

CURRENT VACANCIES as of
May 2015
For COMMISSIONER-APPOINTED
BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

The Charles County Commissioners are seeking County residents to fill vacancies on the following Boards, Committees & Commissions:

- Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
- Alarm Review Board
- Area Council on Aging
- Cable Advisory Commission
- Commission for Women
- Commission on Individuals with Disabilities
- Disadvantaged Business Loan Review Committee
- Ethics Commission
- Gaming Permit Review Board
- Heritage Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Homeowner's Association Dispute Review Board
- Monument Commission
- Planning Commission (**Deadline for Applications is May 22, 2015**)
- Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board
- Wicomico Scenic River Commission

Applications are available on the Charles County Government website at <http://www.charlescounty.org/apps/citizenadvisory/public/enterApplication.jsp> or by contacting Carol DeSoto, Commissioner Specialist at 301-645-0691 or e-mail desotoc@charlescountymd.gov. *A separate application must be submitted for each membership to which you wish to apply.*

POSITIONS REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FILLED

There are 6 vacancies on the 11-member **Adult Public Guardianship Review Board**; 1 from each of the following specifications: Citizen Member Physician Member; Registered Pharmacist; Attorney; Health Department Psychiatrist; Non-Profit Social Services Organization Representative. The Board provides impartial oversight of the care and services provided for the individuals under public guardianship, reviews the current status of health and welfare of these persons, and makes recommendations as to whether guardianship should be continued as established, modified, or terminated. The Board meets twice a year and as needed for emergency situations. Members serve 4 year terms.

There are 2 vacancies on the **Alarm Review Board** for an Alarm User from the Public at Large and a Local Alarm Business Representative. The Board was established by Ordinance No. 98-48 to encourage alarm users and alarm businesses to maintain operational reliability and to properly use alarm systems to reduce/or eliminate false alarm dispatch requests. The Alarm Review Board will conduct periodic reviews of false alarm records and formal hearings to consider evidence presented by interested parties regarding appeals from fines and/or other charges relating to installation or operation of an alarm system. The Board meets as needed.

There are 3 vacancies on the **Area Council on Aging** for citizen members (1 from the senior community over the age of 60); Members serve 4-year terms. The Council promotes the welfare and betterment of senior citizens of Charles County by working actively and cooperatively within the community; develops awareness and understanding of problems and concerns; and develops community support for programs designed to benefit and support the senior citizen population. The Council meets monthly on the second Thursday at the Richard Clark Center at 9:30 am.

There are 3 vacancies for a Citizen Representatives on the **Cable Advisory Commission** for a 4 year term. The Commission invites, receives and evaluates applications for franchises; holds public and administrative hearings in order to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners; encourages the use of access channels among the widest range of institutions, groups, and individuals within the County; audits all franchise records as necessary or appropriate; retains experts and consultants to assist in its work; conducts periodic evaluations of cable systems; reports matters relating to cable systems and cable operators; reviews and recommends regulations relating to cable systems and cable operators; and seeks to resolve disagreements among franchisees, subscribers and public and private users of system facilities. The Board meets on an as needed basis.

There is 1 vacancy on the 19 member **Commission for Women** for citizen members. The Commission serves as a referral agency for women needing assistance; support and encourage volunteer programs of benefit to women; Publicize activities and services of interest to women; encourage educational and job training opportunities for women; Promote public forums on women's needs and problems; publicize newly passed legislation that affects women; promote continuing equal opportunity in education, employment, sports, and health care; focus on current family issues; and operate at all times and in all matters as a non-political, non-partisan commission. Members serve 4-year terms

There are 5 vacancies on the **Commission on Individuals with Disabilities**. This board provides the Charles County Commissioners with advice, information and assistance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to increase social acceptance and ensure full participation of individuals with disabilities in the many facets of County life. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at 3pm at County Government building in the office of the Safety Officer.

