



New Texting Program

NR is happy to announce that we are now able to use texting to contact drivers regarding cancelled rides. If you are interested in signing up for the texting option, please send an email to volunteer@neighborride.org. Include your name, cell phone # and cell carrier (i.e.: Verizon, T-Mobile). If you choose texting when a ride cancels, you will receive a text and an email. You will not receive a phone call. If you do not opt for texting, you will continue to be contacted by phone and/or email.

Save The Date For Basket Bingo!

Save the date for Neighbor Ride's 2nd Annual Basket BINGO, Saturday, May 14th at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 69, near Old Ellicott City. Doors open at 6pm and games begin at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and can be purchased online at www.neighborride.org or via check, mailed to Neighbor Ride at 5570 Sterrett Place, Suite 102, Columbia, MD 21044. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Colleen at 410-884-7433 or community@neighborride.org.

It was nice to see you.

It was great to see so many of you at the recent Volunteer Update. A program evaluation will be sent soon. Your feedback is appreciated.



Stars needed



Neighbor Ride will be making a new promotional video in May. We are looking for a few volunteers who might be interested in participating on the day of the filming to 'act' as drivers for some staged rides. If you are interested, please email volunteer@neighborride.org.

Driving Safety for Older Adults

Susan Cohen, President of Americans For Older Driver Safety will present a 90-minute educational program for older drivers about what they can expect as they progress through the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth decades of life. Free of charge. Invite your friends and neighbors who might be interested. Please RSVP at volunteer@neighborride.org.

May 18th - 11 - 12:30 pm
at Parkview Cradlerock

May 18th - 2 - 4 pm at Parkview
Ellicott City

CarFit

CarFit has returned. This is an educational program for adult drivers to "fit" safely behind the wheel, May 26th, from 10:30-2:30 in the parking lot of the Neighbor Ride office, 5570 Sterrett Place.

Developed by the American Society on Aging in collaboration with AAA, AARP, and the American Occupational Therapy Association this 25 minute evaluation is conducted by trained technicians. This is not a program to evaluate a driver's skills, but evaluates the fit of the car to the driver. This event is a partnership with the Howard County Police Department. Call or email volunteer@neighborride.org to reserve your time. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to join us.

Thank you to Barb Gumpert, Karen Trennapohl, and Dennis Boucher who "talked" Neighbor Ride at the Veterans Resource Fair.

Please be reminded:

If you do not receive a confirmation or a reminder for an assigned ride, please call the office or emergency line as soon as possible.

Passengers' Comments



Everyone is so congenial and helpful. I couldn't ask for more! GS

NR is a lifesaver to me. I feel so safe using NR. BA

I look forward to NR taking me to my appointments. I thank the drivers for their smiles and kindness to me. -DM

Every NR driver has been caring, sensitive, patient and determined to be of assistance. DS

Statistics

- 1417 = Trips Completed
- 175 = Ride Coordinator Hrs.
- 11 = No Driver Rides
- 18 = New Passengers

Welcome New Volunteers

- Andy Cohen
- Rob Dobrusin
- Indira Kalvakolanu
- Desi Conway
- Sarah Granai
- Raina Rahman

Obituary

Neighbor Ride extends sincere sympathy to the families of passengers, Robert Romagna; and John Mancini, husband of Gloria Mancini.