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Dear reader,

Remember that Sunday evening back in November when most of us sat in darkness for hours after a plane crashed into a power line?

If you're like me, you texted friends and family—then pulled up what was then the Bethesda Beat website on your phone to search for updates. That night, our journalists sprang to action, working until the wee hours of the morning—sharing details in nearly real-time of the pilot's rescue, the terrifying photo of the plane suspended in mid-air and what it meant for your power and school closings the next day.

That's the Bethesda Beat we've all counted on for years! Started in 2014 and powered by a small but growing team of reporters, we now go by MoCo360—and we're driven by the mission of keeping our community informed, connected and inspired.

Did you catch our recent coverage of the number of Montgomery County's General Assembly delegation seats filled not by voters, but by a single committee? How about our many stories on school safety—including a 13-year-old allegedly shown pornographic images by a school employee on school grounds, in which reporter Em Espey uncovered glaring loopholes in the background check process?

In a media environment rife with misinformation, rumor and speculation, we continue to wake up each morning with an unwavering commitment to bringing you news built the old-fashioned way: by talking to sources, attending community meetings and not resting until we have the answers you deserve, even at 1 a.m.!

Without you, we would not be able to tell these important stories. **Will you support our work by making a contribution today?**

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By contributing, you're ensuring that independent news continues to thrive in our county.

In gratitude,



Anne Tallent
Executive Editor

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