



Montgomery County
RECREATION
DEPARTMENT



May 2008

March/April/



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Charles W. Gilchrist
Center for Cultural Diversity



Charles W. Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity
Montgomery County Recreation Department
Wheaton: 11319 Elkin Street, Wheaton, MD 20902 (TEL: 240.777.4940)
Upcounty: 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, MD 20874 (TEL: 240.777.6940)

March, April & May 2008 Programs & Services

The Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity offers:

Programs for New Americans: Focus on the needs of new immigrants and new residents to the County. Programs include English as a second language, basic legal assistance (civil and immigration), and informational seminars on a variety of themes.

Cultural/Educational Programs: Promote multicultural and multinational understanding among the County's residents. Programs include educational and recreational events concentrating on culture, cultural competency, diversity, and intercultural relations.

Small Business Development Programs: Includes informative seminars, workshops, and classes for the multicultural population on how to establish, finance, and efficiently operate a small business.

Recruiting Now!

Volunteer positions are available as:

- Information & Referral Assistant
- Assistant Program Coordinator
- ESOL Instructor/Aide
- Basic Computer Instructor/Aide (multi-lingual capability preferred)
- Spanish as a second language Instructor/Aide
- Spanish Literacy Instructor/Aide

Need 35L Hours? High School Volunteers Wanted!

Call us at 240-777-4940 for more information.



Don't speak English and want to learn about Gilchrist programs & services?

Visit or call the Gilchrist Center (240.777.4940) during the office hours and let us know what language you speak. We will do our best to find an interpreter to help you.



The Gilchrist Center will be CLOSED on:

Saturday, May 24
Monday, May 26
(Memorial Day)



For information about programs offered by Montgomery County Recreation Department, please visit the website www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec

Montgomery County Government is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need auxiliary aids or services (such as large print, electronic format, ASL or cued speech interpreting, or mainstream companion) in order to participate, please call a mainstream facilitator (301-468-4540) to discuss your needs.

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March/April/May 2008 Programs

All programs are for adults (18 and older) and free of charge unless noted.

WHEATON

Programs for New Americans

SATURDAY ENGLISH

Saturdays, 9:15 am - 11:00 am (Ongoing)
 Classes for Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced levels. Drop-ins welcomed. First-come, first-served, until full.



Taught by Gilchrist Center Volunteers

ENGLISH CONVERSATION (Advanced Beginner)

Saturdays, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (Ongoing)
 First-come, first-served, until full. Drop-ins welcomed.

Taught by Gilchrist Center Volunteers

EVERYDAY ENGLISH (Beginner)

Saturdays, March 1 - April 5 (6 sessions)
 A 6-week English course for beginners

Presented by American Association of University Women

ENGLISH CONVERSATION (Intermediate)

Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:30 pm (Ongoing)
 First-come, first-served, until full. Drop-ins welcomed.

Taught by Gilchrist Center Volunteers

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE ESOL

Beginning & Intermediate levels; Early Morning, Morning and Afternoon classes. Registration for placement test required. Registration dates: March 10 and May 5. First-come; first-served, until full. For more information, call 301-962-8950.

Taught by Montgomery College



TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Sundays, thru April 13, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
 Federal and state income tax preparation assistance to low-income individuals and families (max. income of \$22,000 for individuals and \$38,000 for families.) First-come, first-served.

Presented by Community Tax Aid

JOB CLUB

Mondays, March 3, 10 & 27, 10:30 to 12:00 noon (3 sessions)

Attend the Job Club and prepare for a successful job search! Learn job search strategies, resume writing, and interviewing skills. To register, call 301-587-9666.

Presented by Jewish Vocational Services



CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION

Saturdays, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (through June 14)
 Over 55? Prepare for U.S. Citizenship. For more information, call 410-580-2756.

Presented by Baltimore City Community College

PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 5:30 to 8:30pm.

Obtain free legal advice on civil cases. Must be a Montgomery County resident. Intake starts at 5:30pm. First-come, first-served, until full. For more information, call 301-424-7651/52/33.

Presented by Montgomery County Bar Foundation



ALFABETIZACION EN ESPAÑOL "Taller de Lectura"

Todos los sábados de 3 a 5 de la tarde en la Biblioteca de Wheaton.

