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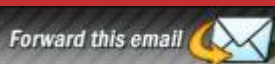
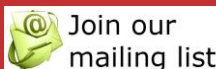
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Dates to Remember

**Wednesday
June 21, 2017
Tri-County Council for
Western Maryland
Business Meeting**

**September 26-28, 2017
Ocean City, MD
Transportation
Association of Maryland
Annual Conference &
Expo**



New Citizen Access Portal Now Live *Portal will offer twenty-four hour access*

Washington County Government would like to announce that the new **Citizen Access Portal** is now live. This new portal offers enhanced customer service to citizens by allowing them to lookup property information as well as search applications for land development, infrastructure, comprehensive planning, permits and construction.

For additional information, contact Public Relations Manager James Jenkins at 240-313-2384.



Loan and Grant Funding Available for Home Repair Projects

USDA Rural Development recently announced that homeowners in rural areas who need repairs to their home but can't afford regular loans may be eligible for a USDA Rural Development loan at only one percent interest. Seniors, age 62 and older, may qualify for free home repairs up to \$7,500 through the USDA Rural Development grant program.

Notice of Funding Availability

Support for Organizations Serving Seniors

Kendal's Promising Innovations Grants are intended for nonprofit organizations that work to meet the needs of an elderly population. Letters of Intent must be submitted by May 19, 2017. [Click here for information.](#)

"We are looking for lower income homeowners that need help making a home handicap accessible or fixing or replacing a roof, installation or repair of a septic system, who may need replacement windows, or other repairs to correct or remove existing health, safety, and sanitary issues," Acting Delaware and Maryland Director Kathy Beisner said. Interested persons may apply at any time for this program but funding may become limited after August 31, 2017.

To be eligible to participate in the home repair program, applicants must own the home and be located in a small town or rural area. USDA must determine that the household is unable to repay a loan at affordable rates and terms.

For more information, contact the Rural Development Delaware/Maryland State Office at (302) 857-3595 or (301) 797-0500 ext. 4.

To view the full Press Release follow [this link](#).