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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Carol Dahlberg
President - MCPSRA

The year 2017 ended on a sad note with the passing of Gerald Johnson on November 17, 2017 (see page 4). Gerry had been a member of the MCPSRA Board of Directors from 2005 to 2017. He served as Public Relations Chair, Vice-President, President, and Insurance and Benefits Co-Chair. Gerry was also the "keeper" of our flags. He would bring our flags to every luncheon and make sure they were properly displayed before our meetings could start. Once our flags were in place, the meeting would begin with the Salute to the flag. Gerry was a



dedicated MCPSRA member and will be missed.

February will be a busy month with

MCPSRA working hard to represent your interests. Candidates for the County Council, County Executive, and Board of Education will be interviewed by your MCPSRA representatives. Our Political Action Chair (LeeAnn Kaye) has already sent questionnaires to the candidates regarding topics relevant to the interests of you and other retirees. LeeAnn also requested a Bio from each of the candidates. As candidate's responses come back, LeeAnn will forward them to members of the

MCPSRA interview team. The Interview Team will conduct face-to-face interviews during the weeks of February 12 and 19. Again we are working hard to represent you and your best interests.

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association has an opening for a non-board member to serve on its Nomination Committee for 2018. If you are interested, please contact me at john.dahlberg234@gmail.com. The deadline is March 1, 2017.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Normandie Farm at our February 22nd luncheon.

Carol Dahlberg



Gerald Johnson

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2017-18 BUSINESS MEETING/LUNCHEON

DATES

Business meeting/luncheons are held four times a year at the delightful Normandie Farm Restaurant, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854.



Here are the dates for the three remaining luncheons during the 2017-18 school year:

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Our speaker at the February 22, luncheon is Mr. Richard (Rick) Johnstone (MCPS Director, Benefits Strategy and Vendor Relations). Mr. Johnstone will speak about retiree benefits, and he will address your issues and answer your questions. His presentation should be very interesting and important to all of us!

We hope to see you there. **Bring your questions.**

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

Our new membership directory is almost done, but if you act fast you may be able to make a change in your listing before it goes to press.

Have you moved, have you changed your email address or phone number since our last directory? Is something wrong with your listing in our current directory?

Please contact Julie Trevino with updates and corrections. Contact Julie at 301-460-9670 or at jgtrevino@comcast.net. Once the directory is printed it will be too late to make changes.



FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN

What motivates people to do what they do for others?

Is it the hope of getting something in return? Is it personal gain or recognition? Or is it our innate human nature to be caring, loving, and compassionate especially at times when others need us most?

Most of us would agree that showing love and understanding warms the heart not only of the recipient but also the giver.

Have you ever tried to explain in words to a child what *LOVE* is? Try to write a love letter to a child sometime. What would you include? Would it be something like this: *Dearest Child, How very much your presence in my life defines my happiness and purpose. Every smile you send my way, every word you utter, every hug you share with me, fills my heart to overflowing with a feeling of awe and gratitude. You are so beautiful, so gifted with talents that make you uniquely you, a cherished blessing to all who know you. I treasure each moment that you are in my life. You make my life worth living. You are my whole world. May you always feel in your heart just how deeply you are valued and **loved**.*

Just try it - it's harder than you think!

Do children really listen to, or understand what we say or write? Or do they respond more readily to what we do? We know the answer to that, don't we? If a smile is worth a thousand words, what do you think a hug is worth? And just how much more do care, love, and compassion mean when given to a child in a time of need. That's why we can honestly describe our **Toolkits Project** as a **Project of Love**. It not only provides the needy kindergartners who receive the toolkits we assemble with the school supplies they desperately need at home, but it shows these children just how much they are valued for who they are. It shows them that they are our very best hope for the future, and most especially that they are loved. Everyone who has sponsored kits in the past by making a donation to our project should have the experience of seeing the expressions of joy on the faces of the children who received their toolkit. And the hugs! Why do we work so hard on this project? Now you know!

Please show your love of children by filling out the sponsorship form below and sending it along with your tax-deductible donation to our project. Let your caring spirit guide your generosity. The children will *love* you for it!

