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Frederick County Commission on Aging to Host Housing Panel on Affordable Housing for Seniors

FREDERICK, MD -- The Frederick County Commission on Aging (COA) will host a Housing Panel on affordable housing in Frederick County on March 12 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Bourne Building, 355 Montevue Lane, Frederick. The panel is open to the public and includes five speakers who will discuss challenges related to finding affordable and flexible housing options for seniors in the county. The panel is being held in conjunction with the COA's monthly meeting.

The five speakers scheduled to present on the panel include: Director Milton Bailey, Frederick County Department of Housing and Community Development; Planning Director Jim Gugel, Frederick County Division of Planning and Permitting; Chairman Bruce Zavos, Affordable Housing Council; Judy Kendro, a Frederick County resident actively involved in affordable housing issues, and Noel Manalo, Frederick County Building Industry Association Land Use Council Board of Directors.

A 10-minute presentation by each speaker will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

“Affordable housing is an issue for many seniors in Frederick County. Many have limited or fixed incomes and there is a shortage of diverse housing options for residents looking to downsize,” said COA incoming Chairperson Sandi Wastler. “The county continues to grow faster than independent apartment communities, continuing care communities and affordable housing has grown. Our goal is to help seniors better understand what is available and most appropriate for their needs.”

The Commission on Aging promotes the well-being and quality of life of older adults in Frederick County. The purpose of the commission is to advise the county executive and the Department of Aging on all matters relating to development and administration of the area plan and operations and to be advocates for issues relating to aging. The commission is composed of 15 voting members, all residents and registered voters of Frederick County. There are also non-voting ex-officio members. Members serve staggered terms of three years.

For more information, visit www.frederickcountymd.gov/COA or contact Ms. Wastler at swastler@frederickcountymd.gov.

The Frederick County Department of Aging is located within the Frederick County Division of Citizens Services and develops and administers programs and activities that support older adults and adults with disabilities in their efforts to remain healthy, active and independent members of the community. It also provides, coordinates and advocates for services which promote the dignity and enrichment of life for all seniors, persons with disabilities, families and caregivers.

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