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Pilot Program Assists Vulnerable Homeowners by Allowing Third-Party Notifications

FREDERICK, Md. – Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner today announced the launch of a pilot program to protect the county’s most vulnerable homeowners from the potential loss of their homes. The Third-Party Notification Program permits a homeowner who is 65 or older, or an individual with a disability, to designate a third party to receive copies of their real estate tax bills. The designated third party is not responsible for payment of the taxes or delinquencies, but agrees to check on the property owner to ensure that the tax notices have been received and to encourage prompt payment.

“The Third-Party Notification Program provides a safeguard for homeowners,” Executive Gardner said. “A family member or trusted adult can provide reminders so a person does not forget to pay a bill. Taking action now can provide peace of mind for years to come.”

Participation in the Third-Party Notification Program is voluntary. There is no cost to sign up a designee. The third party can reside in any state; they do not have to live in Frederick County. Copies of tax bills and delinquency notices can be mailed or emailed to the third party.

Seniors can apply for the Third-Party Notification Program by visiting the County’s website at FrederickCountyMD.gov/Treasury, or by calling the Frederick County Treasury Department at 301-600-1111 to request an application. Completed applications can be submitted to the County through mail or by email. For more information, visit FrederickCountyMD.gov/Treasury or call the Treasury Office at 301-600-1111.

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