



## **One Montgomery Green To Promote Climate Change Resilience at June 24 Fundraiser**

*2021 gala taking place online in partnership with restaurants, performers and policy experts*

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Wheaton, Md. -- One Montgomery Green (OMG) is adding some new twists to its annual fundraising gala on June 24, 2021: The nonprofit will focus the event on what communities can do to prepare for the increasing dangers caused by climate change. It is also partnering with local restaurants and adult beverage makers to raise money for OMG while increasing sales for the local businesses.

“Our focus has always been on education, outreach and sustainability in our community,” One Montgomery Green Executive Director Wendy Howard says. “With the current pandemic, we have seen just how vulnerable we are to issues like climate change, and we want to enlighten the community on ways to be more resilient. For this and many other reasons, OMG has launched a Climate Resilient Project that focuses on our most vulnerable populations and seeks to enact actionable items to be prepared for and ease the direct effects of the climate crisis”.

OMG isn’t just doing its own fundraising this year, though. It’s also partnering with four local restaurants and two adult beverage providers to generate sales for them as they fight through the pandemic. A portion of each sale will go to OMG and to the restaurants. Gala ticket buyers can visit [onemontgomerygreen.org](http://onemontgomerygreen.org) to pre-order meals and drinks from the local providers, pick them up at Brookside Gardens from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on June 24 – then head home to get online and watch the live program starting at 7 p.m.

The local food and drink providers participating are [Hollywood East Café](#), [Green Plate Catering](#), [The Limerick Pub](#), [Los Chorros](#), [Astro Lab Brewing](#), and [Twin Valley Distillers](#).

“Restaurants are the lifeblood of our neighborhoods supporting communities in many ways,” Howard says. “We need to support them as well.”

An array of speakers headlined by [U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin](#) (D-Md.) will delve into the subjects of why climate change is a key issue for them and what actions people and communities can take to guard against the host of problems it causes.

The 2021 gala will also feature speakers including:

- Seth Goldman, chief change agent at [Eat the Change](#), co-founder at PLNT Burger, chair of the board at Beyond Meat, and his son Jonah Goldman, director of strategic marketing at PLNT Burger. The duo are the owners of [PLNT Burger](#) in Silver Spring, Md.
- [Adriana Hochberg](#), assistant chief administrative officer & climate change coordinator for the Office of the County Executive (Montgomery County)
- One Montgomery Green Executive Director Wendy Howard
- Shruti Bhatnagar, [Sierra Club Montgomery County](#)

Silver Spring Latin pop singer-songwriter [Chris Urquiaga](#) will also make an appearance and share a special song for the occasion. The virtuoso is known for his combination of R&B melodies and Latin rhythms. [EyeOnSligoCreek.com](#) publisher Christopher Lancette will MC the event.

OMG will use the event to name the winners of several awards. The Marian Fryer Communitarian Award will recognize an individual or business who has made a significant contribution to the county's environmental health. OMG will name the Montgomery County Public School students who completed the best action projects during their participation in OMG's Clean Headwaters Project.

Tickets start at \$25, with various packages available for people who would like to buy meals and drinks. Raffle tickets are also being sold with two grand prizes: One prize is a \$500 gift card to [All Eco Design Center](#). The other is a [Tertill Weeding Robot](#) (valued at \$350). Additional prizes include Washington Nationals tickets (valued at \$120), restaurant gift cards from PLNT Burger, two pairs of gold earrings and more. Attendees will also receive swag bags.

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*About One Montgomery Green: One Montgomery Green is a nonprofit organization, 501 (c) (3), located in Montgomery County MD dedicated to engaging the community in education and outreach that promotes sustainable communities with a "visibly green" and healthy environmental footprint. For more information, visit [www.onemontgomerygreen.org](http://www.onemontgomerygreen.org).*