

July 2, 2020

## Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties



Tri County Council  
*For Western Maryland*

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**TCCWMD Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, December 16  
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### COVID-19 Quick Links

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### COVID-19 Impact Survey

In the effort to gauge how members of the business community have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, the Maryland Chamber has developed a COVID-19 Impact Survey.

The Maryland Chamber staff will use this survey data to support the ReNEW Maryland initiatives, which are intended to help put businesses and employees back to work. Please take a moment to complete the survey.

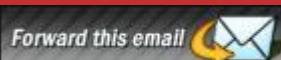
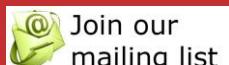
[Follow this link to the Survey](#)

Please share this survey with your business partners. Having a robust number of responses will aid in advancing advocacy efforts at the federal level and help better prepare for the 2021 state legislative session.

### Webinar: Fast Track Cash Strategies for Small Businesses Reopening

No matter what kind of business you are in, it's inevitable that you're going to face cash flow issues at one time or another. Since cash flow woes are bound to happen, you should have a plan for effectively dealing with them to mitigate the hassle and damage they cause. There are many creative ways to combat this problem - Join this presentation to learn five that are quick, easy, and ready for you to implement right away!

[USDA COVID-19 Federal  
Rural Resource Guide](#)



**Notice of Funding Availability**

**USDA Offers Temporary Payment Deferrals for the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program**

The USDA program will temporarily allow borrowers with direct loans to request payment deferrals to assist those that are experiencing temporary cash flow issues due to the pandemic.

For additional information, visit the notice by following [this link](#).

**Effective through September 30, 2020.**

**Thursday, July 9, 2020  
1:00 - 2:30 pm**

For more information and to register, follow [this link](#).



**The 2020 Census is more than a population count.  
It's an opportunity to shape your community's future.**

The Census helps determine how much each county receives in federal funding to:

- Support emergency services such as hospitals and fire departments
- Ensure families in your community have access to proper food and nutrition through programs like SNAP and WIC
- Maintain and improve schools, transportation infrastructure, and parks and playgrounds

Taking the Census today will have an impact on your community for the **next 10 years**. Ensure your county receives its fair share of federal funding.

Follow [this link](#) to complete the Census online.

