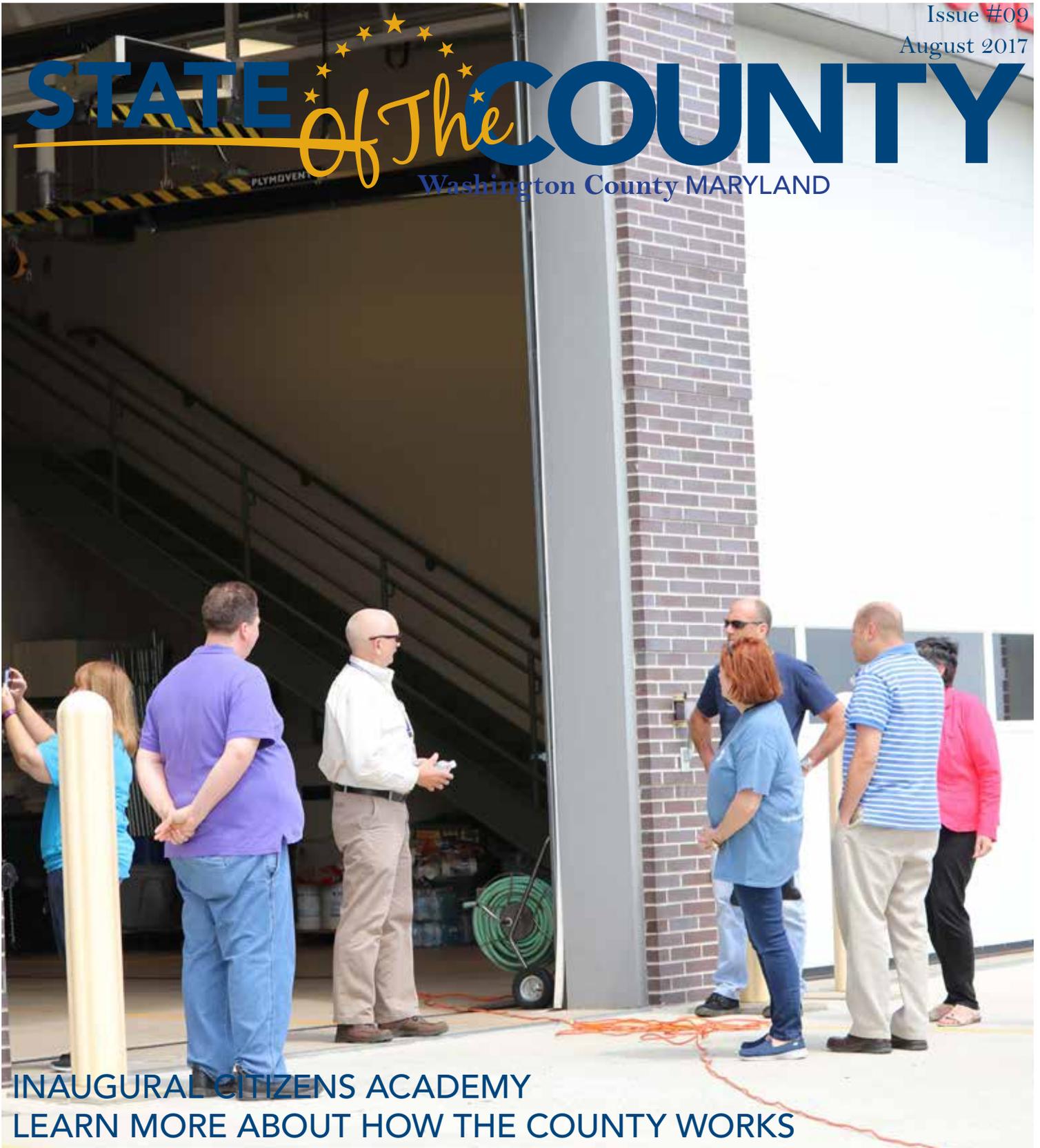


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## WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSTED INAUGURAL CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Washington County hosted a six-week program to educate citizens on the inner-workings of local government. Classes involved tours, lectures and sometimes goats.

