

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

December 1, 2023

WILDE PUZZLE CHALLENGE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 6:30-9:00PM

SLAYTON HOUSE

10400 CROSS FOX LANE

\$20/TEAM

COMPETITION STARTS AT 6:30 SHARP

THE WILDE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INVITES
YOU AND A PARTNER TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR BY
TESTING YOUR PUZZLE SKILLS!

TEAMS ARE COMPOSED OF 2 (12+ WITH AN ADULT)

ALL TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN A 500 PIECE PUZZLE AND
2 HOURS TO COMPLETE IT.

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE

RSVP TO EVENTS@WILDELAKE.ORG



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WWW.WILDELAKE.ORG

www.wildelake.org #vibrantwildelake

WILDE LAKE COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
**SANDY CUMMINGS AND
SHAILAJA DIDOLKAR**

Bernice Kish Gallery
10400 Cross Fox Ln, Columbia, MD
Open to all!

Exhibit: Now until Friday, December 15



Early Winter Bird Walk December 2nd

Winter, assuming it doesn't get so cold the lakes freeze, can mean ducks! Hopefully we should see at least Bufflehead and Ring-necked Ducks, as well as the ubiquitous non-migratory Canada Geese and Mallards of uncertain heritage. In addition, there can be the winter suite of songbirds. I'd be willing to bet we could turn up White-throated Sparrows and Dark-eyed Juncos.

Meeting place and logistics will be sent to registered participants closer to the date. Register [here](#).



Nature's Best Hope!

*An Evening with Doug Tallamy, Ph.D., TA
Baker Professor of Agriculture and Natural
Resources in the University of Delaware's
Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology*

**Sunday, December 10, 2023
7:00 pm**

An assessment/evaluation of what common garden practices have done to our national ecology and how even small, gradual changes in our (gardening) practices can bring hope for the survival of all of our wildlife.

Registration is free, though donations of time and money will be accepted at the event.

Visit www.omigreenteam.org for additional information.

Covenant Corner

Seeking RAC Alternates for 2024

Are you interested in a service opportunity that gets you out and about in the Village of Wilde Lake and helps keep our neighborhood beautiful?

The Wilde Lake Community Association (WLCA) seeks volunteers to serve as alternates on its [Resident Architectural Committee \(RAC\)](#). This committee reviews all [Applications for Exterior Alterations](#) submitted by Wilde Lake residents who wish to update and improve their homes. The committee's recommendations are then handed off to the Wilde Lake Architectural Committee for final disposition.

As an alternate, you commit to preparing for and attending just one virtual meeting per month. RAC meetings rarely run more than an hour, and the total time commitment for this flexible opportunity should be 2-3 hours per month.

Want to learn more, sit in on a RAC meeting, or apply? Contact Wilde Lake's Covenant Advisor, Lexi Levy Milani, at covenants@wildelake.org or 410-730-3987.



Health and Wellness

#GetCoveredMD



Calvin Ball
County Executive

MarylandHealthConnection.gov

1-855-642-8572

9 out of **10**

Marylanders enrolled through Maryland Health Connection last year received assistance to make coverage more affordable.

Deadline: January 15, 2024



Get Covered Maryland

As we strive for a healthier Howard County, it's important to address the gaps in our healthcare system. Recent data indicates that in 2021, seven percent of our residents lacked access to healthcare coverage. Healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and it's essential that every member of our community has the resources they need to lead healthy, productive lives.

Please visit marylandhealthconnection.gov or call 855-642-8572 to find coverage that's right for you. Open enrollment is available now through January 15, 2024.

Let's work together to ensure that no one in our community goes without the care they need.

Other Village News



Wednesday, December 13
2-4pm at Stonehouse

Decorate your own gingerbread house!

Tickets: \$20 per house kit (up to 4 people)



Tickets at [LRCA.eventbrite.com](https://lrca.eventbrite.com)



Columbia Association News



Howard County Solar Info Session

When: Tuesday, Dec 5 @ 7-8pm

Where: Virtual event

Get ready to power up your world with the incredible collaboration between the Columbia Association and Civic Works on Energy Programs!

We're here to revolutionize how you harness solar energy—making it a breeze and budget-friendly for all residents.

This session will fill up quickly, so be sure to RSVP Today!

[Register Now](#)

We'd love to hear from you!

CA is exploring new ideas
and potential changes
for outdoor play areas.

Please take this five minute
survey to share your thoughts!



Upcoming Meetings

*Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting (Hybrid):
Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. [Zoom link](#)

*Wilde Lake RAC (Virtual): Tuesday, December
12, 2023. Contact Lexi Milani,



covenants@wildelake.org for meeting link.

