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Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



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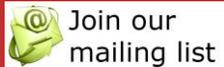
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Dates to Remember

**Wednesday
April 26, 2017
5:00pm
TCCWMD
Business Meeting**



Notice of Funding Availability

FY17 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) Grants

Announcing the availability of funds for eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver **Environmental Workforce**

Allegany County Recreation Survey



Allegany County is updating the **Local Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan.**

This is required to be done by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources every six years. The needs of the citizens of Allegany County have to be

addressed in order to plan for the future. All current residents are strongly encouraged to complete an on-line survey dealing with many aspects of recreation in Allegany County.

Your opinion counts! Take the opportunity to express your ideas! Follow [this link](#) to the Recreation Survey. **The survey will be available through January 31, 2017.**

Allegany County and Queen Anne's County Public Libraries



Development and Job

Training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. **Closing Date: February 24, 2017.**

Pain Medication Management Initiatives Funded

Generation Rx Program

The Cardinal Health Foundation is committed to helping communities address prescription drug misuse; to engage patients and their healthcare providers in reducing the number of opioids prescribed for pain management, while producing better patient outcomes and better pain management.

Online applications are due February 27, 2017.

*Allegany County Library Director John Taube and Allegany County Commissioner Jake Shade participate in **Guys Read** Program in Allegany County*

Allegany County and Queen Anne's County Public Libraries promote the excitement of recreational reading to boys in grade four in a program modeled after the Alaska "Guys Read" project, which brings men into the classroom to encourage boys to the fun and enjoyment of reading. The Libraries formed a partnership and have received a MAERDAF grant award for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017. Last year, with the help of community partners, staff of the Allegany and Queen Anne's County Public Libraries recruited and trained over 50 volunteer men who visited schools to promote reading as a fun activity. A total of 92 visits were made to six elementary schools in each of the participating counties. Teams of two to three volunteer men, acting as "reading role models", projected and read from the grant books while the students enjoyed their lunches. For Fiscal Year 2017, the Libraries will expand the program to include 5th grade students, who were last year's 4th graders, by the students' request. In order to keep the reading momentum going, the Libraries plan to conduct two visits to 5th grade with new titles, as well as continue with eight visits to 4th grade.