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## HGR CONTRIBUTES MILLIONS TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY

An in-depth look at how HGR sustains more than 1600 jobs and infuses millions into our regional economy.

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNOUNCES UPGRADE TO PERMITTING SOFTWARE

The Permitting Department recently implemented software upgrades to continue to provide superior service to customers and citizens alike.

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## AN INFORMED CITIZEN...



*"Citizens Academy was a great experience and I'm glad I enrolled. I will absolutely recommend it to friends and colleagues in the future."*

*- Justin Anderson  
Bowman Development*

# 20 STUDENTS GRADUATE INAUGURAL CLASS

## Program gave participants a look into how government functions

Washington County recently wrapped up their first ever Citizens Academy. The course kicked-off Thursday, April 20 as the class learned about county administration and ag business development. The goal of the course was to create ambassadors and educate citizens on the County's various departments and what it takes to run the County smoothly and efficiently.

Twenty individuals participated in the inaugural class which met once or twice a week with one to two topics per session. The Academy consisted of both lecture-style days as well as tours when applicable. Topics covered were:

- County Administration
- Ag Business Development
- Sheriff's Department
- Budget & Finance
- Planning & Zoning
- Engineering & Construction
- Hagerstown Regional Airport
- Emergency Services

Word quickly spread regarding the inaugural class which led to the testing of a Youth Academy Course. The Cultural Exchange Mentoring



Program reached out to the County about developing a course for their students.

A short-run program was quickly developed. Twelve students participated in this tour-based program as they visited Hagerstown Regional Airport, Ag Education Center, 40 West Landfill,

Conococheague Wastewater Treatment plant and Emergency Services where they toured the Mobile Command Center and 9-1-1.

The Youth Academy was capped off by a pinning ceremony at a recent Board of County Commissioners meeting.



# HAGERSTOWN REGIONAL AIRPORT INFUSES MILLIONS INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY

**HGR is a key economic driver for the county  
and surrounding region**



Washington County Public Relations & Community Affairs

Hagerstown Regional Airport would like to announce the findings of their recently completed impact study. The study was conducted by Martin Associates and focused on the important role HGR plays in stimulating the local economy. The study analyzed the impact HGR has on revenue, employment, income and taxes.

Hagerstown Regional Airport is a financially self-supporting airport complex managed by Washington County Government. The study shows that HGR continues to have a significant impact on the local economy. Some of the study's highlights are as follows:

- HGR supports 1,624 jobs – 826 direct jobs, 409 induced jobs and 389 indirect jobs
- Generates nearly \$98 million in salary and wages
- Over \$10 million in state and local taxes are generated annually
- Local businesses receive nearly \$136 million in sales revenue via provided airport services and passenger activity

“This study reaffirms that HGR is a key asset to economic development in the county,” stated Phil Ridenour, airport director. “This study will play a vital role in helping to attract both new air service and new aviation related businesses.”

HGR includes more than 14 aviation-related businesses. These businesses provide numerous services including aircraft rental, heated hangars, computerized weather, aircraft inspections and aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul. Two flight schools offer discovery flights, pilot ground school and flight training.



## WINGS & WHEELS EXPO 2017

Saturday, September 9  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Fairchild A-10 Homecoming!

Four Fairchild A-10C Thunderbolt II “Warthogs” are flying into the Wings and Wheels Expo from the Maryland Air National Guard! Visitors will see two A-10s flying at noon on Saturday. Over 700 Fairchild A-10s were assembled in Hagerstown from 1976 to 1984.

Cruise-In: See vintage cars, trucks, military vehicles, fire trucks and more! See airport fire and rescue trucks along with heavy equipment.



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# COMMISSIONERS' CALLOUT

## Gaming Commission awards nearly \$2 million

The Washington County Gaming Commission recently announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 75 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$1,938,257 for fiscal year 2017, which ended June 30, represents a decrease of \$46,660 when compared to fiscal year 2016 revenues.

