county should develop is important.
- Leader and administrator of the organization. This starts with treating the Board as a team and making the most of each member's intellectual knowledge and capabilities. The chair must also provide leadership and effective direction to the directors of planning and of parks and their staffs. S/he must listen to what is said by the staff, applicants and the public and consider all information in a fair and impartial manner. So much of the chair's time is spent interacting with others that we consider listening a critical requirement. Strong leadership is especially critical at this point in time. We feel that staff moral has not yet recovered from the enforcement problems in the recent past (e.g. Clarksburg). The recent budget cuts and the more draconian cuts expected to the FY11 budget, will result in a substantial staff reduction that will degrade moral even further. These staffing cuts will force the agency to modify their processes in order to carry out their mission with fewer staff than ever before.

It is therefore imperative that neither political considerations nor cronyism play any part in selecting the best possible person for the job.

Slate of MCCF Officers Nominated for 2010 - 2011

By Cary Lamari, Nominating Committee

This is your last chance to nominate new leadership for our coming year. We are still looking for someone to serve as Recording Secretary. Interested in playing a more active role in the larger community? If so, sign up for this position. We would also welcome hearing from those who would like to serve as Members-at-large and Chairmen for the Transportation and Public Safety Committees.

The Federation's Nominating Committee is planning to present the following slate of nominees for elected positions:

- President – Peggy Dennis
- First Vice President – Dan Wilhelm
- Second Vice President – Carole Ann Barth
- Treasurer – William Schrader

- Recording Secretary – Open

Every MCCF Delegate has the right to nominate a candidate from the floor at the May meeting. All you need to do is present information about the proposed nominee and arrange for seconds by Delegates from three different Member associations. Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting in June and assume office at the close of the June meeting.

If you want to volunteer or suggest additional nominees who might be proposed at the May meeting or if you have any questions, please contact Cary Lamari at 301-924-2746 or carylamar@yahoo.com.

Get to Know “Bethesda Green” By Peggy Dennis, President

If you haven't heard of “Bethesda Green” yet, let me assure that their scope and mission are not limited to Bethesda. They are willing and able to serve the entire Montgomery County community. Bethesda Green is a not-for-profit public/private partnership. Through the collaborative efforts of businesses, government and residents, Bethesda Green serves as a catalyst and trusted resource in building a dynamic model community for sustainable economic growth and living. Bethesda Green does this by:

- Supporting the local economy by partnering with businesses, government and others to enhance efficiencies, profitability and environmental responsibility.
- Creating a healthier community by initiating programs and promoting sustainable practices that improve the quality of life.
- Providing information to educate businesses and citizens about innovative sustainable business and living solutions.

Bethesda Green achieves its goals through the efforts of volunteers organized into working groups – recycling, energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, sustainable food & agriculture, transportation, green schools, and more.

Want to learn more? Visit their website at www.bethesdagreen.org or attend their next session called “Bethesda Green 101”. This session takes place the last Thursday of each month and welcomes newcomers, young and old, providing an introduction to Bethesda Green and ways to get involved as a volunteer or intern. The next “101” will be on Thursday, May 27, 4:00 - 5:30 PM at their offices: 4825 Cordell Avenue, Second Floor. Also, if you are considering buying solar panels, plan on attending their information event to learn about different technologies, financing, the various financial incentives available, etc. on Saturday, June 12 between 10:00 and 4:00.

“GREENWHEATON” to Install Demonstration Garden in Downtown Wheaton

On Sunday, May 2, 2010, From 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., volunteers will install a “conservation landscape” on the Wheaton Green Triangle across from 2424 Reddie Drive. GreenWheaton is an affiliate of the Mid-County Regional Services Center. The conservation landscape will be installed in a 500 square foot section located in the southwest corner of the Wheaton Green Triangle. Interested Montgomery County residents are welcome to attend, participate and learn about the benefits of removing turf and creating conservation landscapes in our environment, which soak up more rain water than typical lawns or gardens.

Minutes of April 12, 2010 Meeting by Jim Humphrey, Acting Secretary

MCCF President Peggy Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m., with introductions all around. Announcements were heard from several delegates, and the agenda was approved. The minutes of the March 8, 2010 meeting were approved. There was no Treasurer's Report as MCCF Treasurer Bill Schrader was absent.

