Ride On Newsletter

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New Ride On Bus Service Changes Begin on Sunday, September 6, to Improve Efficiency and Service Delivery

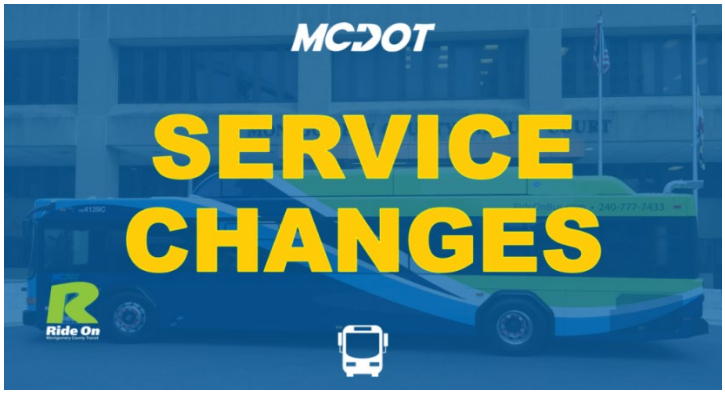
The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) will adjust 20 Ride On bus route schedules starting Sunday, September 6, 2026, to improve efficiency, service delivery, and on-time performance.

Changes also reflect the new US 29 Flash Blue line extension into Howard County, which will begin on Tuesday, September 8. This is a partnership between our two Counties that will extend public transportation service to and from Howard and Montgomery Counties. The current Blue Route operates between the Silver Spring Transit Center and Burtonsville. The extension will provide another four Flash stops north into Howard County, connecting to the Mall at Columbia and Merriweather. The extension will follow the Blue Route schedule, operating every 15 minutes during weekday rush hours.

Additionally, Ride On bus stops at Carroll Avenue & Maple Avenue (stop IDs - 20806 & 20742) will be discontinued beginning September 6. These stops currently serve Ride On Routes 12, 13, 16, 18, & 25. Riders should use alternate stops at Carroll Street NW & Laurel Avenue (stop IDs - 20804 & 20744) or at Takoma Station.

These changes represent a shift of resources to allow for more reliable service where demand is higher. Decisions about these changes are also made because of feedback from our riders, consistent analysis, review of our performance, service delivery goals, and objectives by our service planning team.

The new schedules will be available at rideonbus.com and in print.



Route changes include:

- Beginning Sunday, Sept. 6, Nineteen (19) routes have timetable changes: 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 26, 33, 34, 37, 38, 40, 41, and 47.
- Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8, Flash Blue has new trips times and locations due to the new extension to Howard County.

Here are details of each route affected:

Route	Service Notes	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Trip changes			x
5	Trip changes	x		
6	Trip changes	x		
8	Trip changes		x	x
9	Trip changes	x		
12	Trip changes		x	x
15	Trip changes	x	x	
16	Trip changes	x	x	x
17	Trip changes	x		
18	Trip changes	x		
20	Trip changes	x	x	x
26	Trip changes	x		
33	Trip changes	x		
34	Trip changes	x		
37	Trip changes	x		
38	Trip changes			x
40	Trip changes	x	x	x
41	Trip changes	x	x	x
47	Trip changes	x	x	x
Flash Blue	New trip times. Blue Line Extension to Howard County	x		

Flash Moves Forward with New Howard County Expansion



Beginning on Tuesday **September 8, 2026**, the Flash Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Blue Route on US 29 will serve four new stops in Howard County. The extended Blue Route will provide weekday, rush-hour service between Downtown Silver Spring and Downtown Columbia.

The expansion introduces Howard County to its first Flash BRT service and brings faster, more frequent bus service to four of the county's most active hubs, with new station locations at:

- Columbia - Merriweather Drive
- Columbia - Little Patuxent Parkway
- Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL)
- Maple Lawn Boulevard

The Blue Route will continue to operate Monday through Friday every 15-20 minutes during the AM and PM peak hours (approximately 5:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-8:00 p.m.). Flash BRT, like all Montgomery County Ride On buses, is free for all riders.

At first, the Flash stops in Howard County will have temporary signage until permanent stations are put into place later this year.