State law requires funds be divided equally between the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association and local charities, and in January the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association received \$404,402. As of today, an additional \$564,726 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$969,128.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 99 separate applications from 85 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$1,842,895. After a one-day workshop in June, and public hearings in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 86 of the 99 requests. Of the 99 applications received, 15 received full funding, 71 received partial funding, and 13 were denied funding. A total of \$969,128 was allocated to 75 of the 85 charitable organizations applying.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$165,000, followed by Safe Place Child Advocacy Center, \$60,000 and R.E.A.C.H., \$58,000.

**Gaming Fund Total:**

**\$1,938,257**

**Amount Designated to Fire & Rescue:**

**\$969,128**

**Amount Designated to Community Free Clinic:**

**\$165,000**

## DIVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PARTNERS WITH NEXTDOOR Division joining other state agencies in private neighborhood social network



Washington County Division of Emergency Services announced a partnership with Nextdoor to share important news and updates, provide preparedness information and communicate with residents before, during and after times of emergency.

Nextdoor is a private social network used by over 137,000 U.S. neighborhoods. Nextdoor's mission is to provide neighbors a platform to build stronger, safer and happier communities.

DES joins other public agencies such as the Maryland Emergency Management Agency in using this service.

"Nextdoor gives us the ability to disseminate information to specific neighborhoods," stated Dave Hays, director of Division of Emergency Services. "It is a powerful tool for us to share information and communicate with residents in a specific community or region of the county."

Residents interested in receiving up-to-date news are encouraged to get started by visiting [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com) and create a free account.



# DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LAUNCHES APP

## **Agritourism App works as a wayfinder for ag-related events, farmers markets and more**



**What's in Season:** Calendar provides a list of fruits and vegetables grown in Washington County and when they're in season.

**Events Calendar:** This continuously updated feature provides a list of ag-related events ranging from Ag Expo Events to what's in season to corn mazes.

**Push Notifications:** The app will allow DBD to utilize push notifications allowing engagement with users and citizens even further.

**Social Media:** Ag Business Development will be able to connect with consumers on the app, but also on various social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

The app is available on both Apple and Android devices. Agriculture-related businesses are encouraged to submit their local events via the Agritourism blog site: <https://washingtoncountyagritourism.blog/contact>.

The Washington County Department of Business Development team is taking engagement to the next level by launching their new Agritourism app.

This app will work as a guide, allowing consumers to explore and discover Washington County, Maryland's rich agricultural history.

By downloading this free app, consumers can stay up-to-date on agricultural related events, explore local farms and know what's in season and where to buy. The goal is to take the guesswork out of knowing food sources and empower customers to buy local.

The app features:

**Comprehensive Farm Guide:** Comprised of a list of many of the 844 farms that call Washington County home. The guide, based off the printed bi-annual publication, will let users know when farms are open to the public as well as location, products and events.

**Favorites:** The user can create a personalized list of favorite farms so staying up-to-date on what farms have to offer is easier than ever.

**Find a Farmers Market:** Consumers can discover what farmer markets are closest to them and their hours of operation. The app is location-aware, making buying local even easier.



# WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNOUNCES UPGRADE TO PERMITTING SOFTWARE

Washington County Government upgraded its permitting software from Accela Permits Plus to Accela Automation, on May 1 of this year.

Accela Automation offers streamlined, efficient solutions for permitting, inspections, planning and code enforcement. The following divisions and departments will be affected by the upgrade:

Division of Engineering & Construction Management

- Construction Department
- Plan Review Department
- Permitting Department

Department of Planning & Zoning

Geographic Information Systems Office

This upgrade allows for a wide variety of functionality ranging from community planning and development functions to increased citizen access and engagement, including:

- Issue and track permits of various types
- Schedule inspections and track inspection information
- Track processing of subdivisions, site plans and other development review activity
- Track property specific information and associated GIS data
- Maintain information on owners, developers, contractors and design professionals
- Post and report fees and securities
- Provide reporting enhancement
- Expand permit information in Citizen Access for public use

“This upgrade will increase efficiency by allowing County divisions and departments to handle permitting, inspections and requests quickly while maintaining a high-level of customer service and an increased level of citizen access,” stated Robert Slocum, county administrator.