There is 1 vacancy on the **Disadvantaged Business Loan Review Committee** for Business Services Provider Member. This Committee serves as an advisory review body for the purpose of reviewing and approving loans to eligible businesses under the procedures of the Disadvantaged Loan Fund. The Committee meets only when applications are received on an as needed basis.

There is 1 vacancy on the **Ethics Commission**. This vacancy is for a citizen member. The responsibilities of this Board are to devise, receive and maintain all forms generated by the Charles County Code, Chapter 170, Code of Ethics; to provide published advisory opinions to persons subject to the aforementioned code as to the applicability of the provisions; to investigate, process and make determinations as to complaints filed alleging violation of the aforementioned code; and to conduct a public information program regarding the purpose and application of the aforementioned code. The Board meets at least quarterly and currently on a monthly basis at 7:00 pm in the County Government Building. Members serve four-year terms.

There is 1 vacancy on the 7 member **Gaming Permit Review Board**, for a citizen member. The Gaming Permit Review Board accepts and reviews applications for permits for gaming events in Charles County and recommends approval or disapproval to the County Commissioners. The Board meets quarterly on the first Monday of the month before the quarter begins. Members serve 4-year terms.

There are vacancies on the **Heritage Commission** for citizen members. The task of the Heritage Commission is to manage, procure, preserve and disseminate materials relating to the local history of Charles County. Members serve 4-year terms.

There is 1 vacancy on the **Historic Preservation Commission**. The Commission will review development plans for impacts to historic resources, recommend properties for local historic landmark designation, review exterior changes to locally designated landmarks, and support documentation of historic resources throughout Charles County. Applicants for this vacancy must possess professional training in any of the following areas: history, architectural history, archeology, historic preservation, landscape design, or related field. The Board meets monthly. Members will serve 3-year terms. The Commission meets in the evenings.

There are 2 vacancies on the seven-member **Homeowners' Association Dispute Review Board**, which meets as needed to hear and resolve disputes between a homeowners' association and a homeowner regarding the covenants or restrictions of the homeowners' association. The vacancies are for a resident involved in housing development and real estate sales or investor-owners of units in common ownership communities. The Board meets as needed in the evenings at the County Government Building. Members serve three year terms.

There is 1 vacancy on the 7 member **Monument Commission** for a member with a military/veteran background. This Commission will recommend locations for monuments; prepare guidelines, criteria and a plan for implementation of monument projects. The Commission will meet as necessary. Members will serve 4-year terms.

There is 1 vacancy on the 7-member **Planning Commission** for a 4-year term. The members are "citizen planners" as they are chosen from all walks of life. As such, formal planning experience or training is not required. The Planning Commission is involved in the drafting and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, makes recommendations on re-zoning requests and is the approval authority for subdivision of property in the County. The Board members receive a stipend. Meetings are held twice monthly on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. **All applicants must complete the State of Maryland online training course for Planning Commission/Board of Appeals members. You will find this online course at: <http://planning.maryland.gov/YourPart/EducationWelcome.shtml> In order for your application to be considered you must complete this online course and send a copy of your certificate of completion, along with a completed application by May 22, 2015.**

The County Commissioners are seeking persons interested in Commissioner-nomination for the Governor's consideration for membership on the **Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board**. The Board hears appeals from Charles County property owners who disagree with the values assessed by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and appeals concerning local tax credits, local taxes, and other local tax matters. The Board meets approximately 1 to 2 times per month on Wednesdays. Terms are 5 years. Those interested in nomination must contact the Clerk to the County Commissioners to obtain an *Office of the Governor Request for Appointment Consideration Biographical Information Form*

There are 3 vacancies on the 7 member **Wicomico Scenic River Commission** for a Shoreline Property Owner, a Non-shoreline Property Owner, and a Property Owner in a soil conservation district through which the scenic or wild river flows. The Commission represents the interests of the Wicomico Scenic River and its watershed in Charles and St. Mary's Counties in an advisory capacity for review of proposals and information and act as a watchdog for the watershed. Members serve 4-year terms. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm at Dentsville EMS.