
2017 FAIR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., we welcome you to our 69th Annual Fair and thank you for sharing in this wonderful tradition.

The founding of the Montgomery County Fair dates to the late 1940s, when a group of County agricultural leaders recognized the value in establishing a common livestock program and county fair. On June 5, 1949, more than 1,000 volunteers participated in the "Big Day," erecting most of the Agricultural Center by nightfall. Two months later, in August 1949, the first annual Montgomery County Agricultural Fair took place, featuring 1,308 exhibits.

Today, with great pride in all that we have achieved these 69 years, the Board of Directors and I invite you to experience the fun and educational opportunities our Fair offers. More than 1,100 volunteers have joined together to welcome you. Over 19,900 exhibits including Livestock, Dairy, Equine, Rabbits Indoor Exhibits and Poultry are here for you to enjoy. Be sure to visit our indoor exhibits, to explore our Home Arts, Photography, and Gardening presentations. The Old Timer and Kid Zone areas are great fun. Our Big Cheese and Dairy Bar offer treats galore, along with our wide variety of food vendors. Powers Great American Midway returns to our fairgrounds, delighting children and adults with safe rides and carnival games. Grab seats in the XNFINITY grandstand to cheer for your favorites during the Demolition Derbies, Tractor Pulls, and Monster Truck competitions. For theatrical entertainment, make your way to the PEPCO Community Stage. Plus, the Fair offers much more for the entire family to enjoy.

I am so very proud and thankful for the dedication of our Board of Directors, staff and volunteers who work together to maintain the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair as a premier annual community event. They uphold the vision of our founders to promote agricultural education and commerce through a Fair experience you and your family will treasure.

Thank you for attending the 69th Annual Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. I urge you to become involved in our 70th Annual Fair next year, as an exhibitor, competitor, or part of our volunteer family.

Now, it's time to "party with the animals". Welcome one and all.

*Mark Ryba
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