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## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council  
For Western Maryland

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### Dates to Remember

**Monday**  
**November 19, 2018**  
**5:00 pm**  
**Washington County**  
**Tri-County Council for**  
**Western Maryland**  
**Business Meeting**

**Wednesday**  
**October 24, 2018**  
**8:00am-4:30pm**  
**Tech at the Gap**  
**Igniting Innovation '18**  
**Rocky Gap Casino Resort**

### Quick Links

[Allegany County Government](#)

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### USDA Invites Applications for Funding to Support the Rural Economic Development Innovation (REDI) Initiative

REDI offers an opportunity for eligible partners to expand capacity for small and rural towns to harness regional assets, create economic development plans, and implement those plans.

**Applications must be submitted September 5, 2018 via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).**

Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
  - Developing the rural economy
- Harnessing technological innovation
  - Supporting a rural workforce
  - Improving quality of life

Follow [this link](#) for complete details.



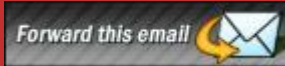
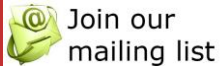
### Nominations Now Being Accepted 2019 Maryland Sustainable Growth Awards



The **Maryland Sustainable Growth Awards** celebrate significant achievement by individuals, businesses, organizations and local governments to support the 12 planning visions adopted by the Maryland General Assembly. The awards promote exemplary work that

Maryland Department of  
Commerce

[StatsWMD.org](http://StatsWMD.org)



### Notice of Funding Availability

#### Communities Committed to Health Recognized

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize honors outstanding communities throughout the United States that have come together around a commitment to health, opportunity, and equity through collaboration and inclusion, especially with historically marginalized populations and those facing the greatest barriers to good health.

**The Phase One application deadline is Nov. 1, 2018**

#### Programs to Enhance the Lives of Young Children Funded

The Caplan Foundation for Early Childhood supports nonprofit organizations that offer programs that will significantly enhance the development, health, safety, education, or quality of life of children from infancy through seven years of age.

**The upcoming deadline for letters of inquiry is September 30, 2018.**

represents or inspires collaboration, innovation, conservation, community impact and quality of life.

Awards are given in the categories of **Leadership and Service, Sustainable Communities** and **Preservation/Conservation**.

Nominate worthy people and projects today. Self-nominations are accepted! Award application and guidelines are available online by following [this link](#).

The deadline for nominations is September 21, 2018.

## SAVE THE DATE

### 2018 MEDA Fall Conference

Monday, October 22, 2018

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Rocky Gap Casino Resort

16701 Lakeview Road

Flintstone, Maryland 21530

## MEDA 2018 Fall Conference

*Understanding the  
Site Selection Process*

For complete conference information, schedule, registration, and more, visit <https://www.medamd.com/>

The conference will be the kickoff for 2018 Economic Development Week!



Economic Development  
*Transforms lives.*