The Velocity Hall website was replaced by the Accela Citizen Access website as part of the upgrade.

To request an inspection during the system upgrade call 240-313-2434 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. All services will recommence once the upgrade has been completed.



*“This upgrade will increase efficiency by allowing County divisions and departments to handle permitting, inspections and requests quickly while maintaining a high-level of customer service and an increased level of citizen access”*

*- Robert Slocum*

*County Administrator*



# FOUNTAIN ROCK ELEMENTARY WINS RECYCLING CHALLENGE

## Grosh's Lawn Service Phone Book Recycling Challenge encourages students to recycle phone books



Front Row (L/R): Annie Right, Catherine Warren, Riley Bossler, Addison Arnett, Aiden Arnett; Middle Row (L/R): Will Kline, Eliason Arnett, Austin Zonis, Will Wright; Back Row (L/R): Anthony Drury, Nicole Paylor (Principal), Tom Grosh (Grosh's Lawn Service)

As a result of Washington County student efforts, 5,325 phone books were recycled saving six cubic yards of space in the County Landfill as part of the Grosh's Lawn Service 2017 Phone Book Recycling Challenge.

Leading the collection effort with a total number of 2,321 phone books, the Washington County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize the outstanding achievement of Fountain Rock Elementary, this year's first place winner. Fountain Rock Elementary averaged 10.4 phone books collected per student.

Funkstown Elementary and Antietam Academy placed second and third respectively collecting a combined total of 664 phone books. Williamsport Elementary and Heritage Academy rounded out the top five with 1,070 phone books.

With this tremendous effort, the County's students helped save:

- 34 Trees
- 127 Gallons of Oil
- 84 Gallons of Gas
- 13,930 Gallons of Water
- 119 Pounds of Air Pollution
- 8,378 Kilowatt hours of electricity

The top five schools will receive prizes ranging from \$70 – \$675 dollars.

Sponsors for the 2017 Phone Book Recycling Challenge prizes include: Grosh's Lawn Service, EZtoUse.com and the Washington County Teachers Federal Credit Union.



# GET INVOLVED

## Board & Commissions



The biggest asset to Washington County is an informed citizen; your feedback is needed to move Washington County forward. One way to get involved is to submit an application to become a member of a Board or Commission. Currently, the Gaming Commission, Social Services Board, Community Organization Funding Committee, Housing Authority of Washington County, Electrical Board, Plumbing Board, Animal Control Authority, and Local Management Board are accepting applications. All qualifying charitable organizations operating in Washington County are encouraged to apply. Here is a little info about the roles and responsibilities of each board.

The Washington County Board of County Commissioners are accepting applications for the Plumbing and Electrical Boards.

Rescue Association and shall be an active member of a volunteer fire company in the County

- Two members shall be selected from the public
- One member shall represent the building industry

The Electrical Apparatus and Wiring Board of Examiners and Supervisors of Washington County is currently looking to fill one position. The position is for an individual who is duly licensed as a master electrician doing business in Washington County.

The Board examines the qualifications and capabilities of individuals who are engaged or desire to engage in the business of a master electrician. This is a paid Board with members serving two-year terms.

The Board enforces the rules and regulations for the plumbing and HVAC trade or business in Washington County as well as issues relating to the licensing and registration of Plumbing and HVAC Contractors doing business in Washington County and recommends amendments to the Washington County Plumbing and Mechanical Codes. This is a paid Board with members serving three-year terms.

The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. Membership is comprised of five individuals familiar with the electrical industry. Additionally, members must be County residents for at least five years as well as a registered Washington County voter.

The Plumbing/HVAC Board of Washington County is currently looking to fill two positions:

- An individual who is duly licensed as a master plumber doing business in Washington County.
- An individual who is selected as a member at large.