With much gratitude, Joan Donovan, co-chair, MCPSRA Special Projects Committee

MCPSRA TOOLKITS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: **MCPS Educational Foundation**, with "Toolkits Project" on the memo line) to Mrs. Joan Donovan, 13 Hilton Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3521

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

I would like to sponsor # _____ toolkits at \$10 per kit. Donation enclosed: \$ _____

Optional: In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Send acknowledgement to _____

_____ Please do **NOT** include my name on the toolkit's label

EMAIL ONLY?

If you're like me, you want to hold a paper copy of anything you're reading... at least if it's longer than a paragraph. But I know there are some MCPSRA members who are perfectly comfortable reading from a screen. (A few *youngins* may even prefer it that way.) I know this because over 100 members have told me to send their Newsletter by email only.

Although I like to hold my newsletter in my hands, there are advantages to the email version:

- it's in color
- it arrives earlier than the print version, and
- it saves our organization money.

We are sending this issue of the Newsletter as an email attachment to all members for whom we have a valid email address. (Those getting this Newsletter by email received it more than a week before those of you who only get it in the US mail.)

If you are one of the 1215 members who are only getting the print version, it's because we don't have your correct email address. If you are one of these people, and if you would like to receive the color version of the Newsletter please send an email to MCPSRA.Newsletter@ebsinstitute.com.

We Will Miss Gerry Johnson!

Our colleague and friend Gerald W. Johnson, Sr., (affectionately known by his friends as "Cheese") passed away on November 17, 2017. He was born in Washington, DC and taught at Wilson Elementary School in DC before moving to Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring. In the early 1970s, while working full-time at Blair High School, Mr. Johnson earned a Master of Education degree from Howard University and moved into school administration with MCPS. He first served as assistant principal at West Rockville Elementary, and later as principal of Rosemary Hills Elementary in Silver Spring and then Maryvale Elementary in Rockville. Gerry moved to Maryvale, in part, due to the school's French Immersion program. While at Maryvale he accompanied students on trips to France several times and became known as, "Le Grand Fromage," or "The Big Cheese."



Since retiring from MCPS in 2002, Mr. Johnson has been an active member of the Montgomery County Public Schools Retirees Association (MCPSRA). He served as MCPSRA President from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011 and, at the time of his passing, he was Co-Chair of our Insurance and Benefits committee.

Gerald will be remembered for his quick wit, leadership, lifelong commitment to teaching and learning and his love of family.

MCPSRA-JOSIAH HENSON PROJECT

The MCPSRA has resolved to help support the establishment of a museum and education center at the Josiah Henson Park in North Bethesda by matching member contributions up to a total of \$5000..

Josiah Henson was a very famous resident of Montgomery County. He lived here from 1795 to 1830 as a slave on the Isaac Riley Plantation near the intersection of what is now Old Georgetown Road and Tilden Lane. The Park is located on a small part of the property where Josiah Henson lived.



In 1849 Henson became one of the most influential international figures of the 19th Century when his autobiography was published. It was entitled *The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave, Now an Inhabitant of Canada, as Narrated by Himself*. Henson's autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The most liberal abolitionists felt *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was not strong enough. More moderate abolitionists praised the book for putting a human face on slavery.

The Josiah Henson archaeological site was one of four American sites selected by the PBS series, "Time Team America" for inclusion in their second season during 2012. The Time Team America crew brought their high-tech equipment to help Park archaeologists learn more about a very special man in American history, Reverend Josiah Henson.



The resulting documentary, "The Search for Josiah Henson," is an over-the-archaeologists'-shoulder view of discoveries made at our very own Josiah Henson Park!" You can watch the full episode at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OSR2noiPv8>

If you wish to read more about Josiah Henson and this special project visit the website at: <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/josiah-henson-park/>

We hope you will contribute to this important project. By donating through MCPSRA your donation will go twice as far!

MCPSRA-Henson Project Donation Form

Please provide (print clearly) the following information and mail it along with a check (payable to: "Montgomery County Parks Foundation") to MCPSRA Treasurer, Dr. Ken Muir, 3100 North Leisure World Blvd. #508, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Volunteer Opportunities for MCPS Retirees

THE OASIS INTERGENERATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAM

For over a decade, several thousand local elementary school students and older adult volunteers have happily participated in the Washington Metro Area OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program. Serving children in grades K-4, our volunteers work in local public schools providing support to students who are in need of individual attention.

