

February 5, 2021

(resident name)  
(address)  
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Dear Resident:

On June 15, 2020, the County Council of Montgomery County sent a letter to Montgomery County Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson requesting an in-depth review of all County-owned and maintained street names “to determine all those named for Confederate soldiers or those who otherwise do not reflect Montgomery County values.” The letter further stated, “The brutal murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis represents not just a singular tragedy of one man, but another grotesque manifestation of generations of structural racism that permeate our society. ...As we work to dismantle the structures that perpetuate racism, we must also target the symbols that normalize and legitimize it. The names of public streets and buildings are not merely a reminder of the past; they are a very clear indication of who and what we value today.”

Since the 1950s, pursuant to Maryland law, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has been the sole entity authorized with the naming or renaming of any street or highway in Montgomery County, except within certain independent municipalities. The state has granted exclusive jurisdiction over this process to the Montgomery County Planning Board, and the Board further delegated this authority to the Planning Department.

On January 14, 2021, the Montgomery County Planning Board passed a resolution to immediately rename three streets, Jeb Stuart Road, Jeb Stuart Court, and Jubal Early Court, which M-NCPPC identified as having full name matches with Confederate soldiers. **You are receiving this letter because you are either a resident or property owner whose street name address will be impacted by this action.** While we do all the preparatory work required to make this transition go as smoothly and efficiently as possible, I want to make sure that you have some advance notice and a clear understanding of what will happen over the next 30 - 45 days.

**The Planning Department will be hosting a meeting for affected residents and property owners on Monday, February 22 at 7pm.** RSVPs are required to attend. Register to attend the meeting by visiting [montgomeryplanningboard.org/renamingmeeting](https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/renamingmeeting) (password to access the page is **MNCPPCrenaming2021**). Once registered, the details on how to join the online meeting will be provided to your email 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to explain the step-by-step process for renaming your street, allow for neighbors to ask questions about this process, and to solicit feedback on new names proposed by the Planning Department for these three streets. The goal is to present new names for selection by the Planning Director before the end of February and continue to move this process forward as quickly as possible. If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to comment, please also register at the link above. We will send you the meeting materials on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and ask for comments back to us by February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Your new street name will be reflected in our master Geographic Information System (GIS) file, and the County Department of Transportation will fabricate and install new street signs. Your existing address numbers will be reassigned to the new street name, and once finalized, we will send you a second letter notifying you of an official and permanent change of address with your new address and new street name. Please plan to keep this second letter in your personal files and duplicate as needed.

**While the Planning Department will notify specific agencies of the street name changes, we ask that you please notify all other entities, such as your bank, utilities, school, physicians, insurance carrier, place of worship, friends and family, passport, etc., as well as other public agencies like the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.** The specific agencies M-NCPPC will notify directly are: The State Department of Assessment and Taxation, the US Postal Service, WSSC, and Montgomery County Government, including the Department of Permitting Services and Fire and Rescue Services.

The M-NCPPC places a high priority on maintaining an address system that is consistent, predictable and uniform, to ensure the safety of all Montgomery County residents and businesses. The document that guides our addressing and street naming practices is available online at [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/about/documents/Address\\_Manual\\_Final.pdf](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/about/documents/Address_Manual_Final.pdf) or by using a keyword search on our website for “addressing.” We understand that these changes pose a significant disruption to you and your family, and we thank you for working with us to make Montgomery County a welcoming place for all people.

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