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* Encouraging Community Involvement
* Linking Communities to Resources

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



Movers and Shakers (Prince George's County)

Gems in Our Community

Offering residents informational meetings and/or written reports can be some of the most useful services that community organizations can provide. This spreading of valuable content also spreads goodwill. When assessing the effectiveness of a meeting or report, we often fail to consider the family members, friends, and neighbors that will also receive some or all of the information. We may never know how far and wide our valuable content spreads, but it is safe to say, we have a bigger impact than we might be giving ourselves credit for.

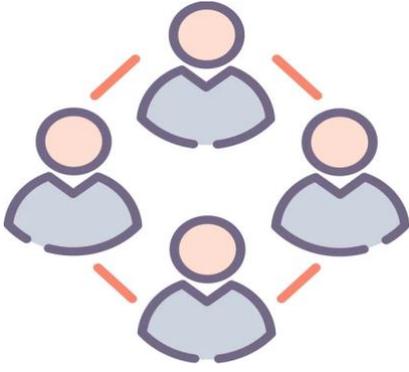
Arranging for informational meetings or reports can be a rather time-consuming task. However, it can be much easier when we look for expertise in our own community. There are hidden gems- residents who, if asked, would be happy to share their knowledge with others. How many of the experts listed below are residents in your community? Some of our communities have been surprised and delighted that there were many of these gems living quietly in our community and they were very happy to share their expertise with other residents. We never know until we ask, person-to-person.

Legal Expert	Legal Aid
Realtor	Estate Planning
Home Inspector	Contractor
Firefighter	Law Enforcement Officer
Local Elected Official	Election Volunteer
Botanist or Arborist	Wildlife Expert
Health Care Expert	Senior Services
Nutritionist	Fitness Instructor

Below are some topics that might be of interest to residents:

- Scam Alerts
- When to Hire the Right Legal Help
- Home Maintenance
- Home Security
- Safety Hazards in Homes
- Health and Safety for Seniors
- Local Codes and Regulations
- Native Gardens

We'd love to hear from you. What are some examples of programs or reporting your community benefitted from?



Mission Statements

Community groups do many remarkable things thanks to volunteers whose selfless efforts often go unnoticed by other residents. While volunteers, typically, aren't looking for recognition, by extension our organizations' achievements also don't get the credit they deserve. Having a clear mission statement that appears in the group's letterhead and on media brings the type of services provided to residents' attention and give the organization a solid framework for publicizing successes.

Here are a few sample mission statements from AI that would fit many of our wonderful community groups:

- Local Action Group: "To create a thriving and responsible community [by] serving as a collective voice to advocate for the needs and aspirations of our neighborhood".
- Mission and Vision - National Civic League:
The mission of the National Civic League is to advance inclusive civic engagement and promote innovations in democracy to make decisions about...
- Association: The purposes and goals of the Association shall be to protect and promote the best interests of the residents of ---
- Information Sharing: Providing timely and relevant information to our residents, empowering them to make informed decisions about ...

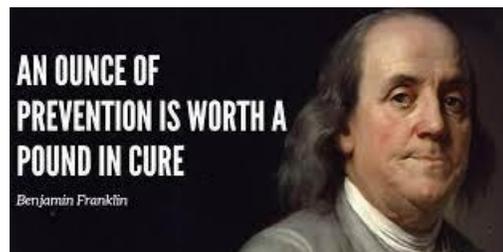
Leadership With an Eye to the Future

Many communities have been blessed with outstanding leadership, often with people who have been serving the community for a long time. If that describes your community, you know how fortunate you are to have good leaders. But what will happen when those leaders are no longer there? Will there be people willing to take on those leadership roles? Will there be structures like job descriptions and timelines so new people don't spend time and energy reinventing the wheel?

Those are questions one local community is asking. They have seen a local powerhouse of an organization with very capable and caring leadership completely stop when the board reached an age when health and circumstances made it impossible for them to continue.

Knowing that relying on fate to bring new volunteers out of the woodwork wasn't a solution, this community brought in an expert to help them plan for the future. Step one of creating that plan was an assessment. With expert guidance and a lively discussion with the entire board, they were able to identify current strengths and weaknesses. They are now looking at forming a team to develop timelines for each responsibility and develop mentoring systems or partnerships to bring new talent to the table.

Time will tell if these efforts bear fruit. Chances are that these strategies will be way more successful than leaving the organization's future to chance. Got other suggestions? We'd love to hear from you.



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.

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Our Leadership Team

Carol Jenkins- founder

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In memory of Melissa Daston-
Movers and Shakers past president

Carol Relitz- web administrator

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

We have had requests to share this information again. We are happy to do so.

Resources To Share With Your Community



CONGRESSMAN GLENN IVEY
MARYLAND'S FOURTH DISTRICT

<https://ivey.house.gov/services/resources-marylanders-affected-trump-administration-policies>

Immigrant Families:

Know Your Rights

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services - accredited organizations
Maryland Attorney General Immigration Assistance page and Homepage
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives - Immigrant Affairs
Immigration Enforcement Actions at Maryland Schools
USCIS Online Tool Guide
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Portal

Other Resources

A Few Things Everyone Can Do

<https://hias.org/news/seven-ways-take-action-immigrants/>

- Familiarize yourself with “Know Your Rights” resources (See below for printable cards in 18 languages)

You can support immigrants in your workplace, your school, and on your block by being aware of the legal rights of immigrants and helping to educate others. Suggested resources can be found at the [Immigration Resources Hub](#) and the [National Bail Fund Network](#).

Help others access legal support

You can refer potentially impacted individuals to known immigration [legal service providers](#). If you are a lawyer, join a pro bono program to support immigrants and receive guidance and mentorship. HIAS' [Pro Bono and Partnerships](#) team engages volunteer attorneys from across the United States to help refugees, asylum seekers, and other displaced people access vital immigration legal services.

<https://www.immigrantsarela.com/knowyourrights#fsp>

- [Know Your Rights Red Cards](#) (18 Languages) – Printable cards with legal guidance in multiple languages.
- [Family Safety Planning Toolkit](#) Created by the [Immigrant Legal Resource Center \(ILRC\)](#)

Check Out Our Useful Resource on CCC's Web Site

Please check our web site for future newsletters and other updates:

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Thank you to all of the volunteers who work so hard to serve their communities!

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