To apply for any one of these positions, please fill out the online application at [www.washco-md.net](http://www.washco-md.net). Volunteer applications will be kept on file for two years from the date of submittal.

The Board makeup is as follows:

- One member of an electric public utility company doing business in Washington County
- Two members must be duly licensed master electricians in the County
- One member shall be appointed at-large
- A fifth member may be designated by the Washington County Volunteer Fire and

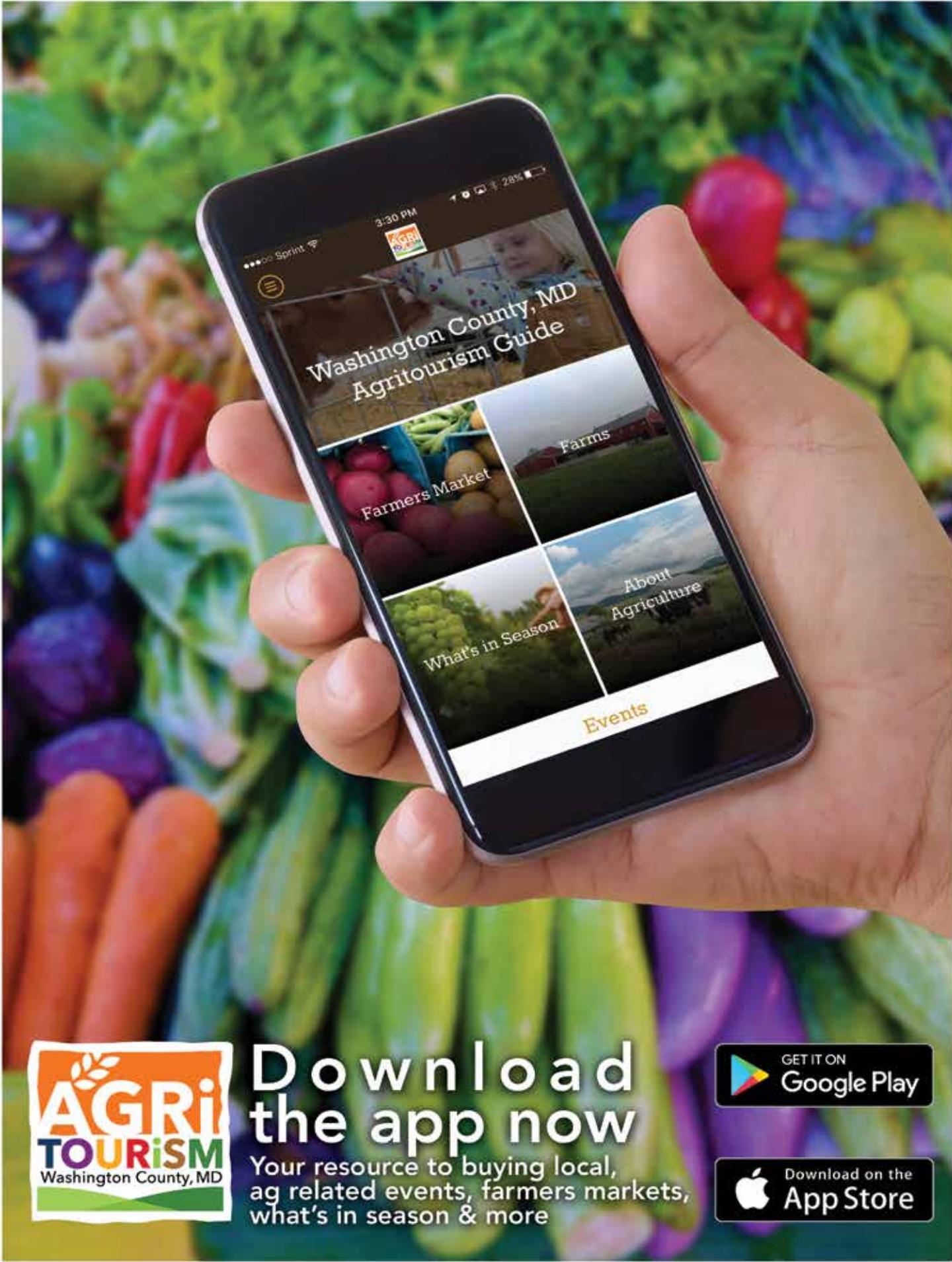
The Board meets the first Monday every other month at 3 p.m. Membership is comprised of seven individuals familiar with the plumbing/HVAC industry. Additionally, members must be County residents of the County.