*CA Board of Directors: Thursday, December 14, 2023. [Click here for more information.](#)

Coming Soon to Slayton House

WORKSHOP

The Secrets of Visual Composition

Date: Dec 13, 2023 | Time: 9 am - 1 pm | Location: Slayton House, Columbia MD

Instructor: Nishita Jain, BWS, PWCS



Are you an aspiring artist who is struggling with creating compositionally compelling visual art?
Do you find the complexity in your reference photos overwhelming? You are not alone!

During this workshop, you will learn how to leverage the key principles of composition to tell the story and guide the viewer's attention to the focal area. In addition, you will receive several useful tips on how to avoid common rookie mistakes and create award-worthy artwork.

LEARN MORE

website: www.nishita.art/upcoming-workshop | email: nishita.artist@gmail.com | instagram: [@nishitasart](https://www.instagram.com/nishitasart)

[Click here for additional information](#)

Congratulations to artist Nishita Jain as her painting "An Eternal Flow" was recently juried and is currently on display at the [American Impressionist Society's All Member Online Show](#). We are so excited to have such a talented artist and staff member on team #VibrantWildeLake!



Howard County Happenings

Things To Do In Howard County

Howard County is full of exciting entertainment, a vibrant arts community and great family fun. Fun awaits around every corner!

Learn More

Check out the **Digital Visitors Guide**



Find Out About

The Village In Howard

Monday, December 11, 2023

Time: 1:30 PM

Howard County Central Library
10375 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD

*Stay Active, Volunteer, Engage in Educational Activities,
Socially Connect, Age-in-Place*

<https://www.thevillageinhoward.org>



Wilde Lake School News

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](#) or the WLHS PTSA website and [click here](#) for the WLHS Boosters website.

Wilde Lake High School Community Circles/Dinner Dates 2023-2024



Save the Dates!

Wilde Lake High School Community Nights
2023-2024 - Wilde Lake High School Cafeteria

- **February 1, 2024**
- **May 2, 2024**



Join us for a catered dinner and time in circle to connect with other members of the Wilde Lake community! Childcare provided.

Dinner 5:00-5:30pm; Circle 5:30-7:30pm

Additional information coming soon.



SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT AT SLAYTON HOUSE

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY HAS COME AVAILABLE FOR THE RENTAL OF THE THEATRE AT SLAYTON HOUSE FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART THEATRE. THE THEATRE HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE MAJOR LIGHTING AND SOUND RENOVATIONS AND IS AVAILABLE FOR A LONG-TERM RENTAL.

PLEASE VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPACE OR CONTACT KATE KOLARIK AT RENTALS@WILDELAKE.ORG OR CALL (410) 730-3987 X18, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



Live AND work in your own neighborhood! Wilde Lake Village Center has several small office spaces for lease, located on the second floor above Bagel Bin and Absolutely Wine & Spirits. Enjoy all the convenience of working in a shopping center, with Starbucks, Smoothie King and more just steps away. Please contact Jenna Mielke at 410-427-4479 or jmielke@kimcorealty.com.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Wilde Lake Staff is Here to Help!

Wilde Lake Community Association staff is available to assist residents Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. via email and phone or in person by appointment.

Executive Director/Village Manager: Sharon Cooper Kerr, scooperkerr@wildelake.org

Facility Rentals: Kate Kolarik, rentals@wildelake.org

Special Events Manager: Jasmin Diaz, events@wildelake.org

Covenant Advisor: Lexi Milani, covenants@wildelake.org (exterior alterations, compliance letters & property maintenance issues)

Wilde Lake Welcome Bags!

Are you a new Wilde Lake resident? Wilde Lake Community Association would like to welcome you to the community with a special new resident welcome bag. It includes helpful information from Howard County and Columbia Association plus a few WLCA goodies. Do you have a new



neighbor? Our welcome bags are a wonderful way for you to welcome them to the neighborhood. Please contact office@wildelake.org or 410-730-3987 to make arrangements to pick up a welcome bag.



Slayton House Holiday Closure

Slayton House and Wilde Lake Community Association offices will be closed for our annual holiday break starting Saturday, December 23, 2023. We will reopen at 9AM on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Wilde Lake Village Board 2023-2024

The next meeting of the 2023-2024 Wilde Lake Village Board will be held on Monday, October 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting. Agendas are found on our [website](https://www.wildelake.org).

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Wilde Lake Village Center Stores Open for Business
Click here to see Wilde Lake Village Center store directory

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