



Potomac Community Village

PCV POST FEBRUARY 28, 2021

PCV EVENTS

Generally advance registration is required for PCV-hosted events. PCV members log into their accounts and click on the "Register" button on the desired event. If you are a member without a login password, please inform us at info@potomaccommunityvillage.org and the password creation email will be sent to you. Non-members should click on "Register for this event" link and follow instructions to provide the required information and then again click "Register for this event." The Zoom link will be provided in the confirmation email.

Tuesday, March 16, 1:30 - 2:30 pm - PCV Book Group will discuss *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi. This is a members' club but non-members can attend once and try it out. Click [Book](#) to learn more and register.

Wednesday, March 30, 4:30 - 6:00 pm - The Work of Our Hands, Our Brains, Our Hearts - A look back at the past year under Covid - 19. This is a special event where members share their creations from this year of lockdown. We will also remember those we lost in that time as well as celebrate March birthdays as we look forward to a better year. Click [creation](#) to register.

BILLBOARD

Area organizations are presenting Zoom programs for varied interests. A listing for the next few weeks is provided here to help you plan ahead. The PCV calendar has details for these events as well as others. They are free and open to all. Click [Homepage](#) and select EVENTS tab.

Generally advance registration is required. Please see the individual listings for further relevant details.

Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., receives Smithsonian's Great Americans Medal. Click [Fauci](#) for details and to register.

Monday, March 15, 2:00 - 3:00 PM. It Takes Your Village: How We're Going to Rebuild America in the New Congress and New Administration: A Talk by Congressman Jamie Raskin, U.S. Representative for Maryland's 8th Congressional District since 2017, and most recently, one of the impeachment managers. Click [Raskin](#) to register by March 13.

Friday, March 19, 11:00 - 12:00 PM. Author Marta McDowell will discuss her book "Emily Dickinson's Gardening Life." Click [Emily](#) for details and to register.

Thursday, March 25, 5:00 - 16:00 PM. Author Robert Plumb discusses his recent book "The Better Angels- Five Women who Changed Civil War America." Click [Angels](#) for details and to register.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Women in America- Courtesy Sibley Senior Association via Zoom Join Monica Fitzgerald, Ph.D., as she takes us through a four-week series on women in America in honor of Women's History Month:

- Shattering Glass Ceilings: Women's Firsts in America
- Gender in Early America
- History of the Women's Movement
- Women, Body Image, and the Media

Dr. Fitzgerald is the Program Director and professor for Justice, Community and Leadership at St. Mary's College of California and also

a professor of Women's and Gender Studies. She is the author of *Puritans Behaving Badly: Gender, Punishment and Religion in Early America*.

To register for this free series email hprecou1@jhmi.edu or call the Sibley Senior Association office 202-364-7602. Attendees will be given the zoom link after they register – they may join the sessions on the computer or phone. Participants are welcome to join all or some of the sessions.

Montgomery County Public Libraries Presents Women's History Month Events

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) will celebrate Women's History Month throughout the month of March. The month-long celebration, "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced," offers programs suitable for adults and residents of all ages, featuring lectures, discussions, and story times. All events are virtual and free. Events include:

- **Thursday, March 4; 12 – 1 p.m. Beyond the 19th: The Equal Rights Amendment** Ranger Susan Philpott of the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument explores the evolution of the ERA-- and the concept of equality--over the past century.
- **Monday, March 8; 2 – 3 p.m. The Path to Leadership: The Next Chapter; Influential Women in Montgomery County Politics** Claire McDonald, creator of Montgomery History's online exhibit "The Path to Leadership," discusses the influence of Montgomery County women in the political arena pre- and post-suffrage.
- **Wednesday, March 10; 1 – 2 p.m. Grit and Gusto: Farmerettes and Suffragettes** On the celebration of Centennial of America's entry into World War I, this new presentation highlights how women in Maryland rallied to new involvement and activism during 1917-1918.
- **Friday, March 12; 3 – 4 p.m. The Better Angels: Five Women Who Changed Civil War America** Historian Robert C. Plumb will discuss his new book "The Better Angels: Five Women Who Changed Civil War America" released in March 2020.
- **Saturday, March 13; 10:30 – 11 a.m. Family Storytime @ MCPL** Join us for stories about resourceful, adventurous, brave, and downright determined princesses!