The Board makeup is as follows:

- Two members shall be master plumbers
- Two members must hold a valid Maryland HVAC Master's License

If you have questions about applying for a position contact Vicki Lumm, County Clerk, by calling 240-313-2204 or you may email her at [vlumm@washco-md.net](mailto:vlumm@washco-md.net).





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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST 27

### Pen Mar Summer Concert Series Ray Birely Orchestra- (Everybody's Day)

Pen Mar Park  
14600 Pen Mar-High Rock Road  
Cascade, Maryland  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## AUGUST 26 & 27

### Augustoberfest

Hagerstown Central Lot  
Hagerstown, Maryland  
Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## AUGUST 31

### Fly on the Ford in Hagerstown

Hagerstown Regional Airport  
18434 Showalter Road  
Hagerstown, Maryland  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 4

### Pen Mar Summer Concert Series Détente

Pen Mar Park  
14600 Pen Mar-High Rock Road  
Cascade, Maryland  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 11

### Pen Mar Summer Concert Series The Holders

Pen Mar Park  
14600 Pen Mar-High Rock Road  
Cascade, Maryland  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 18

### Pen Mar Summer Concert Series George Tindall Combo

Pen Mar Park  
14600 Pen Mar-High Rock Road  
Cascade, Maryland  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.



## Wings & Wheels Expo 2017

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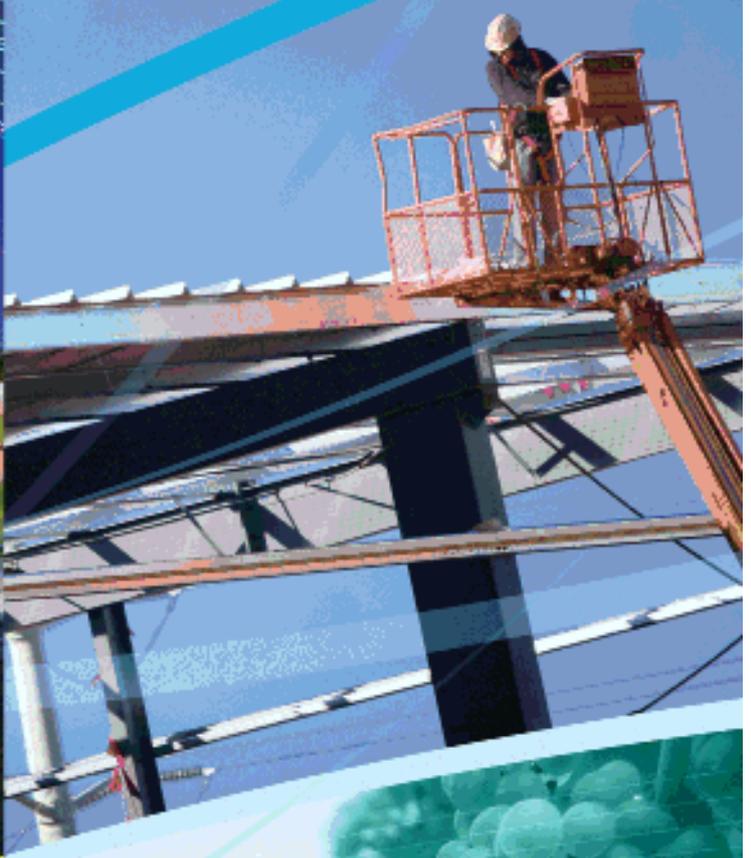
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