

5) I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the M-NCPPC from any and all claims, damages, costs and liabilities that may arise as a result of entering and participating in this photo contest or from any subsequent publication or disclosure of the submitted photograph.

6) The submitted photograph has not been widely published.

7) I am over the age of 18 and have the right to contract in my own name, or if I am not over the age of 18, my parent or legal guardian is signing this agreement on my behalf.

8) I hereby acknowledge that this agreement will be construed, interpreted and enforced according to the laws of the State of Maryland, in a court of competent jurisdiction in Montgomery County, MD.

9) I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions herein and affirm that the foregoing is true and correct.

I understand the terms and conditions herein are contractual and not a mere recital, that this agreement is legally binding and that I have voluntarily signed or agreed to the terms and conditions online of this instrument.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

If the photograph was taken by a minor under the age of 18, I affirm that I am the minor's parent or legal guardian and that I consent to the photo being entered in the M-NCPPC's Montgomery County Planning Department 2008 Photo Contest.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

How to submit your entry form:

1. If you are sending digital images, you must agree to our online terms and conditions before you can submit. Go to <http://mcparkandplanning.org/planning/photocontest>
2. If you are mailing photographs, print, sign and send entry form via fax 301.495.4620, or mail attn: Planning Department photo contest

Montgomery County Planning Department Photo Contest

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Silver Spring, MD 20910

Questions? Contact valerie.berton@mncppc-mc.org or 301-495-4600

JUDGING

The Planning Department will rate images on the basis of creativity, photographic quality and their ability to tell a positive story about Montgomery County. A panel of Planning Department staff, a Washington Post photographer and members of the community (such as professionals in photography, graphic design, marketing, public relations, and community planning) will judge all entries. Entries that fail to comply with contest rules will be disqualified.

Winners will be notified approximately 2-3 weeks after the photo contest deadline using the contact information on the entry form.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOGRAPHS (DIGITAL IMAGES AND PRINTS)

Participants may send digital images for the contest online, although you must agree to our terms and conditions before submitting. You also may save digital photographs on a CD and submit accompanied by a signed entry form for each image. Prints must be mailed with a completed and signed entry form(s) (see further instructions below). If you are submitting multiple entries, be sure to indicate clearly which form belongs with each photo. Entries must be received by the Planning Department no later than August 20, 2008.

DIGITAL IMAGES must be submitted via email in a JPEG format in a high resolution of at least 1024 x 768 pixels. (2,000 or 3,000 pixels wide preferred.) Typically, quality settings between 8 and 12 yield very good results. Panoramic photos are not eligible. Black and white, sepia tone, and duotone images are not eligible. Images will not be returned. You must agree to the photo contest terms and conditions before you can submit your entry online.

PRINTS must be 4 x 6 inches or 5 x 7 inches and must be in color. Participants must attach a label to the back of each print with their name and address. If submitting multiple entries, number each print (on the back) to match a corresponding entry form. Prints will not be returned. Mail prints and accompanying entry form(s) to the address provided.

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2008 GREAT COMMUNITIES Photo Contest

 **Montgomery County Planning Department**
M-NCPPC



What makes Montgomery County such a great place to live? Send us original photographs depicting the best of our community as part of the Planning Department's 2008 photo contest.

Winning photographers will receive a cash award ranging from \$75 to \$300 and have their images displayed at a number of Montgomery County public events, published in Montgomery County Planning Department publications and posted at www.MontgomeryPlanning.org. The Planning Department will publicize winners through a variety of methods, including press releases. Please read all contest rules. You must complete a photo contest entry form or agree to online terms and conditions to submit your work.

The Planning Department is part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

DEADLINE

We must receive all entries by August 20, 2008. We will announce winners and display the photographs at the Magical Montgomery festival on September 27, 2008 in downtown Silver Spring.

DETAILS

We seek creative, striking photographs that demonstrate what's great about our community. Your entries might illustrate some of the following:

- Downtown urban scenes
- Rural life
- Parks and trails
- People
- Buildings
- Public spaces

RULES

All photographs must be taken in Montgomery County. Our contest offers two categories: adult and youth. All under-18 contest participants must enter the youth contest and have their forms submitted or agree to our online terms and conditions confirmed by their parent or legal guardian. M-NCPPC employees and their immediate family members are not eligible. All photographs must be in color and must have been taken since January 1, 2007. Each participant may not submit more than five photos and is eligible to win only one prize.

AWARDS

The Planning Department will award first, second and third-place prizes in both adult and youth categories with prizes as follows:

- 1st prize: \$300
- 2nd prize: \$150
- 3rd prize: \$75

FORMAT

Entries must be color prints or high-resolution digital images. Black and white photographs, digital or print, are not eligible.

