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RENOVATED JESUP BLAIR PARK DEDICATION SET FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

SILVER SPRING, MD – Representative from The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery College, and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County will gather at Jesup Blair Local Park, in south Silver Spring, Friday, October 7, at 10 a.m. to dedicate the renovated 15- acre park, display the college's plans for the new visual arts center and introduce the sculpture "Passage" by Linda DePalma.

Jesup Blair Park includes a soccer field, lighted tennis and basketball courts, walking paths and sidewalks, a tot lot, extensive tree preservation work, picnic areas and parking spaces.

By the end of the month, landscapers will plant more than 160 new native shade, evergreen and ornamental trees. In addition, the park includes the historic Jesup Blair house and a covered pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks linking communities in Takoma Park and Silver Spring and Montgomery College's campuses in Takoma Park and Silver Spring.

WHO:

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Chairman Derick P. Berlage

Montgomery College President Charlene Nunley, Ph.D.

Maryland Senator Ida G. Ruben

Montgomery County Councilmembers Nancy Floreen, Steve Silverman and George Leventhal

Artist Linda DePalma

WHAT:

Park and artwork dedication followed by refreshments in Montgomery College's Health Sciences Center foyer next to the park.

WHEN:

Friday, October 7 -- 10 a.m.

WHERE:

900 Jesup Blair Drive (at Georgia Avenue and the D.C. line) in Silver Spring

Free parking is available along Jesup Blair Drive

Look for the tent/canopy in back of the historic house

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