

2024 Spring Issue

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Please join us for these important upcoming events!

## MAKING OUR VOTE COUNT

115th NAACP National Convention

National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada July 12 - 17, 2024

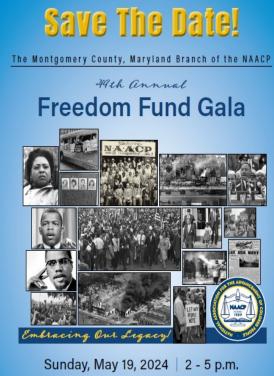


The 2024 National conference at the Mandalay Bay Hotel in Las Vegas will feature a host of exciting panels, activations, opportunities to network and be inspired, and much more. Thousands of like-minded individuals from across the country — all dedicated to the fight for social justice and equity — will gather for an experience like none other. See you there!

Visit https://naacp.org/convention for registration and additional information.

# **EMBRACING OUR HERITAGE**

49th Annual Freedom Fund Gala



Martin's Crosswinds ~ Grand Ballroom 7400 Greenway Center Drive Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW AT EVENT BRITE: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/49th-naacp-montgomery-countymaryland-2024-freedom-fund-gala-tickets-787846900287

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- NAACP Montgomery County activities
- Are you ready to make your vote count?
- Upcoming youth activities
- First Time Homebuyers event
- Fact checking prejudice verses racism?

### **NAACP Montgomery County Activity Highlights**

- Working with Montgomery County Council to promote an inclusive economy that provides true opportunity for every county resident
- Encouraging County Executive, Marc Elrich, to ensure appointment of African Americans in leadership positions in the Executive Branch.
- Advocating and supporting teachers and students by working closely with the Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA).
- During Black History Month, encouraged sponsorship for student field trips to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.
- Recommendation of County development for the construction of a venue space to accommodate large events and conferences.

## **First-Time Home Buyers Event**

Thinking about buying your first home? First-time buyers can face plenty of hurdles



on the road to homeownership - whether it's saving for a down payment and closing costs, qualifying for a mortgage loan, or simply navigating the home buying process

Join us on June 8, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church located at 610 S Frederick Ave. Gaithersburg MD

# **2024 Election and Voting** Information

## MAKE A PLAN

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE** PRIMARY



#### **PRIMARY ELECETION TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024** 7:00AM - 8:00PM

EARLY VOTING - THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 - THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

**GENERAL ELECTIONS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,** 2024 7:00PM - 8:00PM



EARLY VOTING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024 - THURSDAY, **OCTOBER 31, 2024** 7:00AM - 8:00PM



#### **REQUEST A MAIL-IN** BALLOT

BYMAIL OR FAX - Tuesday ,May 7th BY INTERNET /EMAIL - Friday, May 10th IN-PERSON -- Tuesday, May 14th

CONTACT YOU LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE OR TO BECOME A REGISTERED VOTER REGISTRAR AND TO FIND YOUR EARLY VOTING SITE HTTPS://WWW.MONTGOMERYCOUNTYMD.GOV/ELECTIONS/INDEX2.HTML

To look up your voter information, register to vote or request a mail in ballot visit voterservices.elections.maryland.gov

# NAACP ACT-SO

Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics Program

ACT-SO aims to:

- Recognize creative talent and academic achievement in the next generation of leaders.
- Provide and assist students with the necessary skills to establish goals and acquire the confidence and training to make a successful contribution to society

## SAVE THE DATE ACT-SO COMPETITION DAY

Come out and see the STARS! Sunday April 14, 2024

Montgomery College Rockville Campus - Theater Arts Building 900 Hungerford Drive, Rockville MD

Contacts: Pat Price actsomc@gmail.com Laura Dennis Idennis99@comcast.net

# Youth in Power

Brave Spaces for All Ages!

Join three dozen youth-empowering organizations in our community, and learn about the many offerings available to students and families!

Brave Spaces for All Ages will spotlight positive youth achievement, and provide a "one-stop" informational forum for families and individuals who want to learn about youth programs and resources near where they live.

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JOIN US for the Free YOUTH IN POWER Kick-Off! Drumming Circle / Collaborative Mural Painting



Highlights:

- Nonprofits based in Takoma Park, Silver Spring and Wheaton
- Brings together service groups, local business and County services
- April 18-27, 2024: Visit nonprofits, open houses and free to the public

Contact Information: 301-588-2787 clayton@createartscenter.com

#### *Join us as a Sponsor or Volunteer!*



## Fact Checking: Prejudice verses Racism

**<u>Prejudice</u>** refers to preconceived opinions or attitudes towards individuals or groups based on stereotypes, without considering evidence or experience. Prejudice can manifest in various forms, such as racial, religious, or cultural prejudice. It stems from individual beliefs and biases and does not necessarily involve systemic power dynamics.

**<u>Racism</u>** involves prejudice or discrimination against individuals or groups based on their race or ethnicity, but it also incorporates systemic power structures that perpetuate inequality. Racism operates on both individual and institutional levels, where those in positions of power use their authority to reinforce discriminatory practices or policies against marginalized racial or ethnic groups.

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