

"It All Began Here!" - Wilde Lake e-News
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Seeking Volunteer!

Wilde Lake Village Election Chair

The Wilde Lake Village Board is seeking a volunteer to serve as Chair for the 2021 Village Election. The Election Chair is responsible for ensuring that the election is conducted in accordance with the Wilde Lake Village Election Guidelines. Duties include validating nominations forms, moderating a candidates' forum and overseeing the polls on election day. The Wilde Lake Village Board will appoint the Election Chair at the January 11, 2021 Village Board meeting. Village Election day is April 24, 2021. Please contact Kristin Shulder, Village Manager, at wlca@wildelake.org and Carole Black, Special Assistant, at gallery@wildelake.org if you are interested in volunteering or if you have questions about the position.



Winter Holiday Closings

The offices of Wilde Lake Community Association will be closed from Friday, December 25 through Friday, January 1, 2021. During that time, staff will not be available to respond to inquiries. The offices will re-open and staff will be available to assist residents on

Monday, January 4, 2021.

HowardCountyRecycles.org - Important Dates

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

The Alpha Ridge Landfill will close at 2pm.

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day Changes

There will be NO CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS on Friday, December 25. Friday curbside collections of recycling, yard trim and trash will slide and be made on Saturday. Bulk item collection will slide with trash collection. Scrap metal collection will remain as scheduled and will not slide. Please place all items out by 6am to ensure collection. The Alpha Ridge Landfill and County offices will be closed on Christmas Day.

Saturday, December 26- Saturday, January 16 - Merry Mulch

Help keep thousands of trees out of the landfill. Live trees are taken to our composting facility at Alpha Ridge Landfill to be recycled into compost and mulch. See below for more information on Merry Mulch.

Merry Mulch
Recycle Your Holiday Tree
December 26 - January 16
Help keep thousands of trees out of the landfill.

Live trees are taken to our composting facility at Alpha Ridge Landfill to be recycled into compost and mulch. Artificial trees with metal components can be recycled in the scrap metal area at Alpha Ridge Landfill.

Tree Collection Tips

For County Residents with Yard Trim Collection.
If you are not sure if you receive yard trim service, call 410-313-6444

- ❖ Set your tree out the night before. (Trees are picked up by the yard trim truck, as early as 6 a.m. or as late as 5 p.m.)
- ❖ Remove all tinsel, garland, ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, etc.
- ❖ Trees must be cut into less than 4 foot lengths and tied. Bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.

Missed the Merry Mulch Drop-Off?

You can still recycle your tree at the Alpha Ridge Wood Waste Area Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (No plastic bags)

Tree Drop-off Sites

Look for Merry Mulch signs at the following drop-off sites

Remove all tinsel, garland, ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, etc.

- Clarksville**
Kendall Hardware (12260 Rt. 108)
- Columbia**
Cedar Lane Park (5081 Cedar Lane)
- Elkridge**
Rockburn Park (5400 Landing Road)
- Ellicott City**
Small Circuit Court parking lot on upper Court House Drive (just past Ellicott Mills Drive, on the right)
- Highland**
Schooley Mill Park (12975 Hall Shop Road)
- Marriottsville**
Alpha Ridge Landfill Wood Waste Area (2350 Marriottsville Road)
- Savage**
Savage Park (8400 Fair Street)
- Woodbine**
Western Regional Park (14800 Carrs Mill Road)



Holiday Train Wonderland Walk

Howard County Fire & Rescue brings their holiday magic to OEC!

The 22 year annual tradition of the holiday train gardens at Howard County Fire Station 2 is taking their act on the road this year, and lucky for us, that road is Main Street in OEC! It's a corona silver lining that safety concerns inspired the search for a new way to share their magic and with the support of Ellicott City Partnership, a walking tour concept was born.

For those that love a little competition, scan QR codes at each window and participate in a scavenger hunt by way of your smart phone. Who will be first in the family to spot the ballroom dancers, Big Foot family or dancing elves?

