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**Montgomery County Council to host**

**youth town halls for students**

**on Oct. 30 at Clarksburg High school and Nov. 13 at Wheaton High School**

*Students throughout the County are encouraged to share their views with Councilmembers and earn student service learning hours*

ROCKVILLE, Md., Oct. 3, 2019—The Montgomery County Council will host two youth town halls to learn more about the issues impacting young people in the County on **Wednesday, Oct. 30** at Clarksburg High School and **Wednesday, Nov. 13** at Wheaton High School. The meeting, which will be held in the auditorium of each respective school, will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a pre-meeting pizza reception for students and Councilmembers in the school’s cafeteria.

The youth town hall and pre-meeting reception provides students with a chance to meet their local representatives and to ask questions and get information about the issues that matter to them. At the pre-meeting reception, Councilmembers will visit with students and their family members. In addition, Councilmember Craig Rice, who serves as chair of the Council’s Education Committee, will announce the winner of the Councilmember for a Day challenge at the Nov. 13 town hall at Wheaton High School.

Council President Nancy Navarro said that the youth town hall meetings have become learning experiences for both the Councilmembers and the students.

“Every time we have the opportunity to hear from the young residents of Montgomery County it gives me a great sense of pride,” said Council President Nancy Navarro. “Last year we had engaging discussion on various topics relating to school safety, bullying, mental health resources, and more. Since then our young residents have continued to participate in our racial equity and social justice discussions that we’ve had since March. I am excited for the future of this County because I have great confidence that our up and coming leaders will work hard to continue to improve our County and the lives of all residents.”

Montgomery County Board of Education leadership will participate in the Oct. 30 town hall at Clarksburg High School. Students also can earn student service learning (SSL) hours from MCPS for attending the youth town hall meeting.

Clarksburg Highschool is located at [22500 Wims Rd. in Clarksburg](https://goo.gl/maps/rHqVvmch6gW8bTQa6). Clarksburg High School has ample parking, but carpooling is encouraged.

Wheaton High School is located at [12401 Dalewood Dr in Silver Spring](https://goo.gl/maps/u5Fygs2rfiWJ1hTUA). The nearest Metro stop is Glenmont and the public can take the route 10 RideOn bus, which stops in front of the school. RideOn route 33 also stops in front of the school. Parking is also available.

Students from public and private schools from around the County and students from local colleges are encouraged to express their views on any aspect of their education, programs that impact students or public policy issues that impact their daily lives. They also are encouraged to ask questions of the Councilmembers. Susan Kenedy, senior producer and communications specialist for the Council, and Crystal Park, community engagement specialist, will moderate the meeting.

The meetings will be broadcast live on County Cable Montgomery (CCM—cable Channel 996 on Comcast, Channel 1056 on RCN, and Channel 30 on Verizon) and rebroadcast at various times in the weeks following the meeting. The meeting also will be streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube (FB.com/CountyCableMoco and YouTube.com/CountyCableMoCo). Students can participate via social media using #MoCoYouth.

The Council is composed of President Nancy Navarro, Vice President Sidney Katz and Councilmembers Gabe Albornoz, Andrew Friedson, Evan Glass, Tom Hucker, Will Jawando, Craig Rice and Hans Riemer.

If you need more information or have questions about the meeting, call 240-777-7931.

Learn more by watching:

https://youtu.be/nT5F\_Clwo2c

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