

"It All Began Here!" - Wilde Lake e-News  
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**Fall News from the Howard County Department of Public Works**



**Leaves, Leaves Everywhere!**

Now that fall is here, your yard may be blanketed in beautifully colored leaves. What's the best thing to do with all those leaves? Check out the many great options below! What shouldn't you do? Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet or a stream. Why? This is both bad for water quality and is considered an illicit discharge and a violation of County Code. Discarding landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet can clog pipes and lead to flooding (even in your own yard). The decaying process of yard trim can also lead to depleted oxygen levels in our streams and water bodies.

**What are my options for leaves/grass clippings?**

- ✓ Grasscycle/Mulch leaves and let them lie
- ✓ Compost in your backyard
- ✓ Participate in a Rake and Take Program
- ✓ Utilize curbside yard trim collection
- ✓ Drop-off at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Wood Waste Area



Want more details? Visit [our website](#) or call 410-313-6444

[Click here for the Howard County website](#)

**A Special Offer from Silhouette Stages - A Virtual Showcase Event**

A one-of-a-kind virtual showcase event, celebrating the company's sensational 17-year history and offering messages of hope and determination as we look forward from an unprecedented season of darkened stages to the promising future ahead. Hosted by Matt Wetzell, our first-ever digital production will feature brand new "from-home" performances by company members past and present, as well as a few of our favorite unforgettable moments from the Silhouette Stages archive. We'll also be welcoming some special guests to recount their most cherished memories from their time on our stage and sharing priceless photos from all 47 of our past mainstage productions!

After ordering your virtual ticket online, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. The link to access the virtual event online will be sent to you separately on November 21st at 7:00pm and you may access the special video link at any time through December 6th at 11:59pm.

[Click here to order your ticket](#)



At Home with Silhouette Stages:  
*New Ways to Dream*  
A Digital Showcase Event  
Available to Stream November 21st  
[www.silhouettestages.com](http://www.silhouettestages.com)



**Donations Needed for Wilde Lake High school  
Winter/Holiday Help Fund**

Because of this year's economic situation, Wilde Lake High School's annual winter/holiday season effort to help our community is more important than ever. They are collecting financial donations to help take care of those members of our community who may need a helping hand this upcoming holiday season. Please support their efforts by making your tax-deductible donation at the school's [website](#) Please make your

donation as soon as possible but no later than December 9th to allow time to distribute the resources to those in need. [Click here to donate.](#)

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### **Drop Boxes For Mail-in Ballots Now Open in Howard County**

Drop-off locations are now open in Howard County 24/7 until November 3 at 8:00pm. Ballots will be collected by local Board of Elections officials twice daily. Locations include Wilde Lake High School, 5640 Trumpeter Road, Columbia. [Click here for other locations](#)



### **Howard County Board of Elections- 2020 Presidential Election Early Voting Centers**

Early Voting Centers will be open from 7am to 8pm through November 2, 2020.

Any Howard County voter can vote at any Early Voting Center.

[Click here for more information](#) on locations for early voting centers.



### **Columbia Association Begins Search for New President/CEO**

Current President/CEO Milton Matthews completes his term in April 2021. The firm Baker Tilly US LLP will be assisting Columbia Association in the search to find a new President.

[Click here for more information on the search process](#)



### **Race Across Howard County to Benefit Howard County General Hospital**

Howard County General Hospital is sponsoring a virtual race to support wellness and raise funds for the hospital during COVID.

[Click here for information and to sign up](#)



### **Health and Wellness Tip for October**

#### **Positive Thinking**

Positive Thinking can change the way you feel about yourself and others. Being positive is about focusing on what is good in any situation and not allowing negative thoughts to affect your mood. People who feel confident in themselves can problem-solve and make better decisions, take more risks and strive to meet their personal goals. If you want to think more positively, follow these suggestions on how to improve your outlook:

- Smile and laugh more - notice how you feel when you smile or receive one, find moments to enjoy
- Practice reframing - replace negative self-talk with constructive, useful and motivational thoughts and positive words
- Nourish your mind - meditation and deep breathing lead to improved self-image and a more optimistic outlook on life
- Be kind - doing a good deed has an encouraging effect on your mood, adding to a more positive attitude

This information is provided by the Wilde Lake Health and Wellness Committee. For more information, contact Laura Torres, Chair, at [lm4941@yahoo.com](mailto:lm4941@yahoo.com).

### **Wilde Lake Neighborhood Centers Have Rental Space Available**

Looking for rental space to host a small group? Wilde Lake Community Association manages three neighborhood centers located in the Village of Wilde Lake.

Bryant Woods, Faulkner Ridge, and Running Brook Neighborhood Centers are small, self-serve facilities which can be rented for meetings, clubs/classes or church services (social events are not permitted).

Bryant Woods is available on Saturdays.

Faulkner Ridge is available Mondays through Fridays after 1:30pm and Saturdays & Sundays.

Running Brook is available Mondays through Fridays after 4:00pm and Saturdays & Sundays.

Details about the size and capacity of each neighborhood center building can be found on [our website](#). Questions? Contact Lisa Juranic, Facility Manager, at [rentals@wildelake.org](mailto:rentals@wildelake.org).

### **Wilde Lake Village Board 2020-2021**

Due to the corona virus pandemic, the Wilde Lake Village Board has been meeting virtually via Zoom. The next virtual meeting will be held on Monday, November 2 at 6:30pm. Agendas are found on our [website](#)

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### **Slayton House Update**

During the ongoing pandemic, Wilde Lake Community Association staff is available to assist residents by email & phone or in person by appointment. Please note that staff schedules have been reduced so response times may be delayed. We appreciate your patience.

Slayton House is closed to the general public but is available for private rentals. Several safety measures have been put in place to protect our team members and the community.

Visit the [Contact Us page on our website](#) for staff email addresses and phone extensions. Check our website and Facebook page for news and updates. Be kind. Be patient. Be well.

## **WHAT WE'RE DOING TO KEEP YOU SAFE**



**MANDATORY MASKS**  
All employees and guests must wear face coverings inside the building.



**UPGRADED VENTILATION SYSTEMS**  
Air purifying fans with UV light filters in all rooms. HVAC systems adjusted to increase air turnover rate.



**ENHANCED CLEANING**  
Special attention to touch points. Thorough cleaning after every event. Disinfectant and paper towels available.



**ENHANCED PAYMENT OPTIONS**  
Contract payments will be processed online via Xpress-pay and PayPal.



**6' PHYSICAL DISTANCING**  
Tables & chairs are set up 6 feet apart. Physical distancing reminders posted throughout the building.



**ONLINE PURCHASES**  
Resale packets must be ordered and purchased online.



**EMPLOYEE HEALTH**  
Mandatory self-screening prior to entering the building to begin work shifts. Employees required to stay home, if ill.



**PROTECTIVE SUPPLIES**  
Hand sanitizer dispensers installed throughout the building. Protective panel at desk.

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### **Wilde Lake Village Center Stores Open for Business**

[Click here](#) to see Wilde Lake Village Center store directory.