Program: Chuck Lapinski introduced the program on the County's Operating Budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, with two speakers: Joe Beach, Director of the Office of Management and Budget; and Steve Farber, the County Council Staff Director. Joe provided a handout--the FY11 Budget in Brief--and explained the various pie charts that detail the sources of revenue and the expenditures in the County Executive's recommended budget. It was necessary for Executive Leggett to make budget cuts totaling \$780 million, mainly due to reductions in income tax revenue, recordation tax, property tax, and state aid.

Salaries and benefits for county employees account for 80% of total budget expenditures. Mr. Beach explained that in the Executive's recommended budget 450 positions would be abolished, 230 of which are filled. In addition, the Exec set a 20% reduction target for non-public safety agencies and a 7% reduction for public safety service agencies. Exec. also recommended increases in fuel energy tax, which is now up by 70% in FY11 with one-fourth of the total energy tax of \$80 million paid by individual homeowners. Exec. also recommends removing \$100 million from the revenue reserve fund, resulting in Moody's rating agency putting the county on their "watch list." Beach noted he believes FY12 will be worse, with projected 0 to 1 1/2% growth.

Mr. Farber began by recounting recent history of county budget expansion and the impact of national economic crisis on the county budget, and stated that his more detailed analysis is available in the budget packet he prepared for the April 13 Council session. Steve shared that FY12 Federal stimulus money will likely not be available; and although the

stock market has rebounded, the economy will not have recovered to improve the county fiscal outlook. He noted that Council President Floreen has asked for a study of the cost drivers for the structural deficit, and that Council member Andrews has introduced a bill to limit "phantom" cost of living adjustments (COLA) to FY10 for county employees. So called "phantom" COLA increases base future year pay increases on the rate of inflation in prior years in which the employees did not receive a COLA based salary increase.

Concern was expressed by the audience over the increase in the fuel energy tax, whether age-related benefits like free RideOn should be based on need not age, and on the state maintenance of effort law disallowing reduction in MCPS budget. It was noted that the School Board will be supportive of the County Executive's budget, which is \$137 million less than their requested budget. When questioned whether we are seeing benefits from the CountyStat program, Mr. Beach replied that we are, especially in overtime savings of several million dollars. Steve mentioned that the November 2008 to November 2009 rate of inflation was 0.2%, which limits the amount property tax can go up under the Charter limit. Finally, the question was asked as to whether growth in new development is helping reduce the 20-year backlog for maintenance and replacement of infrastructure. Mr. Farber noted that a lot of choices made in the last 20 years affect the backlog, so it's not as obvious as equating new growth to an increase or reduction in the backlog. He stated that the March 2010 Report on the Infrastructure Maintenance Backlog should be available online soon.

Committee reports.

Legislative Committee Chair, Mr. Wilhelm, reported that the General Assembly would be adjourning at midnight and enacting legislation up to the last minute. He will report at a later date.

Planning and Land Use Committee Chair, Mr. Humphrey, reported the Council will take final vote May 4 on the Science City master plan, now renamed the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan. He noted that no property zoned in the Life Sciences Center (LSC) Zone is required to pay the development impact tax for transportation improvements, so taxpayers will bear major portion of expense for needed infrastructure in this master plan area. Jim also noted that the Planning Board will transmit their Semi-Annual Report to the County Council on April 20, and the report can be accessed on the Council website via the agenda packet for that session date. Mr. Kauffinger mentioned the upcoming Council appointment of a new Planning Board Chair and extolled the virtues of applicant Francoise Carrier, who is currently a Hearing Examiner and runs the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings. Jim also noted that the Council will cut all funding in next year's budget for the Office of People's Counsel, shutting down that office which provides accurate, unbiased information on zoning and land use matters.

Education Committee Chair, Ms. Bienenfeld, reported that a briefing on Physical Restraint of Children was recently given to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Parks and Recreation Committee Chair, Ms. Barth, reported that she has looked at all 11 park recreation facilities closed as part of the Mid-Year Budget Saving Plan, and reported to Council on their condition and recent maintenance efforts. She opined county should examine whether cost savings from unifying reservation systems into a single one, and promoting rental of underutilized facilities, might provide funds needed to keep the 11 facilities open. Ms. Dennis stated that last fall the Parks Department website announced a "Friends of (Local Parks)" program coming soon, but the entry has been removed from the website--this might be a good time to work towards initiating this program.

