
THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Welcome to the 2017 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair!

This year's theme -- "Party with the Animals" -- is as boundless as your imagination. We celebrate the men, women and young people whose lives revolve around farming in the County and whose dedication to sustaining our agricultural economy and way of life have been passed through generations.

We celebrate their hard work as we purchase fresh-from-the-fields produce to take home to enjoy or take time to savor some of the traditional country meals served at the Fair.

We educate ourselves about all that the farmers in our County do as we have fun watch them tend their animals or speak about their crops.

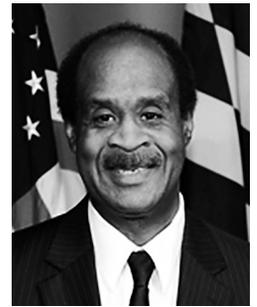
There are sights, sounds, flavors that create an unforgettable experience at the Fair for all ages, interests, and backgrounds. It is the best of our rural lifestyle and economy on display for all to enjoy. I hope you all leave the Fair with a better understanding of and appreciation for the tremendous impact that our agricultural community has upon our lives.

I look forward to seeing you, your family and friends at the 2017 Montgomery County Fair.

Sincerely,



Isiah Leggett
Montgomery County Executive



THE MAYOR OF GAITHERSBURG

Gaithersburg is proud of its agricultural heritage. With the coming of the railroad in 1884, local farmers found new markets for their products. Canneries sprung up around town, and the Thomas Cannery next to the Fairgrounds prospered, especially during World War II, when its canned goods found their way to troops both here and abroad.

The canneries have been repurposed for 21st century uses, and Gaithersburg is now a hub for the information and biotechnology industries. And yet we've managed to keep our connection to the past, nurturing the small town feel that makes this such an inviting place for a widely diverse and exciting population.

Will you be coming to Gaithersburg for the Fair this year? It's certainly a high point of the year, and worthy of taking a Fair Day.

But you'll also find a lot more to do in Gaithersburg all year long. Join us in May for the amazing Gaithersburg Book Festival, or come back in July for a community festival and fireworks spectacular.

Enjoy outdoor concerts in the summer, sample fresh produce from local farmers at our weekly farmers markets, or enjoy a local staycation with visits to the Gaithersburg Water Park and Miniature Golf course.

Come back in the fall for Oktoberfest at the Kentlands and the enchanting Winter Lights Festival at Seneca Creek State Park. As the air chills, head indoors for theater performances, fitness classes and art lessons.

Explore all this and more at www.gaithersburgmd.gov, and stay on top of the action on Facebook and Twitter. We'll see you at the Fair -- and hopefully elsewhere around town.

Sincerely,


 Jud Ashman
