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Dear Douglas,
It was cold and drizzling on Sunday, but we still had a great time at the inaugural Duck Race Festival! Lots of people participated by adopting ducks, enjoying the children's activities, dumping a carton of ducks into the water and more.

Thanks to Milky Monkey Photography, we have some great photos already posted on our website, with more to come. [Click here to view photos.](#)

Congratulations and Thanks!



Of the 6,000 ducks dropped into the lake at Washingtonian Center on Sunday, 23 won prizes for their adoptive owners. Prizes ranged from \$2,000 cash to lucky duck beach towels. Did you win something? [Click here to find out!](#)

We sincerely appreciated the support of our many volunteers and sponsors!! The Duck Race Festival would not have been possible without their contributions. [Click here for a list of the individuals and organizations who made this event successful.](#)

Executive Director Retires

After four years of extremely successful leadership of The Arc Montgomery County, Executive Director Joyce Taylor will retire on December 31. Ms. Taylor was appointed Executive Director in 2008 and has been with the agency for over 31 years. During her tenure, she shepherded the agency through a difficult financial period, successfully returning it to a balanced budget and fiscal stability.

A national search for a new executive director has been launched and will be facilitated through Managance Consulting. A position summary has been posted on The Arc's home page and inquiries related to the

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UPCOMING EVENTS



search should be directed to TheArcMontgomerySearch@Managance.com.

[Click here to view the complete position summary.](#)

[Visit our website calendar for full details!](#)

Duck Race Festival
Sunday, October 2

Education Committee
Wednesday, October 12

Volunteer Orientation
Friday, October 14

Transitioning Youth Resource Fair
Saturday, October 15

Sibshops
Sunday, October 16

Residential Support Group Meeting
Tuesday, October 18

Transition Times
Wednesday, October 19

Children & Youth Services Open House
Friday, October 21

Children & Youth Services Open House



We invite you to join us on **Friday, October 21, 10 am-12:30 pm**, for an Open House at our Children & Youth Services program, 10611 Tenbrook Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

The Karasik and Family, Infant and Child Care Center has been completely restructured and now serves over 150 children ages six weeks to ten, with and without special care needs, in completely inclusive classrooms. The center focuses on the developmental needs of each child through a partnership between families and professionally-trained staff.

Disability History & Awareness Month



President Obama has once again been proclaimed October to be **Disability History & Awareness Month**, and there are lots of resources available to share with family, friends, educators and others.

Departing Rosewood is a 30-minute documentary which follows one man's journey from Rosewood, Maryland's oldest and largest institution, to his own home in the community.

[Click here to view online.](#)

Do-Si-Do with Autism is a delightfully entertaining and thoughtful way to introduce children to the importance and joy of building meaningful relationships with people who have autism and other developmental disabilities. [Click here to visit the author's website.](#)

Lives Worth Living traces the development of the disability movement from its inception and will be broadcast on local PBS stations on October 27 at 10 pm. [Click here to watch a trailer.](#)

Additional resources are available at www.md-council.org.

Metro Access Town Hall Meetings

Have a suggestion about the next MetroAccess paratransit contract? Metro and its Accessibility Advisory Committee are hosting three Town Hall Meetings to obtain input from the public. **Customers and**



stakeholders will have the opportunity to talk to Metro leadership to provide their perspectives on any changes they would like to see.

The Town Hall Meeting Open House will begin at 6 pm. During the Open House, MetroAccess riders and stakeholders can pick up informational materials and speak with Metro officials. The Town Hall Meetings will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8 pm as follows:

- Monday, October 24, Jackson Graham Building, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001
- Tuesday, October 25, Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia 22201
- Wednesday, October 26, First United Methodist Church, 6201 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Unable to attend? You can still submit comments by calling 202.962.1141 during the meeting dates and times above and provide comments by telephone, e-mailing comments to access@wmata.com or mailing comments to WMATA, Attn: MetroAccess, 600 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

For more information, visit www.MetroOpensDoors.com.

Our Sincere Apologies

Three honorary donations were incorrectly listed as memorial donations in our quarterly newsletter. The text should have read:

In Honorarium: Candace Bryant, Cree Valcourt-Pearce and Rayna Wertlieb.

We apologize for any concern this has caused and regret the error.

Ready, Set, DUMP THOSE DUCKS!!!





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