Flash to Howard County will make it easier and quicker for riders to access major employment and activity centers and connect to regional transit networks. Riders from Montgomery County will gain direct access to the RTA transit system in Columbia, with expanded options to reach destinations in Howard, Anne Arundel, and Prince George's Counties.

Riders from Howard County will be able to directly access more than 30 Ride On and Metrobus routes, Metrorail, MARC, and the future Purple Line via the Silver Spring Transit Center. These connections provide access across the metropolitan Washington region.

Back to School Reminders



With the end of August comes the beginning of a new school year for students in Montgomery County. Ride On's zero fare policy makes taking the bus an equitable commuting option for students of all ages. While we are happy to transport local students to and from school, activities, and social engagements this fall, we'd like to take the time to review some "rules of the road" when it comes to conduct on Ride On buses. Read on and remember to follow @RideOnMCT on Instagram, Facebook, X, and Bluesky for more of our Ride On Reminders, back to school edition!

When watching videos on board a bus or at a stop, remember to use headphones. Ride On buses may feel like home, but it's important to remember a bus is a public place to be shared with everyone. Always watch videos with headphones on low volume. Be aware of the content of videos you watch in the bus, as there may be young children nearby.

When boarding, head to the back of the bus to make room for other passengers to board quickly and easily. Bus routes near schools can get very crowded before and after school hours. Remember to make room for other passengers by moving to the back of the bus after boarding.

Allow seniors and disabled persons to occupy priority seating. Be aware of designated seats at the front of the bus; fold down seats or those marked with a

wheelchair icon are reserved for older adults and those with disabilities. Please make room for the intended passengers to use those seats if needed.

Vaping, smoking, eating, and drinking are not permitted on the bus. Ride On has a strict no substance policy on board all buses. Vaping, as discreet as you may think it is, is not permitted on Ride On buses. Patrons violating these rules may be asked to leave the bus or be subject to ticketing or arrest by local police.

Keep bags and personal items off bus seats when others need seating. When bus seats begin filling up, move your backpack and other personal items to your lap or the floor in front of you. Bus seats are for people, not stuff.

Remember the golden rule: always treat bus operators and other bus patrons with respect. Everyone is on their own journey. Please be kind to other riders and treat operators with respect when on buses or at stops.

The bus is not a garbage can! Take all trash or unwanted items with you when you leave the bus. Trash cans are located at many bus stops for riders' use.

How Regional Leaders Are Shaping the Future of Transit in Maryland



The 2026 Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Leadership Briefing brought transportation leaders together to explore the ideas and innovations shaping transit in Maryland today. A central part of the experience was the visit to Montgomery County's EMTOC Microgrid, the largest transit depot microgrid in the country. It provides up to 6.8 megawatts of clean energy through solar generation, battery storage, and charging systems that keep buses operating even when the surrounding power grid is disrupted.

During the visit, leaders saw how the microgrid supports daily operations for a growing zero emission fleet. They observed how it delivers reliable charging for

buses, powers multiple facilities on the EMTOC campus, and includes features that prepare Montgomery County for future technologies such as hydrogen powered vehicles.

Transportation teams also explored different parts of Maryland's transit network to get a clearer picture of how communities are planning for the future. They looked at improvements underway for faster bus service, ways to make travel easier for people who use more than one mode of transportation, and how road design can be adjusted to help traffic flow more smoothly. These hands-on visits made it easier to see how different regions are approaching similar goals and how shared lessons can help everyone move forward.

As Montgomery County continues toward its zero emission fleet goals, the lessons learned from visits like this help guide decisions that support reliable service, cleaner operations, and better experiences for Ride On riders and staff.

A Ride On Guide to Montgomery County Shopping Centers



As the dog days of summer drag on, the start of the 2026-2027 school year is just beginning. Get prepared for your child to return to the classroom by stocking up on all the essentials. From clothing to school supplies, this list has you covered with local shopping centers and malls that can be accessed by Ride On routes.

- Rockville Town Square: Located in the center of Rockville, this open-air shopping center includes clothing stores, groceries, and even a public library to check out those last-minute summer reading books. Take Ride On Route 45, 40, 46, 55, or 301 to Rockville Town Square to visit this collection of vendors.
- Westfield Wheaton Mall: The Wheaton Mall has everything you need to get geared up for the new year. Stop in for new shoes, clothing, school supplies,

and more. Westfield Wheaton is located directly across from the Wheaton Metro station; take Ride On routes 4, 7, 8, 9, 34, 37, 38, 40, 41 or 48 to get here.

