



COUNCILMEMBER EVAN GLASS

Senior Resources Newsletter

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Scams Targeting Seniors – Be on the Lookout!

I have heard from a number of seniors who have been the target of illegal scams – such as unsolicited phone calls from people posing as the IRS, Medicare, or local governments demanding that money be paid by wire transfer or gift cards. Whether online, in your mail, on your phone, or at your door — the scammers continue to try new ways to defraud people.

The Office of Consumer Protection is the Montgomery County agency that is responsible for enforcing consumer protection laws prohibiting unfair and deceptive business practices. If you have been a victim of telephone or email fraud, or have a consumer complaint about a local business, a home improvement contractor, or auto repair shop, I encourage you to contact the Office of Consumer Protection. They are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. at (240) 777-3636. You can also send an email to consumerprotection@montgomerycountymd.gov.



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Transportation Services for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

The county's Call N Ride program enables seniors (65 years and older) and persons with disabilities (18-64 years old), who meet certain eligibility requirements, to purchase discounted taxicab service to get to medical appointments, grocery stores and senior centers. Montgomery County residents who are low-income and an older adult (age 63+), or a person with disabilities (age 18 to 62) are eligible for this service.

To participate in the Call N Ride program, you must first register. Once you are registered, you can add money to your Call-n-Ride swipe card account and start using Call-n-Ride program. If you have questions, please call 301-948-5409 or visit bit.ly/mocotransitservices



Recreation Opportunities for Older Adults



You don't have to go far from home to enjoy great activities at one of Montgomery County's 55+ Active Adult Programs. Active Adult Programs are a great opportunity for individuals 55+ to gather for educational, social, sports, and entertainment programs, and make lasting friendships. Fitness, games, lectures, parties, entertainment, sports, and many other programs and classes are available. Check the Active Adult Program website for details: bit.ly/mocoseniorrec or call 240-777-6840.



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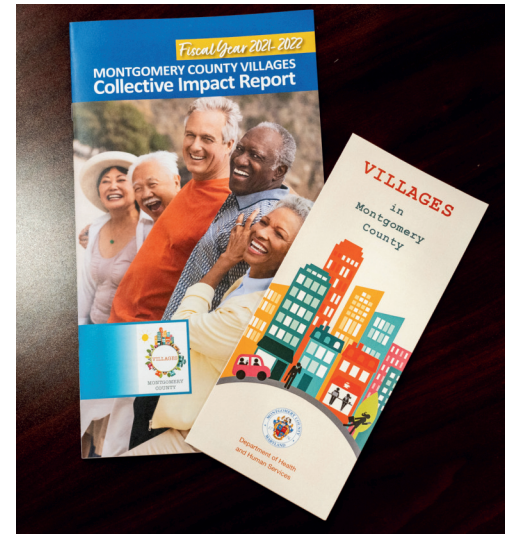


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Available Services for Older Adults

Senior Villages Offer Support and Social Connections

There are 26 senior Villages in Montgomery County—local organizations that provide a robust network of services to neighbors who wish to live independently in their community as they age. Villages reduce social isolation by providing opportunities for social events, volunteer rides, light yard work, household chores, friendly visits and phone calls, as well as errands. Villages can also serve as a liaison for people in need of county government services. It's so important that we ensure everyone is able to age in place with respect, dignity and the support services they need. If you are interested in learning more about a Village near you or starting a new one, call 240-777-1231 or email Pazit Aviv, Montgomery County's Village Coordinator at pazit.aviv@montgomerycountymd.gov



Are You Eligible for a Tax Credit?

Montgomery County has several tax relief programs available to senior residents. These programs include: property tax credits for seniors who qualify for the State Homeowners Tax Credit or the County Supplement; residential real property tax deferral for seniors of limited income; County Supplement to the State Renters' Tax Credit; the Income Tax Offset Tax Credit; and the County Homestead Tax Credit. In addition to these programs, the County offers a property tax Credit for individuals 65 and above and retired military services members.

The County's Department of Finance website has a page called "Tax Credits for Seniors," which lists the various state and county tax credits for elderly residents. For more information, you can visit the Department of Finance's webpage at bit.ly/seniortaxcredits or call (240) 777-0311.

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PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

File your Homestead Application



Constituent Services: We Can Help!

Help With County Services

My office is frequently contacted by county residents who are asking about housing and rental assistance, sidewalk and road repair, pedestrian safety issues or help navigating county agencies. If you need assistance, please feel free to reach out to me about any issue you may have. You can call my office at (240) 777-7966 or email me at Councilmember.Glasse@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Unemployment Benefits
Beneficios de Desempleo



Housing and Rental Assistance
Asistencia para Vivienda o Alquiler



Trash and Recycling
Basura y Reciclaje



Help Navigating County Agencies
Asistencia para Navegar Agencias del Condado



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Solicite Reconocimientos y Proclamaciones



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