



THE TRANSPORTER

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PASSENGERS' COMMENTS

Everyone has been kind and gentle with me.

What would I do without your wonderful drivers!

Always prompt, and nice drivers. Best service in Ho. Co.

Thank you for your wonderful service. You have helped us tremendously!

September Statistics

- 1203= Number of Trips
- 199= Ride Coordinator Hours
- 30= Admin Office hours
- 12= No driver rides
- 14= New Passengers

Orientation dates

- Wednesday, Oct. 12-6:00 p.m.
- Friday, Oct.28-10:00 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7-10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 16- 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 2- 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14- 6:00 p.m.

Welcome New Volunteers

Baumgardner, Bill
Davidson, Sean
Hatch, Doug
Humpert, Judi
Patel, Dushyant

Neighbor Ride is Nominated! You're Invited.....

Howard County will recognize the Nonprofit Group or Agency for 2011 Volunteer of the Year on October 26 at 7pm. This event along with a dessert reception will be held at the George Howard Building 3430 Courthouse Drive in Ellicott City. We are hoping many of you can attend this enjoyable event where nominees in each of four award categories are honored. Please RSVP to community@neighborride.org or give us a call by October 12. We hope to see you there.

A passenger support letter:

"When my husband and I moved to Howard County eleven years ago, we were active and in relatively good health. Within the next few years, however, we developed various health and vision problems which necessitated finding an alternative means of transportation. The "family car" was no more.

Because of Neighbor Ride, we never missed a beat. We call on Neighbor Ride for church and shopping each week, appointments, restaurants and social events. We're able to remain independent—which is a blessing for our family as well as ourselves. The greatest source of anxiety for "seniors" is the fear of becoming dependent on family. Neighbor Ride allays those fears.

One of the greatest bonuses of Neighbor Ride is the valued friendships we have developed with your kind and generous volunteers and staff. God bless them!!

Our life may not be as spontaneous as it once was, but it's every bit as rich and fulfilling thanks to Neighbor Ride."

Mark Your Calendars

- **October 21-** 50 + EXPO Wilde Lake High School
- **October 26-** Howard County Volunteer of Year Event
- **October 31-** Happy Halloween
- **November 4-** COGs FallFest- 6-10 pm at the Elkridge Furnace Inn, benefiting Neighbor Ride and the Vivian Reid Community Fund

Call Neighbor Ride (410-884-7433) to purchase tickets



Opportunities

The Development and Marketing Committees are currently recruiting new members. The committees meet monthly. Please give us a call if you think you might be interested in either of these opportunities...we need you input.

Reminders to Drivers

- Always call the passenger the day/evening before the ride to confirm ride details
- Please let us know when you are away
- Inclement weather policy states: a second call on the ride day is made to make sure the passenger still wants to go **if** you are comfortable driving; otherwise cancel the ride and let us know to avoid passenger fees
- Always let us know if you have concerns about a passenger, i.e. assistance needed, difficulty understanding directions, etc.
- The ride is assigned to you **only** when you have a confirmation by email