

**"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 wica@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.

**STUFF-THE-TRUCK
COFFEE BREAK**

Donate nonperishable food items and enjoy some **FREE** coffee!

Monday, December 28th

7:30 - 9:00 AM Supreme Sports Club	9:30 - 10:30 AM Columbia Athletic Club	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Columbia Gym
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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.

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)



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](#).



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 the school and PTA websites listed below for important information about Wilde Lake school news, events and services.

Bryant Woods Elementary School: [Click here](#) for the school website and [click here](#) for the BWES PTA website.

Running Brook Elementary School: [Click here](#) for the school website and [click here](#) for the RBES PTA website.

Wilde Lake Middle School: [Click here](#) for the school website and [click here](#) for the WLMS PTSA website.

Wilde Lake High School: [Click here](#) for the school website, [click here](#) for the WLHS PTSA website and [click here](#) for the WLHS Boosters website.

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Health and Wellness Tip for January

Winter is definitely upon us. Are you a winter lover or hater? Regardless of your stance, below are some thoughts on how to better APPRECIATE Winter:

The Scandinavians can help us increase our appreciation of winter by beginning with changing our mind-set.

- Try appreciating winter in your thoughts and your speech.
- When it comes to your thoughts, start by figuring out what you like about the winter. Maybe it's the chance to light fires, even during the daytime.
- Maybe it's an opportunity to get absorbed in cooking, or reading, or art. Maybe it's the way the world goes quiet just after a fresh snowfall.
- Then, whatever it is, try to consciously focus on those things. Having a positive wintertime mind-set doesn't mean denying the realities of winter or pretending you like every aspect of winter.
- When it snows, it's equally true that you might have to shovel your driveway as it is that the light is diffuse and beautiful. But which one of these you pay more attention to makes a huge difference in how you experience that snowfall.
- Appoint yourself a wintertime ambassador this year, and encourage everyone around you to notice what they like about the winter as well.
- If you're trying to shift your wintertime mind-set, try starting with whatever strategy feels easiest or most appealing to you.

For more on how to appreciate winter, click on the link below to read the entire article

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/15/well/mind/Scandinavia-Norway-Winter-Mindset.html>

This information is provided by the Wilde Lake Health and Wellness Committee. For more information, contact Laura Torres, Chair, at lm4941@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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Wilde Lake Village Center Stores Open for Business

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