

PASSENGERS' COMMENTS

"Another perk is you meet the nicest people." YS

*Services are excellent...
"Thank you again." JN*

"The ride coordinators are very kind. What a great service for seniors." AS

"Your service makes life easier for me, being alone and having a husband with dementia, life is hard. Appreciate your services!" RZ

"Without the services of Neighbor Ride, my wife and myself would be in trouble. We wouldn't have access to our doctors and enjoy eating out." BS

"It helps to know you are there! Your drivers are excellent." JS

"Neighbor Ride is an excellent service." BS

"The best thing that has happened to us since moving to Maryland." WP

From the Director.....

As I write this – the last day of FY09 - we can look back to the many accomplishments of the last year and look forward to another year of growth and service for Neighbor Ride.

We registered 204 new passengers. In June, you provided 599 trips – a monthly record - totaling 5994 for the year. This is a 4% growth over last year. We added 56 volunteers during the past year for a total of 192. Without you, none of this would be possible. Your service is much appreciated both by the staff and the many passengers you serve.

Another significant accomplishment is the generous financial support that we have received. This year set records for both individual and business contributions which will help enable Neighbor Ride to continue to provide services well in the future.

In FY09 our programmer created a new website and has made many enhancements to our database. The website has received many positive reviews and the database now makes the Ride Coordinator job easier and eliminates ride requests to drivers who are not available to drive.

As we celebrate the end of the fiscal year, we now get to start over – all the measures are reset to "0". We anticipate another year of growth in passengers, volunteers and financial support. We will also continue to invest in the database.

Thanks for all that you have done and we're looking forward to seeing you in the new fiscal year.
-Brad

Let Us Know.....

If you want to receive partial fuel reimbursement for the last quarter, email Brad, director@neighborride.org

If you would like to have a Neighbor Ride polo shirt! Shirts are on order and should arrive in August. Stay tuned for more information to follow. The shirts are classy...white polos with a navy band on the collar and the Neighbor Ride logo on the left chest. They will be here in time to celebrate our 5th Anniversary in November.

HAPPY 4TH!

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.

June Stats

5= Rides cancelled,
no driver found

599=Number of trips

453=Driver hours

181=Ride Coordinator
hours

81=Office volunteer
hours-other

Orientation dates:

July 10, 10 AM

July 15, 6 PM

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<http://www.neighborride.org>

Coordinator's Corner

Summer has arrived and with it new volunteers are busy in the office scanning documents, updating our scrapbook history, and creating graphics. We are very fortunate to have so many volunteers working with Neighbor Ride! Despite our numbers, summer is the time to feel stretched as we cover vacations.

A special thank you to Ray Cole, driver, who created a template for driver business cards to give passengers. Several volunteers are now using these; you can still make a request.

Another thank you to Donald Jackson, husband of our bookkeeper, Carol, who will drive his patriotic jeep for Neighbor Ride in the River Hill parade. Bill Case and his wife, Doris, will drive for Neighbor Ride in the Longfellow Parade. If you are able to attend either of these events, show your Neighbor Ride support.

Door prizes for our June picnic were donated by: Candlelight Concert Society, Grandfather's Garden Center, Great Harvest, MasterBarber, Shear Magic, Subway at Centre Park, The Breadery, and the Yoga Center. If you visit either of these businesses, please let them know you volunteer with Neighbor Ride.

Special requests for our dedicated drivers: please remember to respond promptly to a ride request letting us know whether or not you can accept the ride. Also, call your passenger the evening before the ride to confirm all of the ride details. If the ride is cancelled at the time of your call, let us know. Passengers are not charged for cancelled rides.

Enjoy summer!

Rosemary

Two Special Nights Out at The Wine Bin-Ellicott City

Neighbor Ride has been selected as the August Charity of the month by The Wine Bin, Ellicott City. Throughout August, the Bin will donate 5% of all Wednesday sales to Neighbor Ride.

Two wine-tasting nights are scheduled as a special treat for Neighbor Ride's volunteers, friends and supporters. Stop by for one or both evenings of sampling and learning about The Wine Bin's latest offerings.

Wednesday, August 5th (6-8 p.m.): Gather with friends to enjoy sampling The Wine Bin's newest featured wines and beers along with decadent chocolate treats offered by Perfections.

Wednesday, August 19th (6-8 p.m.): Delight in an evening of wine tasting, music and good company. Light refreshments will be offered.

The Wine Bin is housed in the historic Ellicott City firehouse built in 1930 at 8390 Main Street. Complimentary parking is available adjacent to the building. You can learn more about The Wine Bin at www.winebinec.com.