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Montco and Norristown Celebrate PARK(ing) Day

Norristown, PA (September 13, 2016) – The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) and Montgomery County Health Department (MCHD), along with the Municipality of Norristown, will celebrate PARK(ing) Day on Friday, September 16, 2016. Everyone is invited to come see how an ordinary parking spot can be transformed into a great public space. The event will take place, weather permitting, in front of the Montgomery County Courthouse on Swede Street from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

PARK(ing) Day, a popular global event that began in 2005, challenges people to rethink the way streets are used and highlights the need for broad-based changes to urban infrastructure. Around the world, artists, activists, and citizens will be temporarily transforming metered parking spaces into public parks and other social spaces.

In Montgomery County, four parking spots will be transformed into fun, educational spaces for citizens to visit and enjoy:

- The Municipality of Norristown will bring the beach to the County seat with a seashore-themed space. Visitors will be welcome to spend some time at the beach and play games!
- The Montgomery County Health Department will create an area highlighting the importance of the connection between a healthy environment and healthy living. Visitors can see alternative planting methods, learn ways to stay healthy by enjoying the outdoors, and make their own bicycle-powered smoothie! Healthy recipes and smoothie samples will be available while supplies last.
- The Montgomery County Planning Commission will be transforming two parking spots to teach citizens about the new *Bike Montco* plan, which will enhance bicycle mobility and safety in the

county. Visitors can take a chance to win a new bike helmet! Participants can also hear about a two-part multi-regional greenway and stewardship study taking place in a large area of the county. The study looks at natural resources to delineate greenway corridors that interconnect county, municipal, and privately preserved open spaces. The stewardship study involves stewardship assessments on 1,800 acres of municipal open space.

Stop by to see these recreated spaces, learn some interesting facts, and have fun with various activities. For more information, please contact Rita McKelvey at 610-278-3753 or via email at rmckelve@montcopa.org.