- **Wednesday, March 24; 2 – 3 p.m. A Tale of Two Counties: The Status of Women in Montgomery County** Dr. Patricia Maclay, Commissioner with the Montgomery County Commission for Women will present an overview of the Commission's work in the community.
- **Thursday, March 25; 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Women against Slavery: Then and Now - Book Talk: "Speak a Word for Freedom: Women against Slavery"** Women abolitionists have always faced opposition, but they have persevered. The author will highlight the valiant work of several women abolitionists past and present. For more information about MCPL Women's History Month events, visit [the MCPL website](#).

**Welcome to new members Barbara and Ken Orski
Thanks for renewing your membership Sylvia Diss, Kurt
Kohn, Ellen and Stewart Share**

Virtual Free Tax Help for Montgomery County Residents Earning \$57,000 or Less

Appointments for FREE tax assistance are now available for Montgomery County residents earning \$57,000 or less through the Community Action Agency's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, with safe, VIRTUAL services available through April 15th, with IRS-certified preparers assisting taxpayers through Zoom. **HHS staff and partners are encouraged to help clients, especially those with access barriers, to schedule their appointment online at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Cashback> Look for the "Book Now" button to schedule a virtual appointment. (In-person appointments will not be scheduled, due to Covid-19.) Note: customers with appointments will receive a call from VITA to learn about the requirements and process for their "Zoom" appointment before they meet with a preparer.**

The VITA program can help people with current ITINs file taxes. However, at this time we are not renewing ITINs or assisting with applications for new ITINs.

County residents may also call: 240-777-1123, or they may call 3-1-1 or MD Relay (711). Requests for special accommodations must be

made by calling at least three business days in advance of scheduled appointments.

Taxpayers may learn about other free tax options including the RSVP/AARP Tax Aide Program which serves low-to-moderate income County taxpayers, with special attention to seniors, and about nonprofit, community-based VITA sites in Montgomery County by visiting <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Cashback> or by calling 311.



KEEP SMILING

COVID RELATED UPDATES

Click [here](#) to access the Members' Only Covid-19 Information page on PCV website.

This page lists the websites and provides links for all the various locations--state, county, hospitals, pharmacies and grocery stores that are offering vaccines now (or will be soon). The intent of this page is to provide current information and is updated by your dedicated volunteers as additional information becomes available. You can always access here the latest information on COVID and vaccinations without having to look through your old emails.

NEW! Have you heard of the Maryland Vaccine Hunters and how helpful they have been to us all looking for vax appointments? Read about them on the regularly updated Members Covid page. Please contact our Help Desk at either 20854helpdesk@gmail.com or 240-221-1370 if you need assistance in preregistering for an appointment or to set up an appointment. Also, please let us know at info@potomaccommunityvillage.org if you have been successfully vaccinated so we can possibly plan a few outdoor events as the weather improves.

LINKS TO COUNTY WEBSITE PAGES ON DIFFERENT TOPICS

Click [Vaccine](#) and pre-register at the earliest to get an appointment for COVID vaccination. The registration is easy and quick with just your demographic and contact details. The registration can be for your own vaccination and/or for somebody else who is eligible as per the stated requirements of age, profession, etc.

Click [Email/Text Updates](#) to hear the latest about the status on vaccination from the county. They will send you more details as soon as they are available.

To understand the vaccine priority groups, click [Priority](#)

To visit the Covid 19 Information Portal click [Covid](#)

To visit the County's Testing Portal click [Testing](#)

COVID-19

Related Scams Targeting Montgomery County Residents

The COVID-19 health crisis in itself has been quite a hardship, but recently, residents have found themselves as the targets of scams related to the virus threat. Now the Montgomery County Office of Consumer is providing information on how to identify those scams on the County's COVID-19 comprehensive website.

A new video on COVID-19-related scams was released recently and can be viewed [here](#).

Click [Scams](#) for information provided by the County.

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