CURRENT VACANCIES as of
May 2018
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
- Animal Matters Hearing Board
- Area Council on Aging
- Board of Appeals (Application Deadline June 30, 2018)
- Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board) District 4
- Commission on Individuals with Disabilities
- Commission for Veterans Affairs Newly Formed
- Commission for Women
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council (Charles County)
- Library Board of Trustees
- Mental Health Advisory Committee

Applications are available on the Charles County Government website at http://www.charlescounty.org/apps/citizenadvisory/public/enterApplication.jsp or by contacting Carol DeSoto, Senior 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

Vacancy/Vacancies:

On the 11-member Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. The Commissioners are seeking to appoint a Doctor, a Registered Pharmacist, and a Psychiatrist. 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.

On the Alarm Review Board for 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.
On the 9 member Animal Matters Hearing Board for a person who is knowledgeable of veterinarian practices. The task of the Animal Matters Hearing Board is to hear and decide upon receipt of a written complaint or request from a person receiving a violation notice, to conduct a public hearing after due notice to determine whether violations of these regulations have occurred and whether a person subject to an order of the Board has complied with that order. The Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Members serve 4-year terms.

On the Area Council on Aging for citizen members from both the senior community over the age of 60 and citizens at large; 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.

On the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals is made up 5 members and an alternate, appointed by the County Commissioners. Members are appointed for staggered terms of 4 years. The members are citizen planners as they are chosen from all walks of life and typically do not have any formal training prior to their appointment. The County Commissioners are given the authority to appoint the Board of Appeals by the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. This article also defines the role & responsibility for the Board. It specifies that the Board hears appeals of the zoning and land use decisions of the County Government, requests for approval of special exceptions, and requests for approval of variances. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the County Government Building. 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 June 30, 2018.

On the Board of License Commissioners - Liquor Board for A District 4 Representative. The task of this Board is to review and approve the issuance and renewal of liquor licenses in Charles County, and establish penalties for violations. The Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the County Government Building. Members serve four-year terms.

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.

On the Newly Formed Commission for Veterans Affairs. This 13 member Commission will establish a consistent avenue of communication for our veteran community so Charles County can better understand and address their needs. Members will be sought from our county veterans, various veteran organizations and any organizations affiliated with and/or supporting veteran's needs. Three additional members will be for civilian members. The first scheduled meeting will be on September 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

On the Commission for Women. 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.
On the **Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council (Charles County)** for citizens members and members who work in area of substance abuse, prevention and treatment. The Council establishes and implement plans, strategies and priorities for alcohol and drug abuse evaluation, prevention and treatment services in Charles County.

On the **Library Board of Trustees**. The vacancy is for a citizen member. The task of the Board is to deal with all aspects of the library, including services, staff, rules and regulations and other functions for the proper delivery of library services. The Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Members serve four year terms.

On the **Mental Health Advisory Committee**. The task of the Mental Health Advisory Committee is to review and make recommendations regarding services and facilities for mental health programs in Charles County. The Mental Health Advisory Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending services and facilities for mental health programs in the County. Members serve three year terms. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Charles County Department of Health, White Plains.

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