



## **GCAAR 2018 Legislative & Regulatory Accomplishments**

### **Carbon Monoxide Safety Initiative**

GCAAR prioritizes health and safety. When we learned of the hazardous accidents related to Carbon Monoxide, we worked with Councilmember Craig Rice (D-District 2) to pass Bill 23-18, Fire Safety - Carbon Monoxide Alarm. The legislation ensures that all housing is required to install carbon monoxide detectors to prevent carbon monoxide poisonings. The requirement is simple and effective without putting undue burden on homeowners. The law goes into effect July 1, 2019.

### **Partnered with Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection**

GCAAR collaborated with the County's Department of Environmental Protection to streamline and update the government's energy disclosure information sheet. This sheet has information on best practices and recommendations on how best to measure and lessen energy usage, without adding any extra disclosures to the process. The simplification led to the simplification of GCAAR's standard Regulations, Easements and Assessments Form as well.

### **Joined DEP's Residential Green Building Incentive Work Groups**

GCAAR was invited to participate in a Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection to draft legislative recommendations for sustainability in residential buildings. GCAAR has worked hard to maintain an incentive based approach to environmental measures and we will continue to be part of the collaborative process.

### **Defeated Onerous Solar Panel Legislation**

GCAAR identified a number of unintended consequences with legislation that would have put burdensome mandates during point on sale. The issue of interest was solar panels. While GCAAR members know how valuable solar panels can be to certain homeowners, we maintain voluntary education initiatives are the right course of action.