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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

Save The Date!

The Montgomery County, Maryland Branch of the NAACP

49th Annual
Freedom Fund Gala

Embracing Our Legacy!

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 2 - 5 p.m.

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-county-maryland-2024-freedom-fund-gala-tickets-78784690287>

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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

Tuesday, April 23, 2024



**PRIMARY ELECTION
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 YOUR 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](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

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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.

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

April 17th
2024

Wednesday
5:30-7:30pm

Silver Spring
Civic Building &
Veterans Plaza

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

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Fact Checking: Prejudice versus Racism

Prejudice 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.

Racism 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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Please mail this form to the address above along with your check or money order made payable to:
Montgomery County NAACP
 Gifts and contributions to this branch are not deductible as charitable contributions. However, a portion of your dues is remitted to the National organization and these amounts are tax deductible.

Regular Annual Memberships:

- _____ Regular adult (age 21 and over) - \$30
- _____ Youth (age 20 and under) - \$10
- _____ Annual Corporate - \$5,000

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- _____ Junior Life (age 12 and under) - \$100
 Payable in installments of \$25 or more) __/__/__ Birthdate
- _____ Bronze Life (ages 14-20) - \$400
 Payable in installments of \$50 or more) __/__/__ Birthdate
- _____ Silver Life - \$750
 Payable in installments of \$75 or more
- _____ Gold Life - \$1,500
 Payable in installments of \$150 or more
- _____ Diamond Life - \$2,500
 Payable in installments of \$250 or more

Your support is essential to ensure that the efforts of the NAACP are visible and effective in protecting the civil rights of all citizens.
 Remember, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!

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Montgomery County Maryland NAACP Receipt

Name: _____ Date: _____
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Thank You for Your Support!

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