



A WONDERFUL START TO THE YEAR

Our hearts are full of gratitude for your generous response to our Giving Campaign. Since our fiscal year began in July 2021, ninety-three Neighbor Ride passengers have donated a combined total of over \$6,200! One of our clients also donated a car through our Vehicle Donation Program – raising an additional \$800 to support both the transportation we provide for older adults, and the food and medical equipment deliveries we offer in partnership with the Howard County Food Bank, the Office on Aging & Independence, and the Loan Closet. Added to all our other contributions, the campaign is off to a great start!

If you would still like to contribute to our Giving Campaign, you can do so via check, made payable to Neighbor Ride and mailed to 5570 Sterrett Place, Suite 102 - Columbia, MD 21044, or online at www.neighborride.org. Call the Neighbor Ride office for more information about our Vehicle Donation Program.

 Thank you for your generous contributions!

WINTER 2022

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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 to let us know what you would like to see in future issues. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

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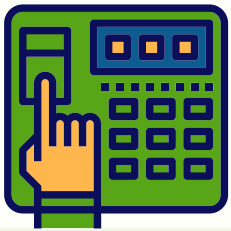
Ready to Get Boosted?

Are you ready to get your COVID-19 booster shot, but having trouble finding one? Give us a call at (410) 884-7433 and we would be happy to connect you to the right resources and, of course, to schedule your ride for the appointment.



What is Neighbor Ride's Inclement Weather Policy?

To ensure the safety of our drivers and passengers, either the driver or the passenger may cancel a ride by calling the Neighbor Ride office. In questionable weather, even if the driver is willing to drive, he/she will contact the passenger to confirm that the ride is still needed. If the ride is cancelled, the driver will contact Neighbor Ride. If possible, the Neighbor Ride office will remain open to handle notification of cancellations. Payments for cancelled rides are refunded by crediting passengers' accounts.



Remember to Delete Your Old Voicemails

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 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

Age Friendly Howard County

What it means for the community and for YOU

In 2006 the World Health Organization developed the idea of an age-friendly community. Since that time more than 1,100 communities worldwide have joined the movement to ensure their environments foster health, well-being, and participation of people as they age.

In Howard County, being age-friendly means addressing the aging of our community in a way that is inclusive of the needs of older adults and persons with disabilities; and it means that when addressing those needs and interests, it improves the community for individuals of all ages, races, ethnicities, and walks of life. The Age-Friendly Action Plan will bring together individuals, professional and civic groups, businesses, faith communities, and government



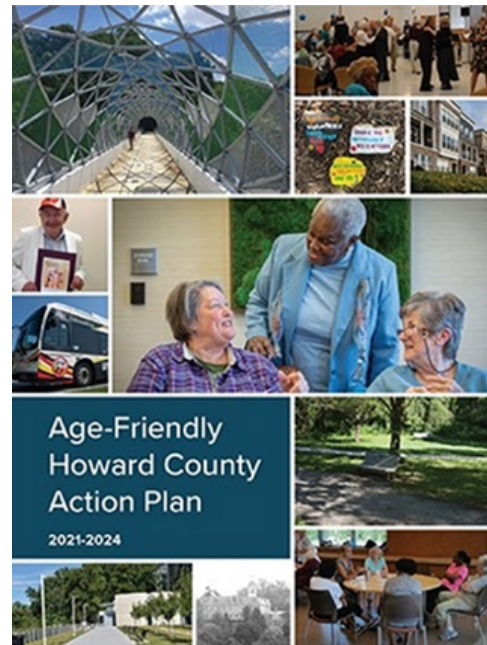
agencies to look through this new lens to plan, restructure, build, communicate, and serve all the residents of the county.

The work groups who developed the 80+ items in the Action Plan were comprised of more than 100 volunteer members of the community from many different professions, some still working, others retired, but all committed to developing a sound plan for the future.

At a press conference on January 25th announcing AARP's approval and the kick-off to



implement the Action Plan, County Executive Ball stated, "When we make our community more walkable, provide better options to connect and engage with one another, and support more accessible housing – people of all ages benefit. With AARP's



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stamp of approval, we can move forward confidently and work to ensure all recommendations can be implemented."

The plan is ready to be implemented and there is a role for everyone to be part of making the action items a reality. Individuals of all ages and ability levels can be part of groups that will determine how to make these wonderful ideas come to fruition.

To read the action plan, join a group, or register for an upcoming information session, visit howardcountymd.gov/agefriendly. Details will be posted on the webpage.

Individuals without computer access can obtain a paper copy of the Age-Friendly Action Plan by calling Maryland Access Point at 410-313-1234.



Share Your LOVE With Our Volunteers Save the Date for BINGO 2022!

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want to surprise our volunteers with a flood of comments from all the passengers they so lovingly serve. Please take a moment to write a few words of gratitude for our volunteers and send them via email to volunteer@neighborride.org or in a note, mailed to: 5570 Sterrett Pl, Suite 102 - Columbia, MD 21044. We will share your comments with our volunteers throughout the month of April – making sure they know just how special we all think they are!



Are you an Amazon shopper? If so, be sure to start your shopping at smile.amazon.com and select Neighbor Ride as your charity. When you do, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to Neighbor Ride!

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

Purchase Online: www.neighborride.org/bingo/

By Check: Mailed to Neighbor Ride



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