



The Rider

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You Are Invited to
Neighbor Ride's
5th Anniversary Celebration

Please join our volunteers, staff and supporters in celebrating Neighbor Ride's 5th Anniversary of service to the community.

When: Thursday, November 19th

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Program at 5:45 p.m.

Where: The Hawthorn Center (Hickory Ridge)
6175 Sunny Spring - Columbia 21044

RSVP to Colleen Konstanzer at (410) 884-7433 or
community@neighborride.org

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We're on the Web!

www.neighborride.org

- Donate Online
- Download Registration Packets and Information
- Request a Ride
- Read about the Latest Neighbor Ride News

George Carlin's Views on Aging

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

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Handy Numbers

Neighbor Ride:

410-884-RIDE (7433)

Howard County Office on Aging-MD Access Point

410-313-5980

Volunteer Center

Serving Howard County

410-715-3172

Meals on Wheels

410-730-9476

Policy Updates and Reminders

When to Use the Emergency Line

Please leave a message on the emergency line when the Neighbor Ride office is closed if:

- You need to cancel a ride scheduled to take place within the next 12 hours or over the weekend
- You were not contacted by your driver the night before your scheduled ride
- Your driver has not arrived at the scheduled time

Please do not leave messages that can be handled the next business day in the Emergency voicemail box.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Good Neighbor Fund

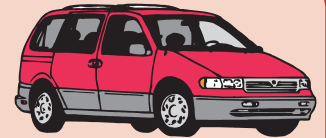
Are You Eligible for No-Cost Rides?

Neighbor Ride is committed to decreasing isolation and improving the quality of life for all Howard County seniors, regardless of their ability to afford its modest transportation fees.

If your income is limited, you may be eligible for no-cost rides, made available through Neighbor Ride's Good Neighbor Fund.

Please call Maryland Access Point (MAP) at 410-313-5980, to see if you qualify for this no cost transportation. You may also call the Neighbor Ride office for more information about utilizing or contributing to the Good Neighbor Fund.

SENIOR VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE: Through generous support from the Ascend One EDGE Fund, Neighbor Ride is able to offer 1/2 price rides for older adults seeking transportation for volunteer activities. For more information about local volunteer opportunities, call the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County at 410-715-3172. Once you've found the perfect match, call Neighbor Ride at 410-884-7433 to schedule your rides.



HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

Below is a chart depicting Neighbor Ride's upcoming holiday schedule. Note that these holiday observance dates, like weekends, do NOT count towards the required three business days notice needed when scheduling rides. Please try to plan ahead and allow extra time when scheduling rides during holiday seasons.

| Holiday Observance | Day | Date | Office Closed? | Rides Available? |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Thanksgiving | Thursday | Nov. 26, 2009 | Yes | No |
| Day after Thanksgiving | Friday | Nov. 27, 2009 | Yes | Yes |
| Christmas | Friday | Dec. 25, 2009 | Yes | No |
| New Years Day | Friday | Jan. 1, 2010 | Yes | No |
| Martin Luther King Day | Monday | Jan. 18, 2010 | Yes | No |
| Presidents Day | Monday | Feb. 15, 2010 | Yes | No |
| Memorial Day | Monday | May 31, 2010 | Yes | No |
| 4th of July Observance | Monday | July 5, 2010 | Yes | No |
| Labor Day | Monday | Sep. 6, 2010 | Yes | No |

CALLING TO SCHEDULE RIDES

| Call Day | First Available Ride Day |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| Monday | Friday |
| Tuesday | Saturday, Sunday or Monday |
| Wednesday | Tuesday |
| Thursday | Wednesday |
| Friday | Thursday |



For example, if you need a ride on Friday, you must call Monday before 2:00 p.m. to schedule. Phone, email and website requests made after 2:00 p.m. are not accepted until the following business day. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Passengers must provide the pick-up and appointment times, number of passengers, destination address and telephone number and estimated return trip time. For medical appointments, the doctor's name and group practice name are also requested.

4th Annual Casino Night Fundraiser



The Coalition of Geriatric Services (COGS) has once again generously designated Neighbor Ride and the Vivian Reid Community Fund as beneficiaries of its annual Casino Night Fundraiser. **The November 14th**

event will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Bain Center and features casino style gaming, full dinner buffet, poker tournament, DJ, dancing, silent auction, raffles and tons of fun! Last year, over \$6,000 was raised for the Neighbor Ride program.

Tickets are \$50 each, with discounts for tables of eight (\$360) or ten (\$425). Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Ticket order forms may be found on the Upcoming Events page of our website (www.neighborride.org) or requested by calling Neighbor Ride at (410) 884-7433.

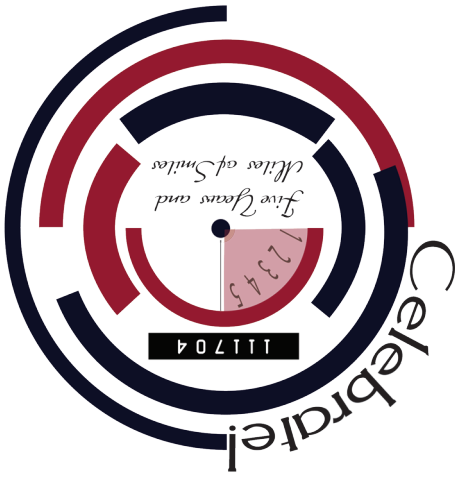
We hope you can join us!

Rebuilding Together Howard County

is currently accepting applications for its 2010 National Rebuilding Day, to be held on April 24, 2010. On this day approximately 1000 volunteers will lend a hand to repair and rehabilitate 30 homes in Howard County. The criteria for consideration are :

- The applicant must be a home-owner in Howard County
- The applicant must have a financial need that makes it difficult to keep their home in repair
- Repairs and home modifications are prioritized by what will keep the home-owner safe, warm, dry and able to live independently.

All repairs are provided free of charge to homeowners! For more information, or to request an application, please call 410-381-3338



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How old are you?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life! You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Ooooh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT



Enjoy the ride; there is no return ticket!

70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; 'I Was JUST 92.'

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!'

May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!