OASIS is a national nonprofit organization which promotes successful aging for adults aged fifty and older through volunteer service, lifelong extended learning, and health and wellness programs. Founded in 1982, OASIS offers programs in 51 cities across 25 states and serves more than 52,000 individuals annually. The Intergenerational Tutoring Program is the largest volunteer service program offered at OASIS with 5,000 active tutors nationwide.

Our tutoring program here in the Washington area is a literacy-based, mentorship program which trains and places tutors in 24 participating public elementary schools the majority of which are in Montgomery County. At the schools, our tutors are paired with young students who teachers feel would benefit from a caring, one on one mentoring relationship.

Typically, our OASIS volunteers are assigned to work with one student, once a week, for about one hour for the duration of the school year. This pull-out program takes place during school hours at the children's schools. A number of our tutors choose to work with multiple students and/or volunteer in additional capacities at their schools although this is not at all expected or required. During the 2015-2016 school year we had 150 tutor volunteers working with over 240 students.

We are always delighted to welcome volunteers with educational backgrounds. At least 20% of our tutors are retired educators, many from MCPS. Retired teachers often tell us that they enjoy the pleasure of sitting quietly and working with one child. Their contributions to the children, schools and to our program are invaluable.

Those wishing to join our program need to complete one of our six-hour training sessions and will be required to complete a background screening check. Even our retired teachers complete the training as we impart important information regarding the way in which we run our program

and explain our process and expectations. The training is given by a retired MCPS reading specialist.

All tutoring classes, training and ongoing workshops are free of charge and OASIS covers the cost of the required background screening. The sessions are held at OASIS which is located in the Macy's Home Store in Westfield Montgomery.

For more information regarding our wonderful program please contact Sue Moser, Program Coordinator, at smoser2@jhmi.edu. We hope you will consider joining us.

THE USO WARRIOR & FAMILY CENTER BETHESDA

The USO Warrior & Family Center Bethesda is looking for volunteers to staff the USO center and assist guests with all of the amenities the center has to offer. Volunteers will be trained to provide local area information as well as support for events and activities taking place in the building. The Warrior and Family Center Bethesda is located at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC).

- Volunteers are asked to commit to at least 2 shifts per month.
- Morning and weekend availability is preferred but day shifts are available.
- Volunteers will interact with active duty military members as well as those Wounded Warriors receiving treatment at Walter Reed.
- Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and will be required to obtain an installation security badge.
- Having fun is mandatory!

To apply to be a USO volunteer go to:
volunteers.uso.org
Click "Register" and search for "Bethesda"



Warrior and Family Center™
Bethesda

Welcome New Members

Joined in November 2017

Berk, Helene	11750 Old Georgetown Road #2215, North Bethesda, MD 20852	240-242-4874
Brown, Mary A.	4507 Green Valley Road, Monrovia, MD 21770	301-363-8135
Calvin, Patricia D.	43 Tygart Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20879	301-807-3201
Cassidy, Veronica	7900 Turncrest Drive, Potomac, MD 20854	301-680-0610
Crowley, Jacqueline F.	14552 Cutstone Way, Silver Spring, MD 20905	301-236-4996
Edgar, Geoffrey D.	19017 High Point Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879	301-742-1005
Freeman, Lorraine	8962 Alliston Hollow Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20879	301-330-0151
Gross, Karyn	9498 Vollmerhausen Drive, Columbia, MD 21046	301-498-4246
Guerra, Leslie J.	14205 Gate Dancer Lane, Boyds, MD 20841	240-293-0923
Hildebrant, Elba	9701 Meadowcroft Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20886	240-432-7127
Jeeves, Carmen	5305 Norbeck Road, Rockville, MD 20853	301-946-6672
Kendall, Sheila	16821 Malabar Street, Derwood, MD 20855	240-271-5826
McHenry, Elizabeth	65 Treehaven Court, The Hills, TX 78738	301-442-4955
Murray, Susan K.	5912 Welborn Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816	0
Pindell, Renee M.	1816 Sydney Leigh Lane, Henderson, NV 89074	301-325-2753
Shaffer, Vicky	2804 Advent Court N, Bowie, MD 20716	301-249-7949
Spencer, Stephanie G.	7924 Fiske Avenue, Glenarden, MD 20706	240-353-7571
Titherington, Ann	4364 Linthicum Road, Dayton, MD 21036	301-375-6466
Zanger, Martha Ann	110 Cape Private Circle, Gallatin, TN 37066	240-299-1387

