THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Fairgoers:

Welcome to the 2023 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair!

This year's theme "Saddle Up for Fun" offers endless possibilities. Join us as we celebrate people of all ages whose lives revolve around farming in the County and whose dedication to sustaining our agricultural economy and way of life has been passed down through the generations.

The Agricultural Fair gives us a chance to celebrate their hard work. I encourage you to purchase fresh-fromthe-fields produce to take home to enjoy or take time to savor some of the traditional country meals served at the Fair. Also, be sure to take time to learn about all that the farmers in our County do as we enjoy watching them tend their animals or speak about their crops.



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

I look forward to seeing you, your family, and friends at the 2023 Montgomery County Fair.

Sincerely,

Marc Elrich

County Executive

THE MAYOR OF GAITHERSBURG



I love the theme of this year's Montgomery County Agricultural Fair: "Saddle Up for Fun."

Gaithersburg is proud to be the host city of the Montgomery County Fair, and we're equally proud of our agricultural heritage. With the coming of the railroad in 1884, local farmers found new markets for their products. Canneries sprung up around town, eager to produce goods for the burgeoning DMV, and they even shipped their goods throughout the world.

Our historic buildings have been repurposed for 21st century uses, and our wonderful City is now known far and wide as a hub for biotechnology. 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.

While in Gaithersburg, take some time to explore our historic community. Check out History Park, with its vintage locomotive and rail cars, splash fountain and Community Museum. Visit Bohrer Park and learn about its role in the Civil War. Visit the Latitude Observatory, a scientific installation that aided in navigation and today hosts intriguing

and educational skywatching events. All of these things are less than a mile away from the Fairgrounds.

We hope you enjoy coming to the Fair, and we hope you'll "Saddle Up for Fun" in Gaithersburg all year round. Explore City events, including our fabulous Book Festival, a SummerFest with fireworks and a SummerGlo after party, an amazing Water Park and Miniature Golf course, a lively Oktoberfest, and an enchanting Winter Lights Festival.

Discover all that the City of Gaithersburg has to offer online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube @GburgMD.

Enjoy your visit to Gaithersburg, and I hope to see you at the Fair!

Sincerely,

Jud Ashman Mayor