- Gaithersburg Square: Located on Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg Square has some favorite discount retailers to get your kids looking their best for less! This shopping center also houses beauty service providers to get in that last minute haircut or manicure. To visit Gaithersburg Square, take Ride On routes 54, 55, 59, or 61.
- Rio: The Rio shopping center is a lakeside outdoor mall that includes locations of some of your favorite big box retailers, boutique clothing stores, eateries, and key services like eyewear and grooming. Take a break from the back-to-school hustle and bustle and catch a movie or grab dinner with the family while you're there. Ride On routes 54, 74, and ext*Ra* Lime Route will take you directly to the Rio.
- Westfield Montgomery Mall: Located in Bethesda, Westfield Montgomery Mall has all your kids' favorite places to shop. Make it a family day with a movie, meal, or one of many activities in and around the mall. Ride On routes 6, 26, 42, 47, and 96 serve Westfield Montgomery.

Interview with Transit Advisory Group Member Wei Li



How long have you been riding with Ride On and what year did you begin?

I started riding the Ride On bus in 1997 when I immigrated to the US and settled in Twinbrook (Rockville). So, it will be 30 years in 2027!

Why did you start riding Ride On?

I grew up in China riding the bus with my grandma so public transportation is a part of me. I started riding Ride On in 1997 because we only had 1 car at the time and my mom was a new driver who didn't always feel comfortable driving to unfamiliar places.

Living in Twinbrook, Ride On was an easy way to get to places (grocery store, Montgomery County offices) without getting lost (pre-GPS days).

What routes do you ride the most and for what reasons?

Currently, my main route is 73. But I also ride 55, 75, and 100 depending on the time of day and where I'm going. During the 2025-2026 school year, my daughter took Route 73 and 55/59/61 regularly to get to her school bus stop or carpool, and back home in the afternoon.

What do you like the most about riding with Ride On?

My favorite thing about Ride On is that I'm not the one driving! I can just sit back and relax while the bus driver navigates MoCo traffic (shoutout to all the bus drivers!).

A close second favorite thing is that I have the time to look out of the window and see neighborhoods and things that I would otherwise miss when I'm driving. I love exploring Montgomery County on Ride On.

How do you view your role as a Ride On Transit Advisory Group (TAG) member?

As a Ride On TAG member, I view my role as listening to others' ideas and providing my own ideas to make Ride On more efficient for our community, and how it can support future housing growth.

How likely are you to recommend Ride On to someone else?

I recommend Ride On to everyone! I take all my kids on the bus as babies. I teach them how to navigate the transit system so when they grow older, they can feel confident riding Ride On by themselves!

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The National Association for Counties (NACo) 2026 Achievement Award-winning Transit Advisory Group is actively recruiting new members! If you or someone you know is interested, especially those who are disabled, high school students or bilingual, please visit our TAG webpage. to apply to be a member. Your membership is free, and you will have a chance to make a difference within Montgomery County. Let your voice be heard!! Apply to be a TAG member here.

Ride On Celebrates National Women's Equality Day



Each year on August 26, Women's Equality Day recognizes the progress women have made and celebrates the important contributions women continue to make in our workplaces and communities.

At Ride On, women help keep Montgomery County moving every day—from the operators behind the wheel to the professionals and leaders who plan, manage and support our transit system.

This year, we are highlighting **Carrie Webster**, Management and Budget Specialist III with Transit Services. Carrie began working with Montgomery County as a contractor in May 2016 and became a full-time County employee in October 2019.

For Carrie, public service is at the heart of her work.

"I've always valued working in government and serving the public. In my current role, I help support the expansion of transportation services for residents across Montgomery County."

She is especially proud of the role public transportation plays in making the County more accessible, particularly for families who rely on affordable transportation, while also helping reduce traffic on local roads.

"I'm truly excited to see continued growth in our network and to help bring accessible public transportation to every part of the County."

This Women's Equality Day, Ride On proudly recognizes Carrie Webster and all of the women operators, staff and leaders whose dedication, expertise and service help move Montgomery County forward.