Joined in December 2017

Bell, Shuhua D.	409 Garden View Way, Rockville, MD 20850	301-417-8948
Cross, David S.	20900 Delta Drive, Laytonsville, MD 20882	301-512-0692
Eiserike, Marjorie	3312 Megans Way, Olney, MD 20832	301-774-1924
Goode, Marjorie A.	3816 Park Lake Drive, Rockville, MD 20853	301-774-7972
Hawse, Eleanor White	25311 Burnt Hill Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871	301-253-3541
Kraus, Christine C.	5133 Clavel Terrace, Rockville, MD 20853	301-467-4198
Young, Charles A.	24004 Log House Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882	301-253-4460

MCPSRA TRAVEL 2018



REMINDERS ABOUT THE MCPSRA TRAVEL PROGRAM

1. We all travel at our own risk. When signing up for one of the sponsored trips, participants accept all liability for any loss, damage or personal injury related to that trip and hold MCPSRA, its Officers and Board harmless should any accident, injury or loss occur.
2. Itineraries, times and details are approximate. Changes are sometimes necessary and unavoidable.
3. Trips are open to members, their families and adult friends.
4. Most tours require considerable walking, often with steps to climb or limited accessibility. Participants should be capable of maintaining the group's pace.
5. DEPARTURES: All bus trips leave from the Park-and-Ride, Georgia Ave. Olney. (People coming from out of the area and in the vicinity of the Eyre Bus terminal can arrange to park and board the coach at the Eyre location in Glenelg, MD.)
6. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT.
7. GUESTS: On popular trips, to ensure MCPSRA members have preferred opportunity to secure reservations, guests may be limited. However, depending on the trip, feel free to check on numbers and availability. If you will be traveling with guests that you have invited, please make sure they read this list of reminders.
8. PAYMENTS: Participants have the choice of check or credit card payments.
 - Write a separate check, payable to MCPSRA, for each trip. Include the name and date of the trip on each check. Send your check with your completed reservation form. Your reservation will be definite upon receipt of your deposit/full payment, whichever is required. If a trip has to be cancelled because of insufficient numbers of participants needed by the published deadline, your check will be returned to you.
 - Credit card payments can be made by calling Ellen Kilby at EYRE Tour & Travel.
9. REFUNDS are made only when your space can be filled.
10. GRATUITIES for driver and local guides are not included in the price of the trip.
11. DETAILED ITINERARIES will be sent to participants approximately two - three weeks before the trip.
12. QUESTIONS: Please contact Judy Adler Reiff, Travel Chairperson, via email at jadlerreiff@gmail.com or by phone at 240-481-4016 with any questions regarding the trips.
13. MAIL all reservation forms to **Ann Vermillion, 3438 Chiswick Ct, Silver Spring, MD 20906**

DAY TRIPS

Philadelphia Flower Show 2018 Bus Trip (Thursday, March 08, 2018)

7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This show will make a big splash! The theme for the 2018 show, is "Wonders of Water" -- a topic designed to offer equal parts inspiration and conservation. **\$86 - Deadline February 26**

TRIP RESERVATION FORM

TOUR _____

NAME _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone# _____ Cell # _____

Member of MCPSRA Yes No If not, guest of _____

Total number of guests, including self _____ Total \$ amount enclosed _____

Names of guests:

If paying by credit card to Eyre, call Ellen at EYRE TOUR & TRAVEL: 1-800-321-3973 x 3252

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National Museum of American Jewish History Trip (Wednesday, March 21, 2018)

7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

See the Leonard Bernstein: "The Power of Music" exhibit and explore how and when Jews immigrated to America, the choices they faced, the challenges they confronted, and the ways in which they shaped, and were shaped by, their American home. Boxed lunch included. **\$105 - Deadline March 11**

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Barn Quilts, Antrim 1844 and Baughers Bus Trip (Wednesday, April 18, 2018)

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Follow the fascinating guided Barn Quilt Tour and Uniontown before lunch at Antrim 1844 and a visit to Baugher's Orchard for fresh produce. **\$104 - Deadline April 8**

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Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park (Saturday, April 21, 2018)

