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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 – which includes unsolicited phone calls from people posing as the IRS, Medicare, or local governments demanding that money be paid by wire transfer or gift cards.

Criminals can now cloak or fake their telephone number so that it may seem like it is a neighbor or even someone you may know. Please be on the lookout for these kinds of calls. Whether online, in your mail, on your phone, or at your door -- the scammers haven't stopped, they've only become more sophisticated.

The Office of Consumer Protection is the Montgomery County agency responsible for enforcing consumer protection laws that prohibit unfair and deceptive business practices. Their investigators have expertise in many types of consumer transactions and work to investigate and resolve consumer complaints and offer advice and information on a wide range of topics including credit, homeownership and automotive issues.



If you have a consumer complaint about telephone or internet fraud, a local business, a home improvement contractor, or auto repair, you can contact the Office of Consumer Protection on Monday through Friday from 8.00 am to 5:00 p.m. by calling (240) 777-3636. You can also email your questions to [consumerprotection@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:consumerprotection@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## Free Taxi Service for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Montgomery County is committed to providing transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities, and we have made major changes to better meet your needs. Our county's transit system is one of the best in the nation, consisting of Ride On, Metrobus, Metrorail, and special transportation programs such as Call-n-Ride, Same Day Access, Medicaid Transportation, and MetroAccess.

The Call-n-Ride Program helps low-income seniors (65 years and older) and individuals with disabilities (aged 18-64) get to medical and/or personal appointments. All trips must begin and end in Montgomery County; and access to this program is provided on a sliding fee scale determined by your total household income. More details can be found by visiting [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/seniors.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/seniors.html)



## 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 wonderful opportunity for individuals 55+ to gather for educational, social, sports, and entertainment programs, and places to make lasting friendships. Fitness, games, lectures, parties, entertainment, sports, and many other programs and classes are available. Check the website below for details on program locations and availability of lunch and transit options [bit.ly/seniorrecreation](http://bit.ly/seniorrecreation)



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## Requesting a Mail-In Ballot

This year's Primary Election date has been moved to Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

Many of us learned during the pandemic that voting by mail is easy, convenient and secure. You can request a vote-by-mail ballot from the Montgomery County Board of Elections online.

Follow the website below to request a ballot or text the letters VBM to 77788. You can also request a vote-by-mail ballot in person at the Montgomery County Board of Elections located at 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879. And If you want to receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot for all future elections, you can also sign up for the permanent vote-by-mail ballot list.

<https://bit.ly/mocovoteinfo>

*Councilmember Evan Glass urges you to*

# REQUEST YOUR BALLOT!



## Constituent Corner

My office is frequently contacted by county residents who are behind on rent and at risk of being evicted. I have helped numerous residents get in touch with the Montgomery County Office of Maryland Legal Aid, which provides free legal assistance to eligible residents. If you have received a "notice to vacate" and have an upcoming date in eviction court, please call Maryland Legal Aid at 240-314-0373. If you need any other assistance with rent relief or would like to be connected to free legal services, please contact my office.

Please feel free to reach out to me about any issue you may have. Email me at [Councilmember.Glass@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmember.Glass@montgomerycountymd.gov) or you can call my office at (240) 777-7966.



### Constituent Services

*We can help!*



**Unemployment benefits**



**Housing and Rental Assistance**



**Solid Waste Services**



**Help Navigating County Agencies**



**Request Certificates and Proclamations**



**Call the Office of Councilmember Evan Glass**  
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## Did you know?

Katie Smith from the county's Commission on Aging shares news and information tailored to Montgomery County Seniors. The program is televised on Comcast Channel 6, 996 (HD), RCN Channel 6, 1056 (HD), and Verizon Fios Channel 30. The March edition featured Pazit Aviv, Montgomery County's Villages Coordinator with information about the Villages and February's program honored Black History Month with a segment on the Josiah Henson House and a segment on Woodlawn Manor.



## A Moment in County History



Did you know that Wheaton used to be called Leesboro? According to post office records dating back to 1826, Leesboro was the original name for this area of countryside outside of Washington, D.C. The location's name was changed in 1869 when the post office was renamed in honor of Union General Frank Wheaton, who had defeated Confederate forces at Fort Stevens a few years prior.



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