USE RIGHTS

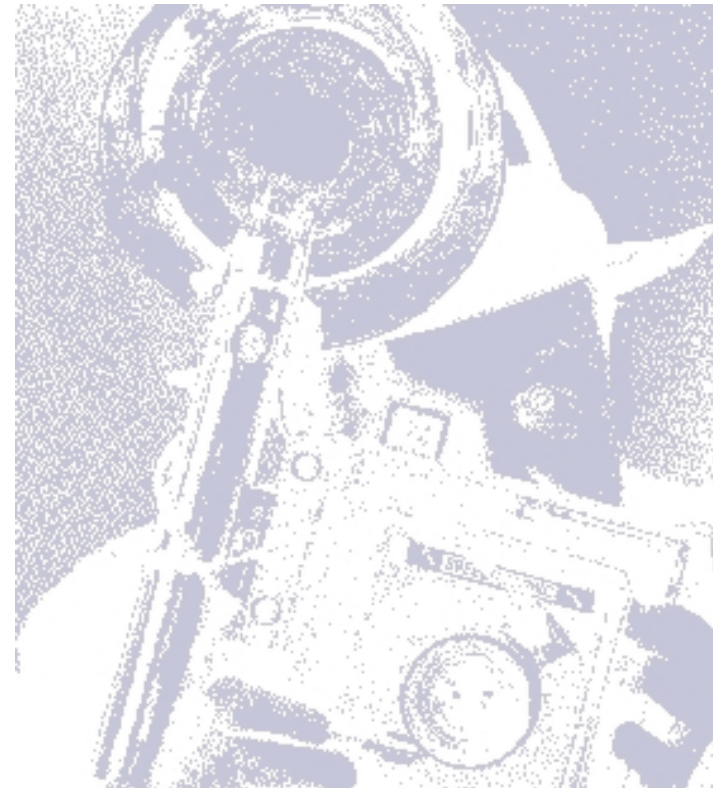
Entries must be submitted by the original photographer or the parent or legal guardian of the original photographer if the participant is under the age of 18. Photographs will be credited to the participant named in the entry form in initial publicity, although the Planning Department may not always run credits in all subsequent uses.

Submission of the photograph and signature on the entry form or acceptance of the online terms and conditions grants the Montgomery County Planning Department and other M-NCPPC agencies (the Department of Parks and the Planning Board) unlimited rights to use the photographs in perpetuity. Some of the uses of any submitted photograph, regardless of whether it wins the contest, may include: 1) displaying the photograph at public events, such as the county fair, 2) displaying the photograph at one of our agency buildings, 3) posting a low-res copy of the photograph at our website, 4) publishing the photograph in Planning Department brochures, master plans and other publications, and 5) other uses to be determined.

Entries will never be used by M-NCPPC for profit. In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted to the Planning Department is contested in any manner, the department retains the right to disqualify that photograph. No entries will be returned, and no additional fees or other forms of compensation beyond an initial contest award will be forthcoming. In future uses, the Planning Department may crop, rotate or otherwise alter images to fit various formats.

RESTRICTIONS

1. Participants must obtain consent from all readily identifiable people pictured.
2. Professional photographers (who make more than 50 percent of their annual salary through photography or have been widely published) are not eligible.
3. Images should not be digitally enhanced or contain artistic features such as watermarks, borders and digital filters.
4. Each participant may not submit more than five photographs and is eligible to win only one prize.



ENTRY FORM

Montgomery County Planning Department

Participant name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of parent or legal guardian (if participant is under 18): _____

Participant's DOB (if participant is under 18): _____

Image location: _____

Suggested caption: _____

PHOTO SUBMISSION/PERSONAL CONTEST/WAIVER AND RELEASE/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration for receiving permission to participate in M-NCPPC's Montgomery County Planning Department 2008 Photo Contest, I declare and affirm that:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) I am the individual who took the submitted photograph.
- 2) I hereby grant to the M-NCPPC to the fullest extent of my rights and interest therein, the unrestricted, irrevocable and exclusive right and permission to use and reuse, publish, print, distribute and reproduce for public display the submitted photograph in whole or in part, composite or retouched in character or form.
- 3) I have obtained consent from each readily identifiable and/or recognizable person in my photo for the unrestricted, irrevocable and exclusive right and permission to use and reuse, publish, print, distribute and reproduce for public display the submitted photograph.
- 4) I understand I will not receive a fee or other form of compensation except for the potential to win a one-time contest award.