8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Travel through the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and visit the Bucktown Village Store, an authentic 19th century country store operating as a museum featuring authentic African American artifacts related to slavery, various displays, and gifts within a country store setting. Experience a driving tour that shares incredible stories of courage in Harriet Tubman's homeland on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Lunch included at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant **\$115 - Deadline April 11**

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Grounds for Sculpture Hamilton, NJ Bus Trip (Wednesday, May 23, 2018)

7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Situated on the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds the garden house a collection of superb contemporary outdoor sculpture, 42 magnificently landscaped acres in which to stroll and rotating exhibitions in six indoor galleries. Lunch included at Rat's Restaurant, named for the gregarious character in Seward Johnson's favorite childhood story book, the Wind in the Willows. **\$129 - Deadline May 13**

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OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

Chihuly at Biltmore and Smoky Mountains (Sunday, May 20, 2018)

Don't miss the Chihuly Exhibit at the Biltmore Estate Gardens in Asheville, NC! Have fun in Pigeon Forge, TN visiting Dollywood, Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery, the Comedy Barn, Smoky Mountain Opry and much more! Duration: 5 Days. **\$879 pp/double occupancy**

All the Presidents Homes Bus Trip to Virginia (Sunday, June 03, 2018)

Step back in history - visit Montpelier, the home of James and Dolley Madison, Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and Ash-Lawn Highland, home of James Monroe. Duration: 3 Days. **\$579 pp/double**

Castles of New York - 1000 Islands Eyre Trip (Sunday, August 26, 2018)

Stay in the heart of the 1000 Islands at the Riveredge Resort. Cruise the St. Lawrence Seaway and tour the Boldt Castle on Heart Island and the Singer Castle on Dark Island. Duration: 4 Days. **\$899 pp/double**

Hudson Valley Eyre Bus Trip to New York (Wednesday, September 26, 2018)

Hudson Valley is known for its rolling farmland, river-hugging towns, and treasures of art and architecture and is steeped in scenic beauty and fascinating history. Duration: 3 Days. **\$689 pp/double**

Contact Ellen at Eyre Tour & Travel for details about these overnight tours! 1-800-321-3973 x 3252

Looking for a longer trip? Check out the tour offerings from the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) Travel Committee! www.mrspa.org

TRIP RESERVATION FORM

(use one for each tour, please)

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IN MEMORIAM

The following MCPSRA Members passed away in 2017:

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David R. Hearn
Vivian G. Durell
Billy P. Slater
William H. Harring
Sylvia P. Levenson
John R. Yates, Jr.
Edward H. Blockowicz
Dr. Fred L. Dunn, Jr.

FEBRUARY

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Margaret M. Longo
Shirley S. Grant
Dorothy B. Hunter
Francine M. Pivinski
Richard H. Wilson

MARCH:

Elizabeth S. Layton
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Edward S. Clements
Pearl H. Liang
Robert E. Gallagher

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Donna M. Leone
Rudolph J. Crispeno
Harold E. White
Jean W. Marches
Mamie H. Clark
Dolores S. Detweiler
Roberta Stewart

MAY:

Julia Rita Raynor
Stephen G. Perialas
Joseph C. LiPira, Sr.
Lois A. Cuddy
Sandra Goldsmith
Lee P. Jackson
Ronald W. Gue
Arthur F. Stevens
(husband of Carol)

JUNE

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Quentin S. Clingerman
Eleanor J. McHargue
Seroun M. Wang
Louise A. Cassity

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Margaret D. Forst
G. S. Goldschmidts
Ruth Ronald
Nettie S. Kitzes
Caterine L. Domergue
(wife of Robert)
Herbert L. DuMars
Mable M. Smith

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Marion F. Ferrenz
Don A. Comer
Arlene M. Konopisos
Lenore P. Kuptzin
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RADON

A Quick Guide to Protecting Your Home

Radon is an invisible, radio-active gas created during the naturally occurring breakdown of uranium in rocks and soils.