Please join us in thanking our new friends at Howard County Fire & Rescue, Ellicott City Volunteer Fire Department and their hard working friends and families for their generosity and commitment to spreading the holiday spirit through these wonderful displays. Future years are dependent on the generous donations of visitors. Please support them in their GoFundMe campaign. [Click here for more information](#)



Mittens, Gloves, Hats, and Scarves Needed

As the weather turns colder, children in our community need your help. Please consider bringing new child-sized mittens or gloves (any size), hats, and/or scarves to any of the [six Howard County Library system branches](#) throughout December. Place your donations in the Mitten Tree collection box in the lobby. Donations will be given to the Community Action Council of Howard County for Head Start children and families



Wilde Lake Community Association Partners with Columbia Community Care

Columbia Community Care will be using Faulkner Ridge Neighborhood Center as an indoor distribution site on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings through the end of March 2021. Columbia Community Care has been providing food and other essentials to local families since the start of the coronavirus crisis. To date, the group has assisted over 6,000 households.

There are many ways that community members can help by volunteering and/or donating. For more information, visit the [Columbia Community Care website](#).



Age-Friendly Howard County: Social Participation Survey

Howard County, as part of its effort to be an Age-Friendly Community, is seeking community input and feedback on what is important to you. The anonymous information provided will be used to help inform the planning processes as the County works with residents, businesses, and government agencies, to build upon the existing successes and make the County even more livable.

The Age-Friendly Howard County Social Participation Committee is encouraging adults of all ages to participate in a survey which will be used to create a 2021-2025 Action Plan for Howard County. [Click here](#) to take the survey. Deadline is Thursday, December 31. For more information, visit the [Age-Friendly Howard County website](#).

Columbia Association's 50/50 Survey Program

Does your land abut CA Open Space? Then you could qualify to have CA pay for half of your home's boundary survey!

To ensure accurate installation of exterior alterations within your property boundaries, a survey of your property can be done. In order to assist with that effort and to prevent encroachments onto CA Open Space, the 50/50 Survey Program was created. CA now offers a discounted survey for community members who own property adjacent to CA Open Space.



Email RealEstateServices@ColumbiaAssociation.org for more information and to take advantage of this program!



Get Updates from Your Howard County Government Elected Officials

The Village of Wilde Lake is located in [Council District 4](#) and is represented by Deb Jung.
[Click here](#) to sign up for the District 4 newsletter.
[Click here](#) to sign up for The Ball Bulletin from County Executive Calvin Ball.



Howard County Public Schools in Wilde Lake

Are you interested in what's happening at the public schools located in the Village of Wilde Lake? Check out their websites for important information about school

news, events and services.

[Bryant Woods Elementary School BWES PTA](#)

[Running Brook Elementary School RBES PTA](#)

[Wilde Lake Middle School WLMS PTSA](#)

[Wilde Lake High School WLHS PTSA](#)

Health and Wellness Tip for December

There are many things that can contribute to the **holiday blues**. Whether it's something as simple as overscheduling yourself or a deeper emotional need, it's possible to work through your feelings and start anew.

Here are some ways to deal with the holiday blues:

1. Limit alcohol – Limit your alcohol intake, and try not to keep it readily available around your house. Drinking to excess can affect your mood and amplify any negative feelings that you may have.
2. Get plenty of sleep – Try to go to bed at a specific time each night. Being well-rested can improve your mood and help you feel ready to take on the day.
3. Learn to say “no” – Overscheduling and not making time for yourself can lead to emotional breakdowns. Learn how to say “no,” and stay firm on your decision.
4. Get support when mourning a loved one – If you've experienced the loss of a loved one, the holidays can be especially tough. Although it can be tempting to isolate yourself and grieve, it can be beneficial to spend time with your friends and family.
5. Exercise regularly – Plug in your headphones and pop out for a walk around the block a couple of times a day. A quick 10-minute walk will get your heart rate up and release mood-boosting endorphins.
6. Avoid overeating – Holiday activities often consist of food and can often lead to overeating, which can affect your mood and overall well-being.

Enjoy the holidays by beating the blues and following the CDC guidelines for remaining safe during COVID. This information is provided by the Wilde Lake Health and Wellness Committee. For more information, contact Laura Torres, Chair, at imt4941@yahoo.com.

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, January 11, 2021 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 open by appointment only. 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.