

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

April 26, 2024

Club Wilde Lake - Positive Youth Engagement



County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball visits the Wilde Lake Earth Day Festival and presents a check to Club Wilde Lake, an afterschool program for youth, hosted by the Wilde Lake Community Association. Dr. Ball announced this initiative at a [news conference](#) as a part of several youth initiatives in the County aimed at developing positive engagement opportunities for our youth. Club Wilde Lake launched earlier this month at Slayton House. For more information and to donate to Club Wilde Lake visit [Wilde Lake Donor Advised Fund](#)

Pictured from left to right: Front Row Wilde Lake Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr; Delegate Jessica Feldmark; Wilde Lake Village Board Chair Kevin McAliley; Howard County Council Chair, Deb Jung; Wilde Lake Village Board Vice Chair, Tina Horn; and Wilde Lake Village Board Member and Health and Wellness Chair, Kondi Walters-Smith. Back Row: Wilde Lake Village Board Member and Co-chair Education Committee, Brandon Cogdell; County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball; Wilde Lake Village Board Member and Board Covenant Liaison, Chuck Yarbrough; and Columbia Council member representing the Village of Wilde Lake, Bill Santos. (photo by Najee Bailey).



WILDE LAKE
AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY
NEW HORIZONS II



The Y in Central Maryland
in partnership with
Wilke Lake Community Association
ENROLLING NOW

Exciting news! We're enrolling youth
ages 14-21 in our new community
After School Opportunity Starting 4/9/24

KEY INFO:

- 10 WEEK PROGRAM
- SEL Workshops
- College & Career Readiness
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER Y PROGRAMS
- DINNER & SNACKS PROVIDED



Important Details:

Location:
Slayton House
10400 Cross Fox Lane
Columbia, MD 21044
Days:
Tues & Thurs
Time:
3:00PM - 5:30PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Markita Sutton - Sr. Program Director
Email: markitasutton@ymaryland.org

ANCHORS UP!

www.fo2w.com



What We Offer:

Self-Love and Positivity

Healthy relationships begin with you. Complete the award-winning *Love Notes* curriculum. Learn more about yourself and how to develop healthy relationships.

Rewards: Earn \$35 & Swag

Earn AU! rewards, and swag for your accomplishments. All participants who join the program can earn a \$35 cash card, t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

About Us

Anchors Up! is a Positive Youth Development program. Our team consists of Coaches and Mentors who are ready to assist you in reaching your goals. The program is free and open to all high school students.

Chart A Course for Success

Define your vision and goals. Explore your leadership style. Work with Anchors Up! mentors to plan a successful future.

Join Us each Monday

3PM -5PM
Wilde Lake Community Center
Slayton House
10400 Cross Fox Lane
Columbia, MD

For More Information

Email: info@fo2w.org



Self-Love*Wellness*Success



Anchors Up! - 10-week positive youth development program on Mondays from 2:45-5:00 pm with snacks, workshops, and \$35 cash card for program completion! Meet with AU! coaches and other WLHS students to focus on improving your relationship, wellness, goal setting and study skills. *Bring a friend.



Earth Day 2024

Thanks to the organizations and community members that participated in the Wilde Lake Earth Day Celebration on Saturday!

A special thanks to: the Columbia Association and Kimco Realty for providing the event space * Fitness guru Darrell Gough for providing the opening movement activity * Wilde Lake CARES for hosting a plant giveaway and plant exchange * Cynthia Fikes for serving as emcee for the festival and Bike HoCo for providing the bike corral. Many thanks to the following businesses who donated gift cards for the event raffle: Absolutely Wine and Spirits, Bliss Nail Salon and the Bagel Bin. Congratulations to Feet First on their 45th year in business! Many thanks to photographers Najee Bailey and Rachel Riley for capturing the events of the day.

Thanks to participants: Absolutely Wine and Spirits, Bagel Bin and Deli, Bike HoCo, Bliss Nail Salon Wilde Lake, Cleaveland Smith, Realtor - Bob Lucido Real Estate, Columbia Community Care, Darrell Gough Fitness Instructor, the Doodle Hatch, Feet First Sports, HoCo Recycling, Howard Community College, Howard County Health Department, Howard Ecoworks, iCode, Peppy Expressions, Proactive Wellness, Sharon Jordan-

Realtor, the Social Palette, and Springboard Community Services.

And the #VibrantWildeLake community!



Congratulations to Bill Santos on his reelection to Columbia Council Representative on behalf of the Wilde Lake Community for a one-year term beginning on May 1, 2024. Special thanks to Susan Tucker, Election Chair and Election Committee Members: Dorothea Baity, Steve Drakos, Chris Kirsch and Deidre Sykes and Earth Day volunteers Antoinette Brown, Leah Brown, Isaiah Riley and Rachel Riley.

News from Hillside by Bill Santos

The following topics were discussed at the CA Board of Directors Meeting on April 25th:

1. Independent Look at the SHA Stream Restoration Project
2. Proposed FY 2024 Funding – Emergency Cash Reserves
3. Proposed Revision to CA's Purchasing Policy
4. Play Area Policy
5. CA Board of Directors Operating Procedures for Meetings and Work Sessions
6. Proposed New Strategic Plan
7. CA's Easement Policy
8. President's Report

For additional information [visit](https://columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/board-of-directors/) (<https://columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/board-of-directors/>). [Live Stream](#)

Coming Soon to the Bernice Kish Gallery

***Another Time* exhibit by Kevin Peddicord begins on Wednesday, May 1st**

Another Time by Kevin Peddicord



Solo Show: May 1- June 28, 2024
Reception + Gallery Talk:
Sunday, May 5, 3-5:00pm