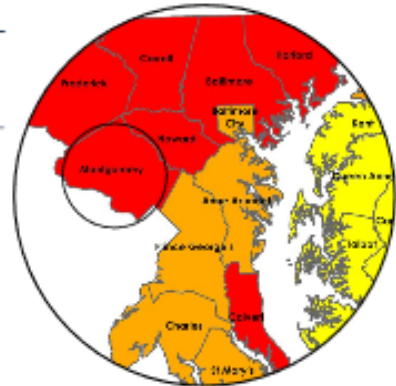
Radon gas enters homes and buildings through cracks and other openings in the foundation. It can create a serious health risk.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is responsible for roughly 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year. In fact, the U.S. Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers.

Average Indoor Radon Levels by County

- = Above 4 pCi/L
- = 2 to 4 pCi/L
- = Below 2 pCi/L

EPA Region 3 Map



EPA studies show that Montgomery County's average indoor radon level is above the recommended safe amount of 4 pCi/L.

Testing Your Home

Testing your home is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk.

To perform the test yourself, pick up a testing device from a home improvement retailer or *online*. Testing can also be done by a radon professional.

- **Short-term devices** test over a span of days. They are a quick and inexpensive way to screen for radon.
- **Long-term devices** measure levels for 3 months or more. They take day-to-day fluctuations into account and provide a better long-term average reading.

Before purchasing a device, refer to the list of recommended devices at: montgomerycountymd.gov/radon

Reducing High Radon Levels in Your Home

If your test results are 4 pCi/L or higher, the EPA recommends further action. For more information on understanding your test results, go to sosradon.org/results.

If you have tested your home and confirmed that you have elevated radon levels, consult a qualified radon mitigation contractor.

Find A Professional

These two organizations can help identify professionals in your area who are certified in radon testing and mitigation:

- **American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists:**
aarst-nrpp.com
- **National Radon Safety Board:**
nrsb.org



montgomerycountymd.gov/radon or call 3-1-1
Outside Montgomery County: 240-777-0311 TTY: 301-251-4850



RADON

Testing Requirement for Home Sales



As of October 1, 2016, Montgomery County law requires that single-family homes must be tested for radon before completing a sale of the home. (This requirement is contained in Chapter 40 of the Montgomery County Code.)

Who performs the radon test, and when?

Testing must be performed prior to the settlement date, but no more than a year in advance.

The test may be done by the seller, the buyer, or a third party hired by either (such as a home inspector or radon testing professional).

If the seller offers the buyer the opportunity to do the test, but the buyer declines, testing becomes the seller's responsibility.

Both the seller and the buyer must receive a copy of the radon test results.

Which testing devices may be used?

The law states that the test must be done using a County-approved device.

Each device has its own directions that must be followed carefully to ensure accurate results.

For a list of testing devices that comply with the law, go to:
montgomerycountymd.gov/radon

Where does the law apply?

The radon testing requirement applies to detached homes and townhomes in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Exemptions:

- Properties in Barnesville, Kensington, Poolesville and the City of Rockville;
- Units that are part of a condominium regime or a cooperative housing corporation;
- Sales that are exempt from the transfer tax under MD Tax-Property Code, §13-207, as amended;
- Sales by a lender or an affiliate or subsidiary of a lender that acquired the home by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure;
- A sheriff's sale, tax sale, or sale by foreclosure, partition, or by a court appointed trustee;
- A transfer by a fiduciary in the course of the administration of a decedent's estate, guardianship, conservatorship, or trust; or
- A transfer of a home to be converted by the buyer into a use other than residential, or to be demolished.



More information at
montgomerycountymd.gov/radon



MCPSRA Luncheon and Business Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Normandie Farm 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854

301-983-8838

www.popovers.com

If MCPS is closed, luncheon is cancelled. Delayed opening, luncheon is held.

Gathering: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: 12:00 Noon Program

Menu Choices:

Beef Bourguignon	\$23.50
Chicken Piccata	\$23.50
Baked Cod w/lemon beurre blanc	\$23.50
Eggplant Parmesan	\$20.00

Entrees include: roasted tomato & fennel soup, vegetable of the day, chocolate mousse w/walnuts, tea, coffee, soda.
Cash bar available.

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Thursday, February 22, 2018

Circle Entrée Choice

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chicken Beef

email address: _____ Fish Vegetarian

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Chicken Beef

email address: _____ Fish Vegetarian

Total amount enclosed: _____

RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, February 16, 2018.

Make check payable to MCPSRA. Mail to:

LEEANN KAYE

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Next Luncheon Date
February 22, 2018

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