

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior Citizens
September 10, 2025

- **Members Present:**

Sydney Harrison, Council Member, District 9, Chair, Task Force
Linda Allen, Deputy Director of Finance
Turkessa M. Green, County Auditor, County Council
Stephanie Ireland, Realtor, Prince George's County Association of Realtors
Arnita Greene, Prince George's County Association of Realtors
Dr. Chiledum Ahaghotu, Vice President, Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Medstar Southern Hospital Center
Beverly Ball, Citizen representative, District 5
Euraine Brooks, Citizen representative, District 9
Larissa Broady, Treasury Operations Manager, Finance Office
Tonya Fulwood, Bureau Chief, Adult Services, Department of Social Services

- **Member Absent:**

Janice Jefferson, AARP Suitland Chapter #939
Michael D. Johnson, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Elana T. Belon Butler, Director of the Department of Family Services
Lynn Butler, Senior Services Coordinator, Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission
Jacqueline Grazette, Citizen representative, District 4
Crystal Beckford, Chief Nursing Officer & Vice President of Patient Care Services, Luminis Health, Doctors Community Medical Center
Dr. Dea S. Bultman, Program Director, University of Maryland Capital Region Health Family Medicine Residency/UM Capital Region Health
Dr. Keith (Kenneth) Fisher, Chief Medical Officer, Adventist Fort Washington
Daniel Phillips, Maryland State Department of Assessment & Taxation

- **Staff Present**

Jashawn Stewart, Committee Director Supervisor
Sandra Eubanks, HHSPS Committee Director
Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council
Eddie Brown, Committee Assistant
Eric Bowman, Council Member Sydney Harrison's Office
LaShawn Freeman, Council Member Sydney Harrison's Office
John Sheridan, Council Member Jolene Ivey's Office

- **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Council Member Sidney Harrison opened the meeting by thanking members for joining and expressing his anticipation for the Task Force's continued work. He introduced himself as representing the southern part of Prince George's County. Council Member Harrison noted that

today's presentation would focus on property taxes and welcomed Ms. Larissa Brody, thanking her for joining and turning the floor over to her.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Harrison moved to approve the April 9, 2025, minutes, seconded by Dr. Chiledum Ahaghotu. The motion passed.

- **Presentation: Ms. Larissa Brody, Treasurer, Operations Manager, Office of Finance**

How property taxes are determined

- Based on the assessed value of each property.
- Multiply assessed value (divided by 100) by each tax rate set by the County budget ordinance, agencies, and municipalities.
- Bills may also include extra charges (clean water, solid waste, trash, recycling, etc.).
- Any tax credits appear in a separate section of the bill.

Payment schedule

- Non-principal residence (rental/vacant): full payment due by September 30th.
- Principal residence (homeowner's main home):
 - 1st installment due September 30th.
 - 2nd installment due December 31.
- Partial payments are accepted, but interest and penalties are charged on any unpaid balance after the deadline.

If you can't pay in full

- Pay as much as possible by the deadline to reduce penalties.
- Apply for available state and county credits:
 - Homeowner's Tax Credit (income-based; households under \$60,000 may qualify).
 - Homestead Tax Credit.
- Programs and resources:
 - Homeowner's HOPE Hotline – free financial counseling.
 - Maryland Homeowner Protection Program – grants and assistance.
 - Tax Sale Ombudsman – guidance on avoiding tax sale and applying for credits.

If property taxes aren't paid

- Taxes remain due even if the property is inherited. New owners must transfer the deed.
- Accounts delinquent over \$500 go to tax sale on the second Monday in May.
- Homeowners can still pay delinquent taxes before the tax sale, but once sold, only full payment with guaranteed funds will stop the process.
- Legal fees may apply if payments are delayed further.
- To redeem a property from tax sale:
 - Must pay the full amount due with guaranteed funds (no partial payments).

- Additional legal fees may be added in September or November.
- Interest and penalties continue to build each month until the balance is paid.
- For questions, homeowners can contact the Tax Sale Unit at 301-952-3948.

Elderly Property Tax Credit

- The previous program was suspended as of June 30, 2025.
- New legislation was adopted on February 11, 2025.
- The County is working with the County Executive and Council to resolve challenges in implementing the new program.
- Once finalized, the credit will be administered again.

Resources and Assistance

- A list of tax credits is available on both the Prince George's County and Maryland State websites.
- Additional Social Services programs may provide help with food, housing, medical costs, and other basic needs.
 - Examples: Maryland Access Point, United Communities Against Poverty, and other organizations.

Treasury Division Contact Information:

- Phone: 301-952-4030
- Email: tax_inquiry@co.pg.md.us
- Address: 1301 McCormick Drive, Suite 1100
- Walk-in hours: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Customer Service phone hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- **Next Meeting Date:**

October 8, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

- **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.