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Montgomery County Commemorates Upcoming 250th Anniversary

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the United States, as well as Montgomery County. Washington and Montgomery Counties are the only two localities in Virginia celebrating their 250th anniversary.



The County kicked off the commemoration of its 250th anniversary earlier this year with the unveiling of a restored historic artifact. After discovering a crude

bell in a storage space of the County Courthouse, a Sheriff's Office employee led an initiative to restore it and give it a place of honor.

The bell restoration committee, which consisted of County employees, elected officials, Montgomery Museum of Art and History staff, and citizens, facilitated the restoration of what is believed to be the original courthouse bell dating back to the 1700s. During the restoration new bronze plate patches were placed on the wooden yoke of the bell for re-stabilization. These bronze plates were remnants taken from the Statue of Liberty where the vendor selected to restore the bell, New Roots Historic Restoration LLC, had done previous work.

In addition, presales have begun for a commemorative license plate, featuring the phrase "Revolution to Revolutionary."



From the Revolutionary War to the revolutionary first drone delivery in the U.S., the County encapsulates this phrase. Each plate costs \$10 with an additional \$10 for personalization. Preorders will be collected through August 2025. Learn how to get a commemorative license plate and more about anniversary events and activities at montva.com/mcva250.

Capital Projects: Park, Magistrate, Fire/Rescue

Teel Park In February 2025, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to name the new Riner Park "Teel Park," to honor the Teel Family. In 2016,



the County purchased approximately 45 acres of their property along Route 8 for the purpose of constructing a new Riner Fire Station

and a new County park. Construction of the Riner Fire Station was finished in 2019. The park features baseball, softball, and multi-purpose fields

with lighting; a restroom facility; playgrounds; picnic shelters; and walking trails. Portions of the park will be available for community use in May, with a grand opening planned for late Summer 2025. The total cost to complete this project is anticipated at \$13 million.

Court Services and Magistrates Office

The facility, located at the corner of South Franklin and First Streets in Christiansburg, was completed in April 2025. The total cost of the project was \$7.5 million. The new single-story facility provides offices, customer service areas, and (continued on next page)

FY 26 Budget, Tax Rate

On April 21, the Board of Supervisors approved its FY 26 budget of \$270.8 million, effective July 1. The Board approved a real estate tax rate of 76 cents per \$100 assessed value and personal property taxes remain at \$2.55.

The FY 26 budget includes funding for education, public safety, human services, libraries, and parks and recreation. Total funding for MCPS including all federal, state, and local sources currently account for approximately two-thirds of the County's budget.

Visit montva.com/budget to learn more.

Make a Difference with Volunteer Montgomery

Looking for meaningful ways to give back? Volunteer Montgomery connects residents with volunteer opportunities, community groups, non-profit organizations, and more to give back and empower the community.

Whether it's an hour or a day, volunteers' time and skills can make a huge impact in Montgomery County. From crafting greeting cards for local veterans, tending a community garden to help fight food insecurity, donating to supply



drives, and visiting local assisted living facilities, there are volunteer opportunities for all interests, talents, and ages.

Get involved! Visit montva.com/volunteermontgomery.

capital projects - continued, library outdoor space open



conference rooms designed to accommodate growth and meet all ADA accessibility requirements. This new structure also increases safety for officers transporting individuals to the jail, as well as the community, with the enclosed sally port.

Fire and Rescue Department

In February 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a building located at 305 Roanoke Street in Christiansburg, for a purchase price of \$925,000. Prior to the purchase, the County conducted due diligence by completing both a Phase I and a Phase II environmental assessment, as well as having a property appraisal completed by a third party.

The building will be used for the County's career fire and emergency management services administrative staff offices. The building will also house a classroom-style training space for career and volunteer fire and rescue first responders and equipment storage.

Once design plans are finalized and approved by the Board of Supervisors, then renovations to the building will begin. This process is anticipated to take 12 to 18 months.



Blacksburg Library The Lee and Ray Dessy Story Terrace is now open at the Blacksburg Library. It features amphitheater-style terraced seating, cafe tables, and a picnic table.

Sign Up for Reminders

Receive timely reminders about real estate and personal property tax payments. Sign up for emails by visiting montva.com and scroll down to subscribe.

Broadband Work Continues

Construction continues on a project to bring high-speed internet to rural areas in Montgomery County. Gigabeam Networks partnered with Appalachian Power to install fiber cable on existing power lines. Residents and businesses in the County can sign up for high-speed internet at www.gigabeam.net. By completing Gigabeam's online form, citizens receive email updates about the project.

Currently, the service is available in Elliston and Shawsville. Gigabeam is also working on projects in Riner and areas outside of Blacksburg, with plans to complete construction throughout all rural areas of Montgomery County by December 2026.

To learn more about the project, visit montva.com/broadband.

Tax Relief

Citizens eligible for tax relief include veterans and surviving spouses, seniors and those who are disabled. To learn more, visit montva.com/tax-relief.

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