Celebrating National Senior Citizens Day, August 21



National Senior Citizens Day, celebrated annually on August 21, is a special occasion dedicated to honoring the contributions and achievements of our senior citizens. Established in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan, this day serves as a reminder to appreciate the wisdom, experience, and dedication that older adults bring to our communities. It is a time to recognize their lifelong efforts and the positive impact they have had on society, from building strong families to shaping our neighborhoods and workplaces.

In Montgomery County, senior citizens play a vital role in enriching our lives. They are the keepers of history, sharing stories and lessons from the past that help guide future generations. Many of our seniors continue to be active participants in community activities, volunteering their time and expertise to various causes. Their involvement not only benefits the community but also fosters a sense of purpose and belonging among the elderly. On National Senior Citizens Day, we encourage everyone to take a moment to thank the seniors in their lives and acknowledge their invaluable contributions.

As part of our commitment to supporting senior citizens, Ride On offers several programs tailored to their needs.

Zero Fare Ride On Service

Seniors can ride Ride On, Ride On ext*R*a, Ride On Flex and Flash buses at no cost.

Senior SmarTrip Card

Adults age 65 and older can receive a free Senior SmarTrip card, which provides reduced fares on Metrorail and Metrobus. Montgomery County residents can obtain a card by visiting a Montgomery County Public Library or Commuter Store. Bring proof of age (State ID, birth certificate or passport). A Senior SmarTrip card is free of charge. There is no value on the card at time of purchase-- fare value may be added at Metro stations or Commuter stores.

Call-n-Ride

Eligible low-income Montgomery County residents age 63 and older can receive discounted taxi transportation through the Call-n-Ride program. The service provides curb-to-curb transportation and can be used for trips such as medical appointments, shopping and other everyday needs. For information or an application, call 301-948-5409 Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Public Transportation Travel Training

Connect-A-Ride offers free half-day workshops that help Montgomery County residents aged 50+ get confident and comfortable taking public transportation. Participants learn how to read the Metro map, understand digital schedule signs, load a fare card, and where to find a station's emergency and accessibility features. The workshops run for about three hours and include classroom training, a Ride On bus ride, a visit to a Metro station, and a one-station round-trip train ride.

Upcoming CAR Travel Training Workshops:

- Thursday, September 17, 2026 10 am – 1 pm, Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville)
- Wednesday, September 23, 2026 1 pm - 4 pm, Lakeview House Apartments (10250 Westlake Drive, Bethesda)

Advanced registration for the workshops is required. To register or for more information, call 301-738-3252 or email ConnectARide@jssa.org.

Connect-A-Ride

Connect-A-Ride (CAR) is a free referral service that provides adults over 50 and adults with disabilities information about their transportation options for medical services, errands, social activities and more. CAR links callers with public, private, and volunteer transportation services, including escorted transportation. In

addition, the program assists callers with their applications for transportation programs like Call-N-Ride and Metro Access. They also offer free workshops on how to use public transportation. Call 301-738-3252 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CAR is funded by Montgomery County Government and operated by Jewish Council for the Aging (JCA).

Free Transportation to Montgomery County Recreation

Curb-to-curb transportation is available for County residents 55 and over to senior centers and some community centers. This free service is for those living within the service areas of one of the centers. To learn more, call 240-777-4925.

Rockville and Gaithersburg also provide transportation to their senior centers. In Rockville, call 240-314-8810. In Gaithersburg, call 301-258-6380 and press 5.

Montgomery County Recreation has many ways for independent adults 55 and better to stay active and healthy. Whether you are working, semi-retired or fully retired, they have many programs, activities, classes, and events for you to choose from. There are many opportunities for you to THRIVE! To learn more, visit the recreation website.

Transportation Network Directory for People with Disabilities & Adults age 50+

To explore transportation options any time, visit to this detailed online guide to public, private, and non-profit transportation services. The Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities designed the guide and keeps it up to date.

Ride On is committed to helping Montgomery County's older adults get where they need to go safely, conveniently and affordably. This National Senior Citizens Day, we celebrate our senior riders and thank them for all they contribute to our community.

National Traffic Safety Awareness Month: Navigating August with Confidence



August marks National Traffic Safety Awareness Month, an observance established in 2002 that encourages everyone to take a closer look at roadway safety. Late-summer travel, back-to-school routines, and several national safety initiatives make this an ideal time to pay attention to the habits that shape how smoothly and safely everyone moves through the community.

