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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)

Spreading Positivity

Spreading gratitude, giving sincere praise, and letting others know that they are appreciated is always a great idea. When volunteers are working for the community, can there ever be too many times when others let them know they are appreciated?

With so many stresses in people's daily lives, a "thank you", especially when it is for small acts of kindness, can mean a lot. And a BIG "thank you" to volunteers might just be the motivation for keeping those volunteers engaged.

Recently, a west coast local news station went to a community event and asked community members to give a shout-out to someone they wanted to thank. It was heartwarming to hear the comments. People seemed eager to recognize the good influences in their lives and it was eye-opening to hear the small acts of kindness that were appreciated.

With this in mind, one of our local communities is planning on setting aside a portion of their informational meeting to give everyone a chance to "Thank A Community Member". Here's how this might be organized: The event can be advertised on community message boards, in the community newsletter, and/or via an email blast. As part of this advertisement, a sample thank you card might be useful. Then, at the meeting, cards could be read out and given to the recipient, if they are in attendance, or delivered to them if needed. (See page 3 for a sample thank you card that you may customize for your own use.)

Here are some of the ideas that have already been mentioned in one community:

Thank you to...

- The woman who walks by my house and says a friendly, "Hello. How are you doing?" She makes our neighborhood feel friendly.
- The gentleman that picks up trash on his daily walk.
- The crossing guard at the intersection near the elementary school who is so kind to the children.
- Our mail delivery person who knows everyone and will even bring packages to our door if they won't fit in the mailbox.
- The neighbor that checks on us if he sees something unusual, like a garage door that's open after dark.

While we are thanking neighbors, how about some words of thanks for our volunteers, especially the people who quietly work behind the scene. Here are a few examples:

- The people who set up and/or clean up for meetings and events.
- The technology people who make meetings run smoothly.
- The person who only speaks up occasionally, but always has helpful insights.
- The people who show that they care about others. (That really is a special thing!)

"THE GREATNESS
OF A COMMUNITY
IS MOST
ACCURATELY
MEASURED BY THE
COMPASSIONATE
ACTIONS OF ITS
MEMBERS."

CORETTA SCOTT KING

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:

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Our Leadership Team

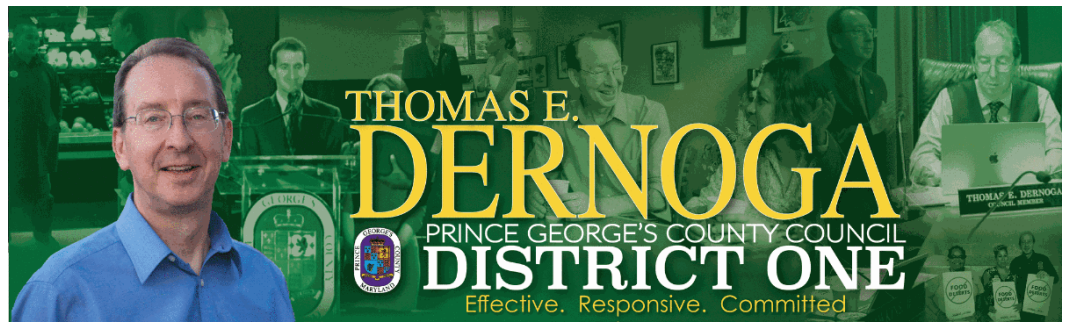
Carol Jenkins- founder

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Movers and Shakers past
president

Carol Relitz- web administrator

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



District One News

[Haga clic aquí para la versión en español](#)

Friends,

By State law, each County must amend its zoning ordinance by October 1st to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) on all properties with single-family detached homes. ADUs can be converted basements, attics or garages, or new additions, or new smaller houses on the same lot. An ADU may be up to 75% of the size of the principal residence. Counties cannot require off-street parking unless they conduct a parking study and demonstrate a need. The Maryland Department of Planning has a [FAQ page](#) and links to other information on ADUs (including the report of the State ADU Policy Task Force).