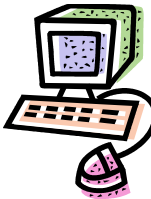
Para inscripción asista a la clase y le informarán de los detalles del curso. Este programa se ofrece conjuntamente por el Centro Gilchrist y la Biblioteca de Wheaton.

Presentado por Voluntarios del Centro Gilchrist.

BASIC COMPUTERS for Absolute Beginners

Learn basic computer skills in English, Spanish or French. Registration and fee required. Registration for Spring Session will be held on Saturday, May 3. Call 240-777-4940 for more information.

Taught by Gilchrist Center Volunteers



DE FAMILIA A FAMILIA Curso Educativo de NAMI

Empezando el martes 5 de febrero hasta el 29 de abril, de 7:00 a 9:00pm (12 semanas)
 El programa de familia a familia es un curso educacional para familiares de personas que padecen de esquizofrenia, desorden bipolar, depresión severa u otra enfermedad mental. Este curso es apropiado para padres, hermanos, hijos adultos, esposos, y amigos. Para más información llame al 301-949-5852.

Presentado por NAMI de Montgomery County. La Alianza Nacional de Salud Mental

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Cultural and Educational Programs

¡HABLEMOS!

Spanish Conversation Club

Saturdays, 1:30 - 3:00 pm (Ongoing)
 Drop-ins welcomed.

Taught by Gilchrist Center Volunteers

"GO" CLUB

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:30 pm (Ongoing)
 Learn and play this ancient Asian strategy game!

Presented by Arthur Lewis Go Club

Club "GO"

Martes de 6:00 - 8:30 pm (Ongoing)
 Aprenda y juegue este juego antiguo de estrategia.

Presentado por el Club de GO de Arthur Lewis

MEDITATION for Beginners

Mondays, thru March 31, 3:30 - 4:00 pm

Start your week with a clear mind. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a cushion to sit on. Space is limited. Drop-ins welcomed.

Taught by Gilchrist Center Volunteers



MONEY MATTERS

Wednesdays, March 5, 12 & 19, 10:00 - 12:00 noon (3 sessions)

Learn how to manage your money effectively! To register, call 301-587-9666.

Presented by Jewish Vocational Services

SPANISH FUN for EVERYONE 101/102

For more detailed information for these programs, please contact the Gilchrist Center at 240-777-4940. The information will be available SOON!



Working to economically empower Latinos and other underserved communities through small

Small Business Development Programs

HOW TO PREPARE ESTIMATES

Saturday, March 22, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Learn to prepare good estimates to earn what you deserve for your hard work!! For pre-registration, contact LEDC at 240-777-4957.

Presented by LEDC

PREPARACIÓN DE ESTIMADOS

Sábado, Marzo 22, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 ¡Aprenda cómo preparar buenos estimados para ganar lo que usted merece por su trabajo duro! Para registrarse contacte a LEDC al 240-777-4957.

Presented by LEDC

QUICKBOOKS I & II

Mondays and Wednesdays, March 24 - April 16, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

QuickBooks can help you to improve your business; join us & learn how to use this basic software accounting tool! For more information, please contact LEDC at 240-777-4957. Administrative fee: \$200/person. Checks/money order accepted. No cash please.

Presented by LEDC

QUICKBOOKS I & II

lunes y miércoles, Marzo 24 - Abril 16 de 5:30 a 7:30 pm

¡QuickBooks le puede ayudar a mejorar su negocio, inscribese y aprenda como usar esta herramienta basica de contabilidad! Para mayor información sobre este curso por favor contacte a LEDC al 240-777-4957. Bilingüe, cuota de recuperación \$200 por persona. Aceptamos cheques o giro postal, no se acepta efectivo.

Presented by LEDC

Any questions about Gilchrist programs and services? Feel free to call us at 240-777-4940.



UPCOUNTY

Programs for New Americans

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE ESOL

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Attend the Job Club to prepare for a successful job search! Learn about job

search strategies, resume writing, and job interviews.

To register, call 301-587-9666.

Presented by Jewish Vocational Services

CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION

Tuesdays and Thursdays, through April 24, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Prepare for U.S. Citizenship. For more information, call 301-650-1404/1405. (You must bring your green card.)

Presented by Montgomery County Refugee Center/Montgomery College/Maryland Office of New Americans



PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 6:00 to 8:30pm.

Must be Montgomery County resident. Intake starts at 6:00pm. First-come; first-served, until full.

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