A Month When Road Activity Picks Up

Roadways typically become more active during August. Intersections handle more frequent stops, school zones reopen with new pedestrian patterns, and end-of-summer travel increases traffic volume. Several national campaigns appear throughout the month, each focusing on familiar risks and reminders:

- **Stop on Red Week**: Highlights intersection safety and raises awareness about the dangers of running red lights.
- **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over**: Runs August 19 through Labor Day and targets impaired driving during a high-travel period.
- **Back-to-School Safety Reminders**: Encourages slower speeds and attention around children walking or biking near school zones.
- **Move Over Awareness**: Reinforces slowing down and shifting lanes when emergency responders are present on the roadside.

These campaigns work together to create timely, easy-to-absorb reminders during one of the busiest travel months of the year.

Evolving Roadway Challenges

Several long-standing safety issues continue to impact roadway conditions. National data shows that more than 100 people die in U.S. traffic crashes each day. Road-rage-related crashes account for more than 1,000 fatalities annually, with many drivers reporting encounters with aggressive behavior. These trends underscore the importance of steady awareness and measured reactions, especially during congested periods.

New travel modes have also changed the dynamics of daily movement. Electric scooters and small motorized bikes have become increasingly common in Montgomery County. Their compact size and agility allow them to appear suddenly in traffic, often weaving through lanes or entering intersections more quickly than larger vehicles. These devices share the same spaces as buses, cars, cyclists, and pedestrians, which makes visibility and attentiveness even more important. Predictable behavior from all road users helps reduce conflicts and supports safer, smoother movement.

Transit and Shared Roadways

Buses operate across many of the same high-activity corridors where seasonal changes and new mobility trends appear. Operators navigate complex intersections, shifting traffic patterns, scooter activity, crosswalks, and busy pedestrian areas. Consistent roadway awareness from everyone (drivers, riders, cyclists, scooter users, and pedestrians) helps keep transit running reliably and ensures safe travel throughout shared environments.

Practical Ways to Stay Engaged This Month

National Traffic Safety Awareness Month promotes small actions that complement daily routines and strengthen overall safety. A few practical approaches include:

- Checking both directions before entering or crossing intersections
- Leaving extra time when traveling through school zones or pedestrian-heavy areas
- Staying patient during congestion or delays
- Remaining alert around bus stops, crosswalks, and areas where buses or scooters frequently operate
- Giving space to bicycles, scooters, and motorcycles to avoid sudden close interactions
- Reviewing any updated safety guidance or regulations relevant to your area

These steps are straightforward and support safe, predictable movement for all travelers.

Your Ticket to Last-Minute Summer Fun, Free with Ride On



Summer may be winding down, but there is still plenty of time to make the most of the season. If you have been waiting for the perfect weekend to explore somewhere new, meet up with friends, spend time with family, or simply get out of the house, there is no need to plan an elaborate trip. Some of the best summer adventures can be found right here in Montgomery County, and Ride On can help you get there without worrying about driving, parking, or putting extra miles on your car.

Looking for a way to enjoy the outdoors? Pack a picnic, grab your water bottle, and head to one of Montgomery County's many parks and recreational areas. Spend the afternoon walking along a trail, relaxing under the trees, playing a game with friends, or simply enjoying some fresh air. You don't have to travel far to find a place to slow down and enjoy the last few weeks of summer.

If Silver Spring is on your summer bucket list, there are plenty of Ride On options to get you there. Routes including Routes 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 28 serve the Silver Spring area. With so many connections, Silver Spring can be an easy destination for an afternoon of shopping, dining, entertainment, or exploring the downtown area. You can also connect with the Silver Spring Transit Center and Metrorail for even more options outside the County.

If you're looking for an up-County adventure, explore Germantown! Route 55 provides a connection between Rockville and Germantown Transit Center, while other routes including Routes 61, 70, 74, 75, 79, 83, 97, 98, and 100 also serve the Germantown area. You can make your trip as simple or adventurous as you want—meet friends for lunch, visit a local destination, spend time outdoors, or connect to another Ride On route for even more places to explore.

Ride On can also be a convenient option when you are heading to summer events happening throughout the county. From community festivals and outdoor activities

to seasonal celebrations and local gatherings, there are always opportunities to get out and enjoy the summer. Instead of spending time looking for a parking space, consider taking Ride On and making your trip part of the experience. Be sure to check event details and plan your route ahead of time, especially if you are traveling during busy periods.

