



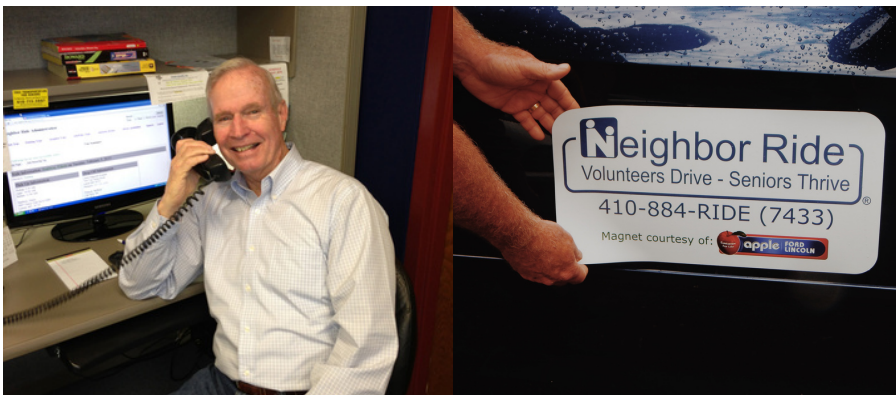
SUMMER 2021

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Normal is Just Around the Corner

It has been quite a year for all of us; but, with COVID restrictions lifted, we are pleased to announce that Neighbor Ride is once again offering transportation for all purposes. Whether you need to get to a doctor's appointment, want to do some shopping, or are hoping to get together with friends, our volunteer drivers are ready to give you a lift. Rides are available 365 days a year and masks are still required for all passengers and volunteers. We are looking forward to seeing you again soon!



The Rider is Neighbor Ride's quarterly newsletter, dedicated to the amazing older adults we serve. Be sure to reach out to us at community@neighborride.org to let us know what you would like to see in future issues. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

An Extraordinary Year

None of us will ever forget March 2020 and the months that followed as the COVID 19 pandemic challenged all aspects of our lives. So much was put on hold, and we had to find new and creative ways to connect and to simply meet our day-to-day needs. Neighbor Ride rose to the challenge - leveraging our Ride Match platform and years of experience to provide medical equipment and food deliveries to homebound community members on behalf of the Loan Closet, Office on Aging & Independence, Food Bank, S.A.F.E. Food Pantry, and Howard County Public Schools. Over the course of 15 months, our volunteers delivered 75 pieces of medical equipment, over 20,000 frozen meals and 51,400 lbs. of food to those in need - all while still providing essential rides for the older adults we serve. More than ever before, Neighbor Ride is truly Driving Our Community.



Ride Rate Schedule

Fees are determined by the one-way distance, per Google Maps, between the pick-up location and destination. **If your income is limited, you may be eligible for subsidized rides. Please call the Neighbor Ride office for more information or to request an application.**

One-Way Mileage	Roundtrip Fee
Under 3 miles	\$8.00
3 - 4.99 miles	\$10.00
5 - 6.99 miles	\$12.00
7 - 9.99 miles	\$16.00
10 - 14.99 miles	\$22.00
15 - 19.99 miles	\$28.00
20 - 35 miles	\$36.00

Requesting Rides (Allow 3 business days when you schedule a ride.)

Call 410-884-7433 or visit portal.neighborride.org and click on Request a Ride

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Request Day	First Available Ride Day
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday or Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday
Saturday	Thursday

The 50+ Centers Are Open

We Can't Wait to Welcome You Back!

Celebrate Independence! Now that the restrictions are being lifted, it's time to resume the everyday joys of engagement with others - like playing games, creating art, and learning new things. It's all possible through our network of 50+ Centers!

On July 1, we are fully opening our doors at Howard County's six 50+ Centers (Bain, East Columbia, Elkridge, Ellicott City, Glenwood, and North Laurel). We will be open at 100 % capacity and visiting the 50+ centers just got easier! No appointments are needed, and masks are optional for all who are fully vaccinated. Drop-in activities are also now available on a first come, first-served basis.

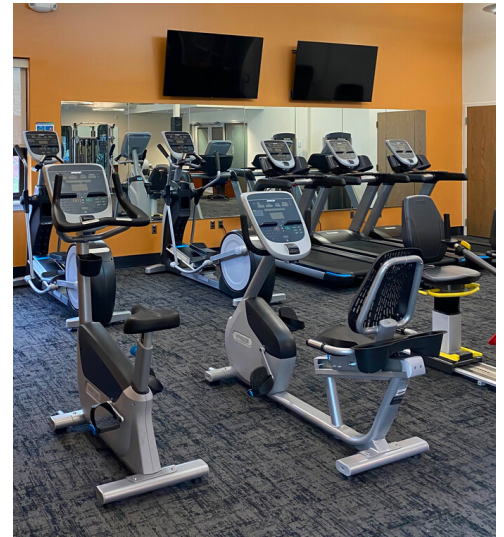


Our team has been busy planning the implementation of in-person classes and activities. As before, there will be educational opportunities as well as social and recreational activities - such as cards, board games, arts and crafts, music and more. There will also be many opportunities to get involved as a volunteer.



While the Congregate Meal Program is not being offered onsite at this time, you are welcome to bring your own from home and eat in the Great Room during lunch.

You can also continue to pursue an active and healthy lifestyle through our many in-person fitness and wellness offerings.



Separately, our modestly priced Go50+ Fitness Package provides access to six fitness centers across the county. An array of new exercise classes in a variety of formats are being added in the coming months. In the meantime, the popular Virtual Group Exercise Package remains and a new and improved in-person group package is under development.

Call 410-313-5400 for information about offerings available at the 50+ Centers. Or, better yet, have up-to-date schedules delivered directly to your email inbox by signing up at: www.howardcountymd.gov/aging/50pluscenters. It's your time to stay active, independent and connected to your community!

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We're looking forward to seeing you again soon! For those of you who may need transportation to and from any of our 50+ Centers, a safe and secure ride is just a phone call away. Call our trusted partner, Neighbor Ride, at 410-884-7433 to schedule your next trip.

Welcome to Our New Board Members



Join us in welcoming Diana Callender and Tae Young to Neighbor Ride's Board of Directors. Diana recently retired from her position as Associate Dean at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine and, in addition to her many other volunteer activities, is also an active Neighbor Ride driver! Tae is the Project Manager of the Bureau of Facilities at the Howard County Department of Public Works where he provides the design, construction, and building management for all Howard county government buildings. We are so excited to add this duo of talented professionals to our Board and look forward to working together to advance and expand our mission!

Thanking Our Volunteers

In addition to sharing the lovely messages that so many of you sent, Neighbor Ride's staff and Board Members surprised our Superstar volunteers by placing Thank You signs in their yards and throughout the community. On behalf of all of our volunteers, Debra Jacobs (below) wanted to let us know that our Volunteer Appreciation Month efforts were a huge hit!



Join Us In Thanking Our Corporate Donors



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