



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY TO DEDICATE MOTOR MILE SPORTS COMPLEX

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**Montgomery County, Virginia** – Montgomery County will dedicate its newly graded and lighted Motor Mile Sports Complex off Interstate 81 exit 109 on July 30.

The ceremony will be held at 8:30 a.m. before the Cal Ripkin baseball clinic sponsored by Shelor Motor Mile starts at 9 o'clock. Board of Supervisors Chairman Annette Perkins will be the speaker at the event. Shelor Automotive, which donated the land and improvements at the sports complex, will present a \$500 check from Chevy Youth Baseball to the County's Parks & Recreation Department for youth baseball. Field improvements include fencing, lighting, grading and infield.

Youth may register for the Cal Ripkin Baseball Clinic at 382-6975 or at Parks and Recreation (P&R) offices, Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke St. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for the clinic but players should bring their own glove and bat, if available. Parents must bring a signed waiver form available on the web site and are encouraged to bring refreshments and stay to watch. Lawn chairs are recommended.

The Motor Mile Sports Complex is the first lighted ballfield in Montgomery County. It is also the first field constructed since the Plum Creek Park Field was built in 1998. It will be used by youth ages 3 to 18. In addition to baseball and softball, the field is marked for lacrosse, youth soccer and youth football.

Next summer, the County will be hosting the Dixie AAA 9-10 year olds and O-Zone District 11-12 year olds Tournament now that the sports complex has lighting, which is state-of-the-art, according to P&R Director Mitchell Haugh. This will be the first time the County has hosted the tournament.

"Youth sports are more popular than ever, with the number of boys and girls of all ages increasing by leaps and bounds every year," Haugh said. "In addition to sports, Parks and Recreation offers other outdoor activities to help keep young people physically fit and active."

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