## THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Fairgoers:

Welcome to the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, celebrating 76 years of community, agriculture, farming, and fun!

This year's theme "Make a Bee-Line to the Fair" 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 whether new farmers or farmers who have been here for generations.

The Fair gives us a chance to celebrate the hard work of our agricultural community. I encourage you to purchase fresh-from-the-fields produce to take home to enjoy or 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 our young future farmers 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 a wonderful glimpse into our rural community and economy on display for all to enjoy. I hope you will make a bee-line to 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 2025 Montgomery County Fair.

Sincerely,

Marc Elrich County Executive

## THE MAYOR OF GAITHERSBURG

Gaithersburg is proud to be the host city of the 76th Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. This year's theme is "Make a Bee-Line To The Fair."

When I think of the Fair, I think of our City's 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 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 in Olde Towne, 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 deducational slavage being avents. All these things are less than a mile avery from the Engrapeurds.

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We hope you "Make a Bee-Line" to the Fair and Gaithersburg all year round. Explore City events, including a lively Oktoberfest, and an enchanting Winter Lights Festival, and don't forget to put our fabulous Book Festival on your calendar for 2026.

Discover all that the City of Gaithersburg has to offer online at gaithersburgMD.gov, or follow us on social media @GburgMD.

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

Sincerely,

Jud Ashman, Mayor City of Gaithersburg