Prince George's County also created an [ADU Task Force](#) which met five times over the past year to discuss policies. [CB-074-2026](#) is a bare bones bill that was Presented in July to serve as a starting point. Council members and staff are considering amendments to it that will be discussed at a Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting in September.

The County Task Force placed a "Accessory Dwelling Units Task Force Questionnaire" on its [website](#) to gauge public opinion. So far, only about 85 people have responded with only one from Council District 1. I would really like to understand the view of my constituents.

There are only 7 questions. For example:

- Should ADUs be permitted for short-term rentals (such Airbnb and Vrbo)? So far, 64% of respondents have said Yes.
- Should the property owner be required to occupy either the principal residence or the ADU? So far, a majority of respondents have said Yes, but many people (38%) have said No, anyone should be allowed to live in either residence.
- How many people should be allowed to live in an ADU at one time?

A principal purpose of allowing ADUs is to provide more affordable housing options. The concerns raised by some homeowners are existing lack of parking, overcrowding, backyard flooding, etc. Please read up on ADUs and fill out the questionnaire so that I have a good sense of public sentiment.

Thomas E. Dernoga
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Feel free to share using this link!: <https://conta.cc/4zzSTTQ>

Note from *Cultivating Community Connections*:

Please see page 4 for a copy of Montgomery County's process for approving ADU additions to existing properties. Is that a blueprint for Prince George's County? Let Prince George's County know what you think.

Back of card

Front of card

if we all do
 one random act of
 kindness daily
 we just might set
 the world in the
 right direction

martin kornfeld

facebook.com/surfingrainbows

Name of organization
 here:



THANK YOU!

Useful Resource on CCC's Web Site

<https://ccc-cultivatingcommunityconnections.net>

A big "Thank you!" to our web master, Carol Relitz,
 for all of her work on the CCC web site!!

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

A special thank you goes out to the members of
 Cultivating Community Connections and Movers and
 Shakers.

You are making a difference every day.

Thank you for all of your efforts and your support!

**YOU MAKE OUR
 COMMUNITY A GREAT
 PLACE TO LIVE. THANK
 YOU FOR.....**



Inside of card



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CLASS 3 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

Homeowners in Montgomery County may be permitted to create and use or rent a Class 3 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in their primary residence. An ADU is a second dwelling unit that is part of a detached home or in separate accessory structure on the same lot that includes facilities for cooking, eating, sanitation and sleeping. ADUs must comply with requirements of Montgomery County Code: Chapter 26-Housing Standards, Chapter 29-Landlord/Tenant Relations, Chapter 59-Zoning Ordinance and all applicable laws.

CLASS 3 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT APPLICATION PROCESS

ADUs must be licensed regardless of whether they will be rented or not, and prior to being advertised for rent. To obtain a Class 3 ADU license, follow these steps:

1. Visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dhcalicensing. Under Accessory Dwelling Unit, click the "More Information" tab. There you will find useful information including a link to apply online and a link to a PDF application if you wish to submit a paper copy.
2. Complete the Class 3 Accessory Dwelling application.
3. Submit the application with the required documentation and fees listed below:
 - Proof of residency and signed Affidavit of Attestation are required for all owners.
 - Two detailed drawings, each on an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper.
 - Drawing #1 is the proposed ADU - show the doors, windows, rooms (label), bathroom fixtures, kitchen appliances, stairs, location of main entrance, entrance to main house (if applicable), and dimensions of rooms or entire apartment.
 - Drawing #2 is of the driveway or off-street parking area with the dimensions.
 - Application Fee of \$615 (\$260 filing fee, \$230 public notice sign fee, \$125 Accessory Dwelling Unit annual license fee).
 - Properties located within the incorporated City of Takoma Park submit a \$490 payment (County rental license fee is exempt. Rental license is obtained through the City of Takoma Park).
 - Copy of the receipt showing the property is registered with the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) and photocopy of the Lead Paint inspection certificate, if property was built before January 1, 1978. This is only required when construction is completed.
 - If you have a homeowner's association or community association, contact them to see if an ADU is allowed under its covenants or regulations. You must sign the affidavit attesting that an ADU is not prohibited by any of its governing documents and that you are not more than 30 days past due on any association or community fees.