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CELEBRATING 5 YEARS AND MILES OF SMILES

Neighbor Ride, a volunteer-based nonprofit committed to helping Howard County seniors maintain their independence by providing friendly and reliable transportation, is celebrating its 5th Anniversary! To date, Neighbor Ride's dedicated team of volunteers has coordinated and provided over 23,000 trips for medical appointments, social outings, religious services, volunteer activities, shopping and other personal needs.

Neighbor Ride's service is easy to use. Howard County residents, age 60 and over, may register as passengers by calling the Neighbor Ride office at (410) 884-7433 to request a registration package or by visiting the website at www.neighborride.org. Once registered, passengers may request up to 12 rides a month. Volunteer Ride Coordinators then work to match ride requests with one of Neighbor Ride's 200-plus Volunteer Drivers.

Drivers are essential to the program and Neighbor Ride offers exceedingly flexible and rewarding daytime, evening and weekend volunteer opportunities. Volunteer drivers may choose schedules that are convenient to their homes and daily routines. Parents are welcome to bring their children along. Please contact Rosemary at (410) 884-RIDE (7433) or volunteer@neighborride.org for more information.



SCARECROW MAKING AND HAYRIDES

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24
11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

All you need are some old clothes and 2 pair of pantyhose (optional) to make your scarecrow. We'll provide the straw for free! Enjoy a hayride around the village for just 25 cents!



Food and pumpkins will also be for sale.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30



Daisy the Clown is back for 3 free shows at Amherst House at 5 p.m., 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. followed by trick or treating in the village center. The Haunted House, sponsored by Hammond High School Music Dept., will be open from 5-8 p.m. in the village center.

Mark Your Calendar

Lunch with Santa Dec 12

Cookies with Santa Dec 19

Tickets on Sale Nov 16



FAMILY FUN BINGO
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Grab your dollar bills and head on down to Amherst House for a family evening of fun playing Bingo. 8 cards for \$1 and snacks are free!

GOING GREEN

The Columbia Villages are going green! The Villages and the Howard County Master Gardener Program have joined together to promote safe, effective, and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities.

Two villages will be offering a free gardening talk, "Decking the Halls with Natural Materials" in November. Attend the free talk at Hickory Ridge Community Center on November 3 at 7:30p.m. or Harper's Choice Community Center on November 5 at 7p.m.

Registration is recommended, but not required. For more information call Hickory Ridge Community Center at (410) 730 7327 or Harper's Choice Community Center at (410) 730 3888.

HOWARD COUNTY MEN'S HEALTH FAIR

**Saturday, October 24
10 am – 2 pm**

Howard High School,
8700 Old Annapolis Rd, Ellicott City

This year will mark the first annual Howard County Men's Health Fair hosted by Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Howard County Council Member, Calvin Ball, and the Howard County Health Department. Participants will be able to increase their awareness of ongoing health topics related to men and the importance of a healthy lifestyle and its lifelong advantages.

This year's event will feature FREE confidential health screenings provided by the Howard County Health Department and Howard County General Hospital as well as exercise demonstrations, healthy food samples, healthy cooking ideas, door prizes and much more!

PLEASE USE PAPER

In an effort to support the environment, Howard County is encouraging residents to use paper bags for yardwaste rather than plastic. The paper will biodegrade with the yard trimmings and improve the quality of the finished compost. The bags are easy to fill and more resistant to punctures and tears. Free paper yardwaste bags are being offered to residents at the Howard County Department of Environmental Services, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 514 and at the Alpha Ridge Landfill in Marriottsville.



Visit
www.howardcountycycles.org
for more details.

LITTLE PATUXENT PARALLEL SEWER INTERCEPTOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

A Howard County construction project to replace an aging sewer main in the vicinity of Vollmerhausen Road and Savage Guilford Road in the Savage/Huntington East area was scheduled to begin on or about Monday, September 14. The project will include construction of more than 3,600 linear feet of sanitary sewer main. Weather permitting, the project should be completed by late December 2010.

During the project, Vollmerhausen Road will be subject to a brief closure while pipe is installed. Flagging operations will be in place to direct traffic as needed and signs will be posted to guide motorists.

This project will require the use of underground explosives. Small, controlled blasts will be used to fracture rock encountered in the sanitary sewer trench excavation. All planned blasts will be posted and monitored per Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and Howard County regulations. Homeowners within the impacted areas will be notified in advance by the contractor of planned blasts.

For questions or concerns about this Capital Project S-6175, contact Lisa Brightwell, Public Works Customer Service, at (410)313-3440, or email publicworks@howardcountymd.gov.

FALL CLASSES CONTINUE AT AMHERST HOUSE

BEGINNER PILATES CLASS

SATURDAYS
OCT 31-NOV 21

CA \$52, NON CA \$56
DROP IN \$16

On-Going Level II class offered
Mon. Eves. 7:15p.m. - 8:15pm

YOGA CLASSES

NEW SESSION BEGINS NOV. 4
WEDNESDAYS 6:45-7:45p.m.

6wk session CA \$72,
Non CA \$78 Drop In \$16

WEE FRIENDS

PARENT AND CHILD CLASSES
CURRENT OPENINGS
FOR 20 MONTHS - 3 YR. OLDS
Mon. Tues. or Wed. Classes



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

If you have concerns you would like the Village Board to address, attend a board meeting. They are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Amherst House.

There was no board meeting held on October 7. Board review will return in the next issue.



COVENANT CORNER

The Resident Architectural Committee usually meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. The next deadline is Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 9 p.m. for the meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MEETING IN NOVEMBER.**

STREET SIGN NOT VISIBLE?

Do you ever pass a street sign and not notice it because of overgrown foliage? Howard County Highways will trim around the sign if you call them with the location. Street signs that need repair or replacement will also be taken care of. Call Howard County Highways at (410) 313 7450.



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