

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

December 1, 2008

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

**Marty Monks**

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

**Louise Kauffmann**

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

	Presentation
<b>X</b>	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

<b>TITLE:</b>
Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating December 1, 2008 as "Marty Monks Day" in the City of Gaithersburg

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
<p>The Gaithersburg Judy Center opened in 2002 to serve low-income families living in the Rosemont and Summit Hall school communities. Many young children were not school ready, and were entering kindergarten without English language skills or were lacking other school-readiness experiences.</p> <p>Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the City of Gaithersburg coupled with grant funds from the Maryland State Department of Education enabled MCPS to develop and staff a comprehensive early learning program housed in a fully equipped modular building on the grounds of Summit Hall Elementary School. Judy Center programs are designed to engage families with children ages 0 – 5 in activities that promote healthy brain development and strong language and literacy skills that prepare them to succeed in school.</p> <p>The Gaithersburg Judy Center is now in its sixth year of operation, and has recently expanded to include families and young children in the Washington Grove Elementary School attendance area.</p> <p>In August, MCPS and the Gaithersburg Judy Center submitted an application to the Judith P. Hoyer Foundation under its <i>Innovative Spirit Award for 2008</i> category for an intergenerational literacy and play group created in 2007 between the youngest Judy Center children (0-3) and the elderly residents of Forest Oak Towers. MCPS was recently notified by the Judith P. Hoyer Foundation that the Judy Center was selected as the statewide winner under this category.</p> <p>This is a significant achievement for the Judy Center and this evening's proclamation is to honor Marty Monks, who has been the Program Manager since the inception of the project.</p>

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
Issue Proclamation