

Deadline to register to vote  
or update registration:

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2024/index.html>

## Connecting Advocates Newsletter



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*Uniting community members to transform our neighborhoods is at the heart of what we do.*

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### **Early Voting: May 2-10, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm**

To vote by mail, you must request a mail-in ballot from the State Board of Elections or your local board. Your request for a mail-in ballot for the Presidential Primary Election must be submitted as follows:

If you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax, your request must be received (not just mailed) by Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

If you want to receive your ballot via the internet, your request must be received by 5 pm, Friday, May 10, 2024 for a request sent in the mail, or by 11:59 pm, Friday, May 10, 2024 for a request sent by fax or submitted online.

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### **Taking Care of Our Most Precious Resources**

Our communities are valuable treasures where we strive to make residents feel cared for and protected. Community leaders put a lot of thought and energy into doing what they can to give residents the best possible environment to support a healthy life.

One of our local communities is taking significant steps to extend support for a healthy environment one step further. Victoria Falls is a 55+ community in Laurel that is actively working to educate residents about planet preserving practices. The idea started with one person, grew to three people, and now encompasses an active group of residents that has formed an Environmental Interest Group (EIG). The EIG is putting on a series of engaging programs to highlight actions all of us can take to protect our planet's precious resources. In addition to the programs they have already presented, the interest group developed a list of potential topics and they are surveying the community to see what programs would be of interest.

On the following pages, we are sharing some of the materials the Victoria Falls interest group has distributed to the attendees at their programs. The interest group is happy to share because the more effectively communities focus on educating residents, the more likely it is that Earth-protecting practices will be implemented.

For communities that want to start informing residents about Best Practices, it might be helpful to have people think about what they are already doing to care for the environment. Then, have people think about adopting one more environmentally responsible practice. If we can give everyone one small step at a time to take, we can increase the odds that new practices will become a habit and that one success will lead to more successes.



According to the EPA, dog poop is as **toxic** to the environment as **chemical and oil spills.**

### What Do You Think?

Cultivating Community Connections would like to know about the people in your community that are making a difference. Tell us who they are and what they are doing.

Email us at:  
[CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com](mailto:CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com)

### Our Leadership Team

Carol Jenkins- founder

Jeff Jenkins- co-founder

Melissa Daston- *Movers and Shakers* coordinator

Carol Relitz- web administrator

Thank you for supporting CCC's efforts to strengthen communities.



Prince George's County Recycles All # Except 4 and 6.

<b>PET</b>	<b>HDPE</b>	<b>PVC</b>	<b>LDPE</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>PS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Polyethylene Terephthalate	High-Density Polyethylene	Polyvinyl Chloride	Low-Density Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Other
Drink bottles, produce clamshells, cooking oil, vinegar	Milk bottles, shampoo bottles, detergents	Chemical containers, packaging, piping, electrical tape	Plastic bags, squeeze bottles, bread bags, bin liners	Plastic bottle tops, buckets, yogurt pottles, straws, potato chip packets	Disposable cups, take-out containers, foam packaging, packing 'peanuts'	Other plastics includes acrylics, polycarbonates, nylon, fiberglass

#### What If Everyone Did Just One More?

See The NOAA Web Site For 51 Ways to Help The Environment

<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/earthday.html>

#### Help the environment by greening your at-home routine

1. Practice the three Rs for the environment: [reduce](#), [recycle](#) and [reuse](#) to eliminate the amount of waste in your home.
2. Use a [programmable thermostat](#) to save on energy costs.
3. Upgrade the [lighting](#) around your house to smart LEDs to conserve energy.
4. Wash clothes in cold water to [reduce water-heating costs](#).
5. Use [water-conservation techniques](#) in your kitchen, laundry room and bathrooms.
6. [Decrease the amount of trash](#) your household accumulates.

National Ocean Service National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Protecting Our Planet Starts with You

Ten **simple choices** for a healthier planet.

# PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU



<p><b>BIKE MORE DRIVE LESS</b></p> 	 <p><b>reduce REUSE recycle</b></p> <p>Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.</p>	<p><b>choose sustainable</b></p>  <p><b>seafood</b></p> <p>Learn how to make smart seafood choices at <a href="http://www.FishWatch.gov">www.FishWatch.gov</a>.</p>	<p>Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.</p>  <p><b>PLANT A TREE</b></p>
 <p><b>EDUCATE</b></p> <p>When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.</p>	<p><b>CONSERVE WATER</b></p>  <p>The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.</p>	 <p><b>-SHOP- WISELY</b></p> <p>Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.</p>	 <p><b>Don't send chemicals into our waterways.</b></p> <p>Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.</p>
 <p><b>Volunteer!</b></p> <p>Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!</p>	<p><b>CONSERVE WATER</b></p>	 <p><b>Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A - BRIGHT IDEA</b></p>	<p>Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!</p> 

[oceanservice.noaa.gov](http://oceanservice.noaa.gov)

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/RecyclingandOperationsprogram/Pages/ecycling.aspx>

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How to eCycle in Maryland

[Electronic Manufacturers that will recycle my old electronic device for free.](#)