



## The Power of Community

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This quote, attributed to Helen Keller, truly captures the power behind Neighbor Ride. Whether you are a donor, a volunteer, a client, or friend, YOU are a part of the difference that we are making in Howard County. This year more than ever, your gifts of time and money are impacting lives. Together, we are ensuring that medical appointments are kept, vital social connections are maintained, and food is accessible for the most vulnerable in our community. So far in 2021 alone, our volunteers have provided over 9,875 trips for older adults and delivered 12,925 meals plus 28,400 pounds of food to homebound county residents.

With our annual giving campaign coming soon, please consider getting us off to a fantastic start by donating online at [neighborride.org](http://neighborride.org) or via check, mailed to Neighbor Ride at 5570 Sterrett Place, Suite 102 - Columbia, MD 21044.

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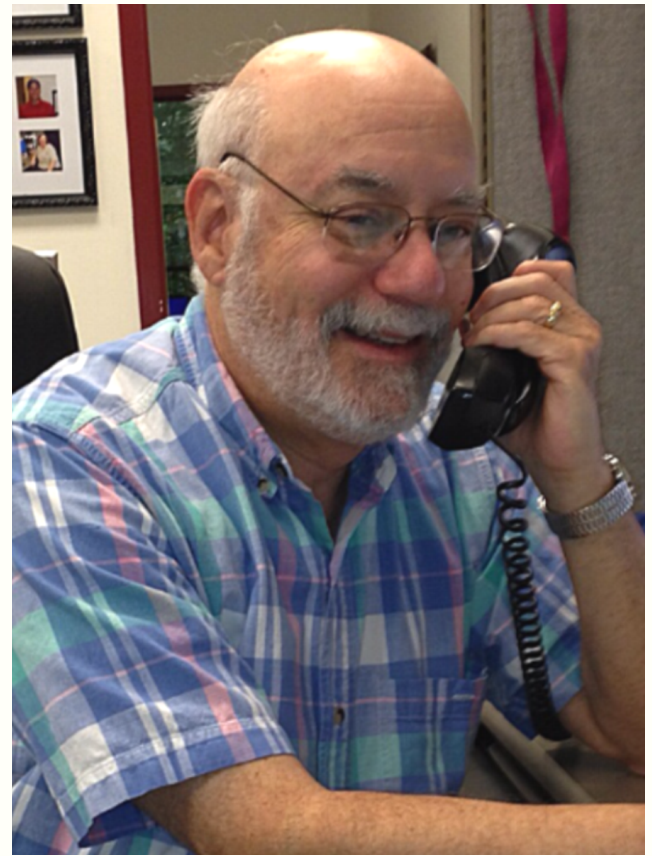
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The Rider is Neighbor Ride's quarterly newsletter, dedicated to the amazing older adults we serve. Be sure to reach out to us at [community@neighborride.org](mailto:community@neighborride.org) to let us know what you would like to see in future issues.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

# Senior Call Check

Senior Call Check is a free service that provides telephone check-ins for MD residents, age 65 and older. Participants receive an automated phone call once a day, in an hour they pre-schedule. If the participant does not answer the first call, they will be tried two more times. If all go unanswered, additional calls will be made to notify a relative, friend, or neighbor who was selected by the participant during the program enrollment. Call 1-866-502-4325 or register online at [aging.maryland.gov](http://aging.maryland.gov).



# Is Your Voicemail Full?

Increasingly, our Ride Coordinators have been finding it difficult to leave messages for passengers due to full voicemail boxes. Please remember to take a moment to delete old voicemails so that we can pass important ride information on to you.

# Ride Rate Schedule

Fees are determined by the one-way distance, per Google Maps, between the pick-up location and destination. **If you are a Veteran or 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](http://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





# Howard County's Trusted Providers of Services for Older Adults

Knowing where to turn for help is the first step to finding the right services and support. For over 30 years, COGS has been Howard County's trusted source of providers, dedicated to serving older adults in our community. As members of COGS, these business providers see the value in collaborating to offer these essential services, advocating for important issues concerning older adults, and staying up-to-date with current issues and trends affecting this growing demographic and the community as a whole.

COGS members continue to recognize and support trends in positive aging as we see the definitions between generations shift. With a solid understanding of these shifts, they offer

effective strategies to address these changes and actively advocate for older adults in the Howard County community.

Through COGS, you are put in touch with the best individuals, private companies, nonprofits, and public agencies providing quality services to the older adult community. When you contact COGS members, you can be assured that they share the common goal of improving the lives of older adults by serving with expertise, trust, reliability, and integrity!



Visit [COGSMD.org](https://www.cogsmd.org) and take a few minutes to acquaint yourself with the many organizations, practitioners, and public agencies in the Member Directory.

Contact information is available for each member, so come back often to search for the providers who can fit your individual needs.



## Types of Service Providers You Can Find in the COGS Directory:

- Adult Day Programs
- Assisted Living Communities
- Attorneys & Estate Planners
- Auctioneers
- Education & Recreation
- Financial & Insurance Advisors
- Geriatric Care Managers
- Health & Wellness
- Hearing & Vision Care
- Home Care
- Home Health Care
- Hospice Care
- Medical & Dental
- Memory Care
- Mental Health
- Moving & Organizing
- Pharmacies
- Real Estate Consultants
- Rehabilitation & Nursing
- Respite Care
- Technology Services
- Transportation



Neighbor Ride is a proud member of COGS. You can learn more about other trusted service providers in Howard County by requesting a COGS Member Directory at [info@cogsmd.org](mailto:info@cogsmd.org) or viewing the Member Directory online at [COGSMD.org](https://www.cogsmd.org).

## Neighbor Ride and Its Volunteers Receive Holland Service Award

Throughout the pandemic, Neighbor Ride and our volunteers stepped up and played a critical role in addressing the unprecedented needs of Howard County residents in the face of the devastating personal and economic effects of COVID-19. Together we worked tirelessly to ensure that hundreds of Howard County residents had consistent access to nutritious food and maintained reliable transportation for dialysis and other essential medical appointments.

Recognizing our crucial service to the community throughout the past 17 years, as well as our volunteers' above and beyond dedication and service during the pandemic, the Community Action Council of Howard County selected Neighbor Ride as its 2021 Holland Service Award recipient. The award was presented at the Virtual Holland Awards on October 14th.

Interested in joining in the celebration of our volunteers? Consider donating in their honor. Contributions can be made via check or online at [neighborride.org](http://neighborride.org).

## Save the Date for BINGO 2022!

Get ready to join Neighbor Ride staff, volunteers and friends for a fantastic night of BINGO!

**Date:** Saturday, May 7th

**Time:** Doors open at 6pm / Games begin at 7pm

**Venue:** State Trooper FOP Lodge 69

2832 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville

**Tickets:** \$25 (20 games)



## Join Us In Thanking Our Corporate Donors

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The Centers for Advanced Orthopaedics  
Coalition of Geriatric Services (COGS)  
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Ellicott City 50+ Center Council  
Howard County Association of Realtors  
Howard County Office on Aging & Independence  
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