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**Please visit our web
site at:**

<https://ccc-cultivatingcommunityconnections.net>

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Connecting Advocates

Uniting community members to transform our neighborhoods is at the heart of what we do.

New For 2021

Our newsletters are now combined into one monthly edition.

The *Cultivating Community Connections* (CCC) newsletter title "Connecting Advocates" is an accurate description of our primary goal. That is why our newsletter header will now feature that title and all information in the newsletter will be designed to help strengthen communities.

Our Goals For 2021

- CCC will continue to look for ways to share best practices and help communities meet the needs of residents. (See article on page 2 for a way to reach out to more residents.)
- CCC will work to expand our outreach by making contact with more community leaders.
- CCC will endeavor to provide opportunities for community advocates to make their voices heard and have their projects highlighted.
- CCC will connect our readers to services and important information that they can share with their communities.

What Do You Think?

Cultivating Community Connections would like to know about the people in your community that are making a difference. Tell us who they are and what they are doing. Email us at:
CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com

Web Site- Check it Out!

- Web Site:

www.CCC-CultivatingCommunityConnections.net

- Submit articles for our web site or newsletter to:
CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com

Our Leadership Team

Carol Jenkins- founder

Jeff Jenkins- co-founder

Anita Brown- recording secretary

Joseph Jones- vice president

Carol Relitz- web administrator

Thank you for supporting CCC's efforts to strengthen communities.

Reaching More Residents After a Zoom Community Meeting

Zoom meetings have become the norm for most community groups. In light of all the challenges organizations faced in 2020, it is wonderful to see how groups have utilized technology.

But, what about community members who don't have technology skills or those that could use the information, but can't (or don't) attend meetings? Try these 2 simple steps to reach out to more people: **1) At the Zoom meeting, tell attendees to take the information from the meeting and share it with a neighbor or friend, 2) Post a summary of key information from the meeting on your neighborhood discussion board.**

For example, if a Zoom meeting featured a speaker who discussed how to avoid scams and fraud, many of the people that would benefit greatly from this information would be seniors. Not all seniors are tech savvy, so **explicitly instructing meeting attendees that they are receiving this information with the goal of having them share the information with others, expands the audience greatly.**

Want to know more about Fraud Awareness?

Maryland Chapter of Association of Certified Fraud Examiners cfemd.org

In Prince George's County to arrange for a speaker

contact: **Aisha Braveboy**, State's Attorney

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Help People Sign Up for County News

All residents can sign up for newsletters for their area/district by contacting their district council office.

Montgomery County: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/opi/news.html>

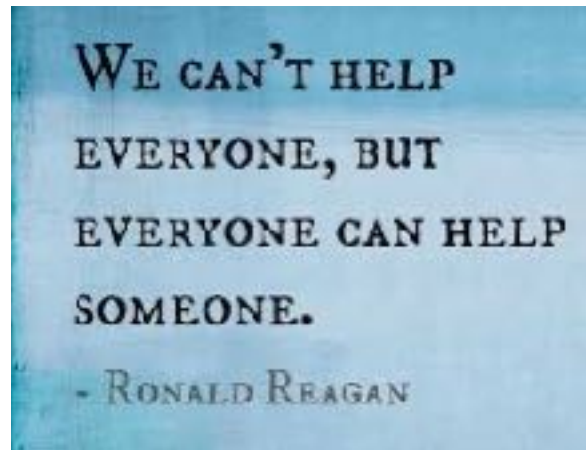
Prince George's County: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2401/News-Center>

Motivation For A New Year

A Recommitment to Strengthening Communities

When there are so many problems to solve, it is easy to get discouraged. It might feel like the your organization, or your leaders aren't making a difference, but even small acts can have a big impact. Here are some words of wisdom that can help all of us give credit and find the strength to keep going.

Share these words of encouragement with others.



"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community... Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."