

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## From Revolution to Revolutionary

### *Celebrating Montgomery County's 250th Anniversary*

Montgomery County is one of only two localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2026.

From its roots in the American Revolution to the nation's first drone delivery, Montgomery County embodies the theme "Revolution to Revolutionary." Established in 1776, the County was one of only three new Virginia counties formed that year and was named for Gen. Richard Montgomery, a hero of the American Revolution. Initial settlement in the area dates back to the 1740s.

Since its founding, Montgomery County has developed a rich history shaped by agriculture, art, culture, manufacturing, and technology. The County's story includes connections to notable historical figures such as George Washington, Booker T. Washington, Andrew Jackson, Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. Throughout 2026, Montgomery

County will share stories highlighting its "Revolution to Revolutionary" journey and host events commemorating this milestone anniversary.



Presales are underway for commemorative license plates featuring the anniversary theme, and a commemorative trail guide showcasing historic sites

across the county has been created and is available online and in print.

For more information, visit [montva.com/mcva250](http://montva.com/mcva250) and follow [mcva250](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

## FY 27 County Budget and Tax Rate Approved

On April 20, the Board of Supervisors approved its FY 27 budget of \$285.7 million, effective July 1. The Board approved a real estate tax rate of .81 cents per \$100 assessed value and personal property taxes remain at \$2.55.

The FY27 budget includes funding for education, public safety, human

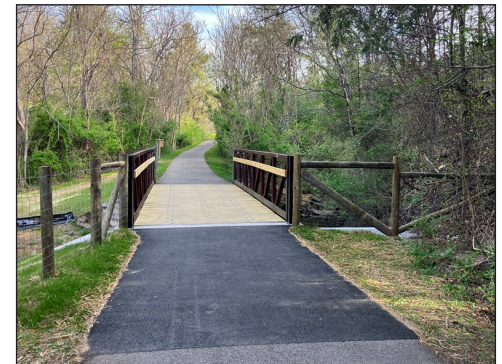
services, libraries, and parks and recreation. Total funding for MCPS including all federal, state, and local sources currently account for approximately 67 percent of the County's budget.

To learn more about the budget, visit [montva.com/budget](http://montva.com/budget).

## County Capital Projects Update

Montgomery County continues to invest in projects that enhance citizen services and community spaces.

### *Huckleberry Trail Bridge Improvements*



In April 2026, an extensive construction and engineering project was completed along Montgomery County's portion of the Huckleberry Trail. Improvements included replacing three bridges, adding concrete supports and new asphalt approaches, and upgrading stormwater infrastructure. The \$1 million project was cash-funded with money set for Parks and Recreation revitalization over past several years.

### *201 Radford Street Renovation*

Renovations are underway at the former Court Services building at 201 Radford Street to create a new home for the Cooperative Extension Office, currently

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# Make a Difference with Volunteer Montgomery

Looking for a meaningful way to give back? Volunteer Montgomery connects residents with local opportunities to serve and support the community.

Whether you have an hour or a day, you can make a difference—through projects like helping in community gardens, supporting supply drives, creating cards for veterans, or visiting assisted living facilities.



Learn more and get involved at [montva.com/volunteermontgomery](http://montva.com/volunteermontgomery), email [volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov](mailto:volunteermontgomery@montgomerycountyva.gov) or call 540-382-5775.

## Capital Projects Update - continued



located in the Government Center. The project includes HVAC and plumbing upgrades, reconfigured office space, a new meeting and training room, and ADA accessibility improvements. Design began in spring 2025, with construction planned for FY26–27, and relocation expected in 2027. The estimated cost of the project is \$2.1 million.

## You Can Help Protect Waterways in Montgomery County

Stormwater is rainwater that runs off hard surfaces like rooftops, driveways, and streets. As it flows, this runoff picks up pollutants such as pet waste, oil, trash, and fertilizers, and carries them into our local streams and rivers.

The County's stormwater program, which is required by the Department of Environmental Quality's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, focuses on reducing these discharges. The program relies on public education and citizen involvement, such as school watershed lessons and

community cleanups, to teach stormwater-smart practices, including:

- Pick up pet waste.
- Test soil and use fertilizer sparingly.
- Compost yard waste and cover bare spots.
- Plant native, low-maintenance plants.
- Mow lawns at a higher blade setting (2–3 inches) to grow a thicker, healthier turf.

Learn more about this initiative at [montva.com/stormwater](http://montva.com/stormwater).

## Sign Up for Reminders

Receive timely reminders about real estate and personal property tax payments. Sign up for emails by visiting [montva.com](http://montva.com) and scroll down to subscribe.

## Volunteers Beautify the County

The County sponsors community clean-up events. Broomin & Bloomin is Montgomery County's annual spring litter pickup, where volunteers gather to bag trash along roadsides, parks and streams. For the April 11, 2026 event, more than 150 volunteers collected litter.



In late summer, the County Parks and Recreation Department helps coordinate *ReNew the New*, a New River clean-up where boat crews and land teams remove debris from the river. These volunteer efforts both beautify communities and directly reduce trash entering local waterways.

## 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](http://montva.com/tax-relief).

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