Public Utilities. Jerry Garson mentioned the study he sent to the state Public Services Commission listing the duration of power outages experienced by county communities during the snow storms this past winter.

There being no old or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, April 21, 2010 By Virginia Sheard, Acting Recording Secretary

Call to Order: President Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm at Dan Wilhelm's home.

Attendance: President Peggy Dennis, Carole Ann Barth, Jim Humphrey, Chuck Lapinski, Bill Schrader, Virginia Sheard, Jim Zepp, and Dan Wilhelm.

Agenda distributed and accepted with addition of discussion of May Community Hero.

Minutes of March 2010 ExComm meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Schrader reviewed financial status, membership totals, etc. One new association has joined, 51 local associations are current members, 22 individual members, current balance is \$11,356

Peggy Dennis spoke on **membership goals** and work with Ken Hartman of the BCC Regional Services Center who maintains a listing of civic associations and contact information that he will share with MCCF in our outreach efforts

Awards Banquet: Scheduled for May 14th at the Universities at Shady Grove Conference Center. Deadline for reservations is May 10th with no last minute walk-ins accepted.

Upcoming Programs: May program will be on the County Agricultural Reserve, its past and future; June program will focus on the deer problem, scale of problem, issues, management of deer population, and the like. Other topics

for future meetings under consideration: farmers markets and growing interest in Growing Food Locally programs; County programs to promote biking as an alternative for commuting, shopping, and exercise; Limits to Growth – county policies on sustainability, regional cooperation, challenges, options; and six Law and Justice issues.

May Community Hero Nominee: Jim Humphrey nominated Donna Baron, activist, art teacher, and artist who created and maintains website “Scale-it Back.com” and has coordinated much of the discussion in the Gaithersburg-North Potomac-Rockville areas regarding proposed master plans and zoning issues. Discussion and approval of recognition of Ms. Baron as recipient.

President’s Report

Planning Board Chair candidates: Committee is interviewing 5 finalists of group of 13 applicants, will draft letter to Council with recommendation of support for selected candidate

MCCF Website: Peggy and son working on revamping current site and developing plan to more efficiently keep it current. Site is now hosted by John Nelson of Community Web. Need to get ownership of domain name to MCCF

July Potluck: discussion of date & venue. Peggy offered her home and Friday evening July 16 was selected. Proposal to invite state delegates and senators for a discussion of state legislative issues we want to see addressed before the delegation solidifies their agenda for the 2011 session.

Candidates’ Forum: Discussion of co-sponsoring a candidates’ forum with the League of Women Voters prior to the primary election on September 14. Date and venue to be coordinated with the League and other forums being scheduled.

Future Activities: strategies to encourage and participate in plans to increase coordination and cooperation between WAMATA and Ride-On bus service providers, including an Adopt-a-Bus- Shelter program, better presentation of trip information and integration when trip covers both Metro and Ride-On routes; Potomac Outdoor Center, plan for more canoeing and biking resources along whole length of Canal, possible use of Economic Development funds to stimulate programs, etc.

Economic Development: Jim Zepp distributed handout on “Growing Economic Gardens – Using GIS and technology to develop jobs and help local businesses succeed.”

Bethesda Green – public/private funded initiative to promote energy efficiency (i.e., recycling coffee grounds for garden composting, strategic placing of bike racks to encourage non-auto shopping, etc.)

Friends of ____Park: Mary Bradford of MNC/PPC Parks Department has indicated staff will work with citizen volunteers to get this program up and running. (budget cuts to all Departments may delay implementation)

Committee Reports:

Nominating – Cary Lamari developing slate of nominees for MCCF offices

Awards – Jim H. summarized: Hearts & Homes for Youth nominated for Wayne Goldstein Award, Montgomery Preservation Inc. nominated for Sentinel Award, MCCF Land Use and Zoning Committee nominated for Star Cup Award

Legislative and Committee for Montgomery – Dan to compile update on recent legislative session in Annapolis, Maintenance of Effort waiver status, etc.

