



FALL 2023

## KICKING OFF OUR 20th YEAR!

November 17th marks the start of Neighbor Ride's 20th year of service in Howard County. We are planning several events throughout the next year to celebrate this milestone with our riders, our volunteers, and our generous benefactors.

Please help us build upon this celebration by sharing a story of one of your most memorable Neighbor Ride experiences. We'd like to share these stories throughout the year.

You can send us a short narrative either as an email, a letter, or as a voicemail message. Please be sure to include your name and your Neighbor Ride relationship (passenger, family member, volunteer, etc.).

**THANK YOU** for helping us make our  
20th Anniversary Year so special!

## JOIN US IN OUR MISSION

Neighbor Ride's mission is clear: we're dedicated to ensuring Howard County's older adults have access to vital medical services, engaging activities, and meaningful social connections for a healthier, independent life. Since 2004, our volunteers have provided over 230,000 trips, empowering seniors to stay healthy and actively engaged in the life of our community.

The urgency of our cause is underscored by projections from the FY2024 Howard County Spending Affordability Advisory Committee report, which indicate that the number of residents aged 55+ will more than double over the next two decades.

Funds raised in our annual giving campaign are crucial, providing essential support for technology, volunteer recruitment, and operational resources to meet this growing demand.

We invite YOU to join us in continuing to be there for older adults by participating in this year's campaign. To donate, please visit [www.neighborride.org](http://www.neighborride.org) or use the return envelope provided with our annual giving letter.

# 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](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

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

## Holiday Schedule (Office is Closed)

Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 - Christmas

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 - New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 - MLK, Jr. Day

Monday, Feb. 19, 2024 - Presidents Day

## Everyone Deserves a Smile



Based in Columbia, MD, the **Maryland Foundation of Dentistry (MFD)** coordinates free dental care for seniors and other adults with disabilities who can't afford to pay for services. Volunteer dentists around the state generously provide comprehensive care to restore oral health and function. Program services include tooth extractions, root canals, fillings, and oral cancer screenings. Partner dental labs produce crowns, bridges,

and dentures at substantially discounted rates that MFD covers. Patient Coordinators connect approved applicants to local dentists that do assessments to determine the course of treatment.

To learn more about MFD's free dental care program, visit [www.mfd-dds.org](http://www.mfd-dds.org) or call 410-964-1944.





Columbia Orchestra is a community of music makers inspiring a community of music lovers. Aside from our public orchestral and chamber concerts, orchestra members make an impact with audiences (young and old!) throughout the community.

*"The Columbia Orchestra is a wonderful treasure in our local area. The dedication and talent of these volunteer musicians is remarkable. Their superb performances showcase how music can profoundly impact and inspire our community. We can all take pride in this outstanding ensemble that enriches the cultural life of Howard County."*

- Berta Sabrio, Executive Director

## Schedule a Ride for an Upcoming Show

### **A Chill in the Air: A Winter Concert – December 16**

**10:30am and 1:00pm:** What better way to spend a chilly day? Our winter concert features crowd favorites from *The Nutcracker*, holiday sing-alongs, tunes from *Frozen*, and much more! Join us for this magical event filled with musical traditions from across cultures!

**Columbia Jazz Band Presents... Give the Drummer Some – January 26 at 7:30pm:** From Chick Webb and Gene Krupa to Papa Jo Jones and Buddy Rich - the big bands have had some great drummers who have brought attention to their instrument.



## Upcoming Shows (continued)

**Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow – February 3 at 7:30pm:** Prokofiev's Fifth Symphony transcends time with its exhilarating rhythms and vivid melody. Experience the genius of this legendary work along with Strauss' groundbreaking horn concerto and Carlos Simon's inspiring Amen!, which interweaves gospel and classical. This concert spotlights three bold works that capture the spirit of the past, present, and future.

**Musical Menagerie: A Thrilling Concert Experience for All Ages – February 17 at 10:30am and 1:00pm:** You don't want to miss this enchanting concert celebrating the wonders of the orchestra and the magic of music. Perfect for music lovers of all ages. Share this fun adventure with your whole family!



**Frank Sinatra Redux: Live at the Sands – April 19 at 7:30pm:** Music from one of Sinatra's greatest albums, the CJB will recreate this landmark live recording of Frank Sinatra and the Count Basie Orchestra – Live at the Sands. With many of your favorite Sinatra tunes including *Come Fly With Me*, *I've Got A Crush On You*, and *Fly Me To The Moon*, you won't want to miss this swingin' evening of some of the greatest tunes from the Great American Songbook.

**Confessions of the Soul – May 18 at 7:30pm:** Join us for a concert of three very different pieces that share a musical journey, from reflection to a celebration of life.

Visit [www.columbiaorchestra.org](http://www.columbiaorchestra.org) for tickets and additional information.

Ever Wonder How  
People Who Don't  
Drive Get Here?



Chances Are  
It Was A  
VOLUNTEER  
DRIVER

## Meeting the Growing Demand for Transportation

The Board and staff at Neighbor Ride have been hard at work - getting creative and stepping up our efforts to recruit additional volunteer drivers. The next time you are in one of the Charter Drive medical buildings, for instance, you might spot the image to the left on a video display board in the lobby. Be sure to take 15 seconds to view the rest of the video.

In addition to our Charter Drive display, you might soon see our sandwich board signs and/or videos at Howard County 50+ Centers, Recreation & Parks facilities, libraries, gyms, and other local businesses.

Beyond display boards and videos, we have doubled our efforts to get the word out about volunteering through social media and neighborhood news sites, such as NextDoor and the Patch. If you are on any of these platforms, please watch for and share our posts to extend their reach.

You can get a sneak peak of our newest video by visiting our website at [www.neighborride.org](http://www.neighborride.org). You'll enjoy seeing some of our wonderful volunteers sharing why they LOVE driving for Neighbor Ride.



Thanks to a grant from the Howard County Office on Aging & Independence, we are happy to announce a new Lyft Concierge Program! When a medical or other essential ride is at risk of being cancelled for no driver, passengers may be offered the option of taking a ride that is coordinated by Neighbor Ride but provided by Lyft. Acceptance of the Lyft ride offer is optional and there is no additional charge to the client.

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