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GCAAR'S PUBLIC POLICY BRIEF

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## Montgomery County

### Have You Installed Your Carbon Monoxide Alarm Yet?

Starting on July 1, 2019, carbon monoxide alarms are required in all homes in Montgomery County.

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice, along with GCAAR, led the effort to promote carbon monoxide alarms in all homes. GCAAR's Sales Contract includes a provision that requires adherence to the County's laws as they pertain to not only smoke alarms, but also carbon monoxide detectors. The law is not written in a way that it is overly burdensome to the transaction.

"This new law will help save lives and is helping to reinvigorate community awareness around the issue among Montgomery County residents," said Councilmember Rice.

Learn more about carbon monoxide alarms and installation information [here](#).



### Montgomery County Council Reappoints Casey Anderson as Chair of Planning Board, Names Partap Verma to Board

On Tuesday, June 25, 2019 the Montgomery County Council voted unanimously to reappoint Casey Anderson as Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board. The Council also unanimously chose Partap Verma to fill the vacant Board seat. Verma is a lawyer from Silver Spring who co-founded the local advocacy group Friends of Forest Glen and Montgomery Hills.

Both Anderson and Verma were endorsed by Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, the Sierra Club Montgomery County Group, the Coalition for Smarter Growth, and Action Committee for Transit.



## District of Columbia

### Lead Disclosure Form Update

The DC Lead Disclosure Form is being updated to reflect a new DC law regarding disclosure of lead in water pipes. [Learn more here](#).

The form is currently undergoing stakeholder review and is subject to change. We have updated our library to reflect the most current version of the form on the DC government's website.

Please check [dc.gov](http://dc.gov) to ensure that you are using the most recent version of the form. You may also call the DC Department of Energy & Environment at 1-800-855-1000 or email them at [lead.regulations@dc.gov](mailto:lead.regulations@dc.gov) if you have any questions.



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