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FY 2023-24 County Budget and Tax Rate Approved

On Apr. 24, the Board of Supervisors approved its fiscal year 2023-2024 (FY24) budget of \$236.4 million, effective July 1. As a result of the 2023 General Reassessment, the tax rate has been adjusted for the first time in several years. Prior to this year, the tax rate was 89 cents per \$100 assessed value, and personal property tax was at \$2.55. The Board of Supervisors approved a revenue neutral real estate tax rate calculated on increased home values of 70 cents per \$100 assessed value for fiscal year 2023-24. Personal property tax remains at \$2.55.



The FY24 budget includes additional funding for Fire and EMS; three new School Resource Officers; and \$2.5 million in new funding for MCPS,

bringing the total for all school funding to \$162.8 million, which is 69% of the total FY24 budget. Learn more at montva.com/budget.

Office of Elections Relocates to Franklin St.

On April 10, 2023, the Montgomery County Office of Elections moved from the Montgomery County Government Center at 755 Roanoke Street in Christiansburg, to 1546 North Franklin Street in Christiansburg, which is in the Food Lion Plaza on North Franklin Street.

Learn more about the Office of Elections at montva.com/vote.



Communications Survey

We want to hear from you! Please share how you would prefer to receive online communications from the County by completing this quick online survey bit.ly/montvacomm or scan the QR code with your phone.



Parks and Recreation Hosts New River Valley Senior Games



The New River Valley Senior Games has been a community staple for decades, uniting seniors from various localities for a weeklong event of athleticism, camaraderie, and fun. The games are held annually in late April with parks and recreation departments on the NRV Senior Games Committee either hosting or providing support. This year, Montgomery County Parks and Recreation hosted the games.

Upwards of 150 participants aged 50 and above competed in more than 30 events throughout the NRV, including bowling, canasta, golf, pickleball, HORSE basketball, croquet, shot put & discus, riflery, and swimming.

The NRV Senior Games prepare individuals to compete in the Virginia Senior Games, where they have the opportunity to qualify for the National Senior Games.

Broomin' & Bloomin' Celebrates 40 Years!

In 1983, an annual spring cleanup event was established: Broomin' & Bloomin'. This year marked the 40th anniversary. To commemorate the anniversary, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors gathered at the Coal Mining Heritage Park along the Huckleberry Trail to plant a garden.

In addition, in April, nearly 170

citizens volunteered to help clean up roadsides, parks, streams, school grounds and other public properties throughout the county. In total, over one ton of trash was collected. Learn more at montva.com/broominbloomin.



County Residents Can Now Sign Up to Receive Broadband Updates from Provider



In August of 2020, Montgomery County partnered with Gigabeam Networks

to help bring highspeed internet to rural areas in the county. The broadband project in Montgomery County is partially funded through Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grants from DHCD received by the New River Valley Regional Commission. To learn more about the project, visit montva.com/broadband.

Residents and businesses in Montgomery County can now sign up to receive information about high-speed internet at www.gigabeam.net. Residents who sign up on the website by checking for future availability at their location will begin receiving email updates.

Gigabeam is on schedule to begin fiber installation this summer for limited areas where the construction has been completed in the Elliston and Shawsville areas. Limited

customer hookups in these areas will begin later this year.

If you are concerned whether you will be able to afford broadband, please visit www.affordableconnectivity.gov to learn more about the federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Gigabeam Networks participates in the ACP, which is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program to help households afford broadband necessary for work, school, healthcare, etc.



Help Keep Our Waterways Clean, Healthy

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires localities to obtain and follow the conditions associated with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. As a result, Montgomery County must take efforts to minimize the discharge of pollutants into the environment. This is done through minimizing pet waste, trash, sediment and nutrients discharges to our streams and by promoting stream and watershed

education. Public education and participation are important parts of the MS4 Permit program, which is why annual clean up events like Broomin' & Bloomin', Renew the New, and watershed education events with Montgomery County Public Schools (pictured) are so important. To learn more about Montgomery County's MS4 Permit program and how you can help, follow #MontVaMS4 on social media and check out montva.com/stormwater.

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