
Why local journalism matters more than ever

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Today

Dear reader,

Recently, we got a powerful reminder of why local journalism matters — and how fragile it can be. Across the country, newsrooms are shrinking, and coverage that once kept communities informed is disappearing. When reporting goes away, so does transparency around the decisions that shape daily life.

Journalism isn't just a profession — it's a public service. It keeps communities informed, holds leaders accountable and brings closed-door decisions to light. Nowhere is that public service more essential than at the local level.

Local journalism doesn't come with the scale or insulation of national outlets. Yet it's often the first line of transparency — at school board meetings, zoning hearings, budget discussions and moments that rarely make headlines elsewhere.

When local reporting disappears, communities feel it.

At Bethesda Today, we take this responsibility seriously. We cover Montgomery County because it's our home, and because we believe our neighbors deserve clear, fair and consistent reporting on the issues that shape daily life in our community.

Reader generosity is an important part of what makes our work possible. For anyone who would like to help sustain local reporting, memberships are one way to do so. **Every contribution, in any form, ensures we can continue to show up for Montgomery County.**

Bethesda Today has my support!

Thank you for reading, for caring and for believing — as we do — that strong local journalism matters.

With gratitude,



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