



SUMMER 2023

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VEHICLE DONATIONS GIVE THE GIFT OF INDEPENDENCE

Two years ago, as part of Neighbor Ride's ongoing efforts to further enhance transportation options for older adults in our community, we launched our Vehicle Donation Program. We are thrilled to share that the program has already raised nearly \$20,000, with half of the donations coming from our clients or their friends and family members!

We understand that not everyone may have a car to donate, but we believe in the power of connections. If you know someone who has an old car sitting idle, please let them know about our vehicle donation program! They can visit neighborrider.org/vehicle-donations/ or call 866-829-2918 to learn more and quickly get the wheels turning on their tax-deductible donation.

Let's continue to keep the momentum going, whether it's through donating a vehicle of your own or sharing this opportunity with others. Together, we are driving our community and creating a brighter, more connected future for all in Howard County!

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@neighborrider.org to let us know what you would like to see in future issues. www.neighborrider.org

Ride Rate Schedule

Rates - Effective July 1, 2022

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 1 mile	\$10.00
1 - 4.99 miles	\$12.00
5 - 9.99 miles	\$18.00
10 - 14.99 miles	\$24.00
15 - 19.99 miles	\$30.00
20 - 35 miles	\$36.00

Requesting Rides (Allow 3 business days when scheduling 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

NOTE: Holidays do NOT count towards the 3 day requirement and will shift the schedule above.

Holiday Schedule (Office is Closed)

Monday, Sep. 4 - Labor Day
Thursday, Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 24 - Black Friday

Monday, Dec. 25 - Christmas
Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 - New Year's Day
Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 - MLK, Jr. Day

Notes About Calls from Neighbor Ride



Once a volunteer is assigned to your requested ride, you will receive a call from Neighbor Ride providing you with your driver's name. Our drivers are also asked to make a courtesy call the afternoon/evening before the ride to introduce themselves. Please do NOT cancel your ride if you do not get your courtesy call. Instead, access our emergency line at 410-884-7433 and leave a message. We will then reach out to your driver.

Please also note, Staff and Ride Coordinators may occasionally make calls from their home or cell phones after office hours. When returning these calls, we ask that you dial the Neighbor Ride phone number (410-884-7433) rather than the personal numbers.



The responsibilities of caregiving can be daunting. Whether caring for an aging loved one, a family member with Alzheimer's disease, other family members' children, or adult relatives with disabilities, most people are not prepared and few have had any training. In Howard County though, you are not alone. The **Family Caregiver Support Program** is there for you, with information about available services, assistance gaining access to services, individual counseling and support groups, respite care, caregiver education, and other supplemental services.

"Caregiving is a constant learning experience."

-Vivian Frazier

Services and Programs Available Include:

- **Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC):** A six-week class designed to aid in managing personal stress, communication, emotions and making decisions.



Services and Programs (continued)

- **Caregiver Support Groups:** Small groups for those facing similar caregiver challenges, offering the opportunity to share information, insight, advice, and encouragement.
- **1:1 Counseling:** An interactive process taking into consideration an individual's needs, preferences, values, and circumstances to determine personal short- and long-term goals.
- **Ongoing Educational Sessions:** Forums held throughout the year relevant to specific caregiver topics.
- **Caregiver Conferences:** Offer education and resources for family caregivers.



- **Dementia Live®:** An interactive tool and virtual learning session to experience and help understand dementia.
- **E-Newsletter**
- **Trualta®:** An e-learning portal designed to help family caregivers reduce stress, find local resources, and provide better care for their loved ones. Howard County caregivers can enroll at no charge. Register for free, 24/7 access at hococaregivers.trualta.com.

For more information, contact Kathy Wehr, Caregiver Support Program Manager at: 410-313-5955 (VOICE/RELAY) kwehr@howardcountymd.gov

Join Us in Welcoming Our New Board Members



We are pleased to introduce the following new members of our Board of Directors:

Michael Branthover, CFP®, LPL Financial Advisor - Day Financial Group

As a Howard County native, I am very excited to give back to such a highly regarded organization, by helping lead and strategize for local retirees and their families.



Manisha Dhuria, Director of Physician Quality, Physician Leadership - Humana, Inc.

I joined the Neighbor Ride Board to foster health in older adults as healthcare access, as well as social and community support, are key social determinants of health.



Michael Garzon, Sr. Manager Engineering and Design - Baltimore Gas and Electric

I am looking forward to helping Neighbor Ride continue to grow by working to further improve the technology and processes that support older adults' access to transportation. I value Neighbor Ride's unique service approach that provides the opportunity to connect the community while also addressing a need.



Skip Klauka, Director of Finance - Community Action Council of Howard County

I am excited to be part of Neighbor Ride, an exceptional nonprofit organization that serves older adults and assists them with the challenges that come with aging.



Christine Zimmerman, IT Business Relationship Manager - Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.

I am delighted to work with Neighbor Ride as their mission to provide affordable transportation to our growing older adult population in Howard County provides me with an opportunity to give back to our community.

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