



# NonPartisan Coalition

- Strengthening Communities
- Advocating for Government that Serves the Community

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Share your resources.

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web site at:**

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## NonPartisan Coalition: May 4 Meeting Notes

Thank you to all of our fabulous NonPartisan advisers who joined us for a work session and luncheon. People at the meeting had a lot of great community resources to share. We will highlight a few resources at a time in the newsletter and on our web site. We hope everyone will check the web site monthly to see the new resources we have posted.

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### Meeting Notes:

- 1) Each of us is an ombudsman (a person who investigates and attempts to resolve issues). **We** are the resource for our community and for people in our circles.
- 2) As a group, we know that there are many resources available to community members. When we share what we know about those resources, we improve the lives of people in our community.
- 3) By highlighting a few resources at a time, we can build a knowledge base using a measured approach that improves access and increases useful traffic on our NPC web site.

See Page 2 for **Useful Resources** for June

## Steering Committee Report

- The steering committee has established the following goals:

Compile information that aids communities in using County services.

Increase constituent awareness and engagement in County government and services.

Hold elected officials responsible for serving constituents by making public the methods used to track and resolve constituent issues.

## Web Site

- Thanks to Carol Relitz and Durward Womack, our web site has continued to improve and add useful content. Check it out at: [www.NonPartisanCoalition.net](http://www.NonPartisanCoalition.net)

- Submit articles for our web site or newsletter to: [NonPartisanCoalitionNPC@gmail.com](mailto:NonPartisanCoalitionNPC@gmail.com)

## Our Leadership Team

Carol Jenkins- founder

Jeff Jenkins- co-founder

Anita Brown- recording secretary

Joseph Jones- vice president

Carol Relitz- web administrator

### From Homeless Advocate Phil Ott:

***Did you know, when a person is homeless they don't get mail?*** No address is a road block to filling out all kinds of applications, including for jobs.

Phil Ott reports on two great resources:

- Getting an address
- Opening a bank account

Click here to go to the information on the web site.

<https://nonpartisancoalition.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/from-our-advisers.pdf>

### From Arts Adviser Barry Clompus:

***Did you know, senior citizens who participate in the arts are happier and healthier?***

Barry Clompus reports on a great program connecting **Montgomery County** seniors to all types of art programs. Click here to go to the information on the web site. <https://nonpartisancoalition.files.wordpress.com/2019/05/from-our-advisers.pdf>

### From Community Center Adviser Myrlene Ott:

***Did you know that there are organizations that do a great job of linking people in need to resources?*** If you know someone that is struggling, take a look at this web site and see if there is an agency that can assist them.

<http://www.beltsvillesda.org/contentpages.aspx?p=31d5b42e-83b5-4f4f-972f-80ff95b755de>



**From Zoning and Development Adviser Melissa Daston:**

**This one is for all community leaders. Here is a model for improving communities that can be duplicated in other locations.**

Montgomery County Planning Department and the [Better Block Foundation](#) are co-hosting a special initiative to reimagine part of Burtonsville's commercial center as a lively, dynamic public space and park.

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/placemaking/burtonsville-placemaking/>

It has already been done in another Montgomery County community:

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/placemaking/white-flint-placemaking/>

## Do you know some great community resources?

Every day you and your colleagues are strengthening communities.

We would love to hear from you. What are some resources that:

- Encourages Civic Engagement
- Strengthens Communities
- Provides Government Oversight
- Provides Services for Community members
- Improves Access to Education and/or the Arts
- Protects the Environment?

**Please share these resources with us!**

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