Planning and Land Use - Several master/sector plans in process of being revised (Gaithersburg West/Great Seneca Science Corridor, Kensington, Takoma-Langley, Long Branch, and Wheaton); PHED committee in final stages of Kensington Sector Plan recommendations. Planning Board transmitted Semi-Annual Report to Council on 4/20 and will update schedule for master plan work program in a week of two; work on Master Plan for Highways may be postponed for two years due to expected additional cuts to Planning Department funding.

Revised Budget from County Executive to Council provided on 4/22 includes more cuts to staff and services to offset increased deficit.

Council of Governments' (COG) report "Region Forward - Greater Washington 2050" presented on 4/20 to County Council on 4/20, which is considering approval - report is available online at www.greaterwashington2050.org

The Code Studio, consultant hired for the Zoning Rewrite Project, released "Zoning Montgomery" report with recommendations for next steps - report available online at www.montgomeryplanning.org. Code Studio discussed report and work plan with Council on 4/20, held public Open Houses on 4/21 and 22. Draft of the rewrite is due in fall of 2011.

Parks and Recreation – Carol and Jim Z. reported on analysis of funding projections, cost savings (or not) from closing of 11 Rec Centers, how savings could be achieved by combining Parks Dept. and Recreation Dept. duplicative reservation functions, etc.

Public Financing – Chuck gave overview of local impact of new federal Health Care legislation, issue of retirement pay funding (pensions) and employee vs. state contributions, is currently underfunded, transfer of teacher pension funding from state to counties, local impact of “Cap and Trade” environmental laws on home owners (costly water and environmental efficiencies, energy audits may be mandated to sell, buy, refinance homes, etc.

Assignments: Jim and Peggy to coordinate on Programs, Community Heroes, Awards,; Carol to update on Recreation Centers and Deer issues

Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm

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Montgomery County Civic Federation's
2010 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Friday, May 14

Wine Reception 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner & Awards 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The Universities at Shady Grove, Conference Center (Building II)

9630 Gudelsky Dr., Rockville

Call 301.738.6023 for more information about the Center

\$35 per person or \$65 per couple. Price includes wine and iced tea at the reception.

\$10 per person for reception only, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dinner Menu: House Salad with Dinner Rolls, Top Round Roast Beef (at carving station), Chicken Piccata, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Wine and Iced Tea, with Oatmeal Cookies and Brownies for dessert.

Directions:

From Beltway take I-270 north. Take Exit #6B (MD- Route 28) west towards Darnestown and merge onto W. Montgomery Ave./MD-28 going west. Turn LEFT onto Darnestown Rd., turn LEFT onto Shady Grove Rd., turn RIGHT onto Gudelsky Way, then LEFT onto Gudelsky Dr.--parking available in Lots 1 and 2 on your left.

If coming south on I-270, take Exit 8 for Shady Grove Road going west. Go 1.5 miles, cross Darnestown Rd., turn RIGHT onto Gudelsky Way, then LEFT onto Gudelsky Dr.--parking available in Lots 1 and 2 on your left.

Please cut off and fill in this stub. Mail with a **check** payable to the **Montgomery County Civic Federation** to:

Mr. William Schrader, MCCF Treasurer, 12824 Middlevale Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20906

I/We will attend the banquet _____

(Please print name(s) as you wish them to be on your name badge at the banquet)

Association or Organization (if applicable) _____

Contact information _____

(Telephone)

(Email)

IMPORTANT: Reservations must be made by close of business, Monday, May 10.

If you have questions about the event, feel free to call Jim Humphrey at 301-652-6359.

Federation Meeting

Session 817

Monday, May 10, 2010
7:45 1st Floor Auditorium
County Council Office Building.
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD

Agenda:

7:45 Call to Order
7:46 Introductions & Announcements
7:56 Approval of Meeting Agenda
7:57 Approval of Minutes from March 8 meeting
7:58 Treasurer's Report
8:00 Program: The Agricultural Reserve
9:20 Committee Reports
9:50 Old Business
9:55 New Business
10:00 Adjournment

The **Montgomery County Civic Federation** is a county-wide nonprofit educational and advocacy organization. It was founded in 1925 to serve the public interest. Its monthly Federation meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Monday of each month September through June at 7:45 p.m. in the First Floor Auditorium, County Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD.

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 7:45 p.m.

At the home of Bill Schrader

12824 Middlevale Lane, Silver Spring, 20906



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