The best part: you do not need a month-long itinerary or a reservation at a faraway destination to make your summer memorable. Sometimes all it takes is a free afternoon, a little curiosity, and a plan to go somewhere different. Whether you are headed into an urban district or to the peace and quiet of nature, Ride On can help you get there.

So grab your sunglasses, pack your essentials, invite a friend or bring the family, and let Ride On be part of your last-minute summer plans. There is still time to explore, and you don't have to go far to make the most of it.

Of Note

Transportation Schedule for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7

Below is the transportation-related holiday schedule for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 7:

- County offices and the MC311 service center - Will be closed.
- Ride On bus service - Will operate on a Sunday schedule. View route schedules here.
- Ride On ext*R*a Pink and Lime bus services - Will operate on a Sunday schedule.
- Ride On ext*R*a Route 101 (Frederick Road/Rockville Pike) and Flex bus services - Will not be in service.
- Ride On Flash bus service - The Orange Route will operate on a Weekend/Holiday schedule. The Blue Route (typically, weekday only) will not be in service.
- TRiPS Silver Spring Commuter Store - Will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store - Will be closed.

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Summer Red Line Closure and Travel Alternatives

Metro Red Line closures remain in effect through September 6, 2026. Remember, Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is offering the Ride On Glenmont Express Shuttle, connecting Upcounty riders to the Red Line Metro stations on the east arm of the Red Line. The Glenmont Express Shuttle will provide direct service between Milestone Park-and-Ride, Shady Grove and Glenmont Metro Stations, operating every 40 minutes on Monday - Friday from 6-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Have you used the Glenmont Express Shuttle during this summer's partial Metro Red Line shutdown? Please take a moment to complete our brief rider survey by clicking this link.

Metro will also be running free shuttle buses between the North Bethesda station and Friendship Heights station. Some of the shuttle buses will offer express service between the two stations, and local service will run along 355. Alternately, riders can board one of several Ride On and Metrobus routes that serve Metro stations on the east arm of the Red Line, which is currently still in service.

Detours Due to Redland Road Bridge Construction

Due to weather related delays, the planned bridge construction over Mill Creek at Redland Road has been extended through September 26, 2026.

This closure is impacting Ride On Routes 53 and 57. For detour information, click here.

Take the Fairfax Connector to Northern Virginia

Commuting to Tysons this fall? The Route 798 express bus service is a commuter bus which operates from Tysons, Virginia to Bethesda, Maryland, including stops at the Medical Center Metro Station (servicing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Walter Reed Bethesda National Medical Center), the Bethesda Metro station, and the Westfield Montgomery Mall Transit Center. This Fairfax County Connector route is a convenient, efficient, and eco-friendly transportation option for those commuting between Northern Virginia and Montgomery County. The route

offers comfortable seating and USB charging ports, allowing riders to relax and turn their focus away from traffic during their commute.

Transit Trivia!

Test your familiarity with Ride On's routes, services, and more with our transit trivia! The answer will be in next month's edition of our newsletter, so make sure you tune in to see if you answered correctly!

Question:

The highest elevation in Montgomery County is located in the far northern part of the county. Which Ride On stop is closest to it?

1. Traville Gateway Drive & Shady Grove Road
2. Crystal Rock Drive & Crystal Rock Court
3. Prince Philip Drive & Georgia Avenue
4. Wintergate Drive & Copper Mountain Terrace

Last Month's Question:

In what year did Montgomery County launch its Seniors Ride Free program on Ride On buses?

1. 2004
2. 2006
3. 2007
4. 2011

Answer: 2) 2006

Montgomery County launched its Seniors Ride Free program in 2006, giving residents aged 65 and older free access to Ride On buses during weekday midday hours, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The initiative was created to make transportation more accessible and affordable for seniors, helping them travel more easily for errands, appointments, and community activities.

For the most up-to-date service information, riders should follow @RideOnMCT on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. In addition, information is available at RideOnBus.com, by subscribing to receive email alerts at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/govdelivery, or texting MONTGOMERY RIDEON to **62463 (previously 468311)** to receive text alerts. *Message and Data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply HELP for help or*

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