

PASSENGER

COMMENTS

“The competence of the driver, the extremely reasonable cost, and community nature of this service are outstanding. My thanks to all.” DS

“This service allows me to visit my primary care physician. Drivers have always been a pleasure to know.” NS

“Thank you so much for this service without it I would be lost.”

“Good people.” EB.

“Excellent and courteous service.” EL

“Gives much freedom to non-drivers.” EF

“My friend and I love Neighbor Ride for all our trips to the BSO.” AH

“The person taking your request has a real interest in helping you.” EC

“I express gratitude to the caring people of Neighbor Ride.” MN

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This starts a series introducing the 16 members of Neighbor Ride's Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for planning, budgeting, establishing policies, and evaluating Neighbor Ride. Other responsibilities include recruiting new board members and hiring/evaluating the Executive Director. Board members volunteer to serve two year terms and serve by attending meetings, contributing to the various committees, representing Neighbor Ride in the community, fund raising, and attending volunteer events.

This month, I'm introducing the officers. Bob Martin, the President has been on the board since the beginning. Bob owns RM3 Enterprises which specializes in leadership development, strategic planning and change management. Laurie Reuben is the Vice President. Laurie has been on the board since December 2006 and owns Cheshire Consulting Group which specializes in organizational development. John Fiedler is the Treasurer and has also been on the Board since the beginning. He is a partner in Wolfe & Fiedler, PA – Certified Public Accountants. Our Secretary is Gontran Lamberty. Gontran has been on the board since December 2006. He works for Telogical Systems, a company that provides competitive pricing intelligence to the telecommunications industry. Gontran is also a volunteer driver.

We very much appreciate the support and commitment of all the Board members and will be introducing other members in the coming months.

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic.

- Brad



Our Mission

Neighbor Ride will decrease isolation and improve the quality of life for Howard County's older residents by providing a reasonably priced, reliable, supplemental transportation service which utilizes community volunteers and resources.

May Stats

Our volunteer Drivers accommodated **235 rides**, driving **5,890 miles**, while contributing **431 hours** of their time.

Our dedicated volunteer Ride Coordinators logged **208 hours**.

May completion rate **99.996%!!!**

Orientation dates:

June 11, 12 PM
June 25, 7 PM

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<http://www.neighborride.org>

Coordinator's Corner...

Summer is officially here which often means taking a vacation or just having a more relaxed schedule. No doubt each of you has a special event planned for summer. We will be heading to Riviera Maya, Mexico for the June 20 wedding of our son, Carl, to Jaime Hasiuk. This morning someone emailed that it would feel like 109 degrees on the beach at the time of the 5 o'clock ceremony. Maybe they should reconsider an "in pool" wedding...

Neighbor Ride continues to recruit new drivers despite prices at the pump. It's a good time to remind you of choices for fuel reimbursement in our driver policies. The options are: no reimbursement, partial fuel reimbursement, or recording mileage (including mileage from your home to the passenger's home) for an itemized tax deduction. All drivers are eligible for the partial fuel reimbursement allowing drivers to receive 25% of the passenger fees collected by Neighbor Ride for transportation you have provided. The exception is Zone 5 rides (\$33) when a 40% reimbursement is allowed. Drivers must email or write to the Neighbor Ride office to request a partial fuel reimbursement. Requests for checks must be made in April, July, October, and January for the previous quarter. Please consider taking one of these options rather than curtailing rides.

Hope to see you at the Neighbor Ride picnic on June 8! Thank you for the RSVPs. There is still time to let us know if you can come. We'll miss those who have other plans. Colleen has collected exciting door prizes!

The completion rate stat is correct; only one ride was cancelled in May for lack of a driver. Many, many thanks for all you do!
Rosemary



If You Wear it They Will Come...

Throw on your Neighbor Ride t-shirt when you head out to the gym or to an exercise class. It's an easy way to get our name and number out in the community; and the conversations prompted by the very visible logo often lead to new volunteers for Neighbor Ride.



Remember to Save The Date!

Saturday, October 25th is the COGS annual Casino Night, which will once again benefit Neighbor Ride. Tickets will be \$45 each for early birds (purchased before 8/1/08) and \$50 each after. Good reason to be an Early Bird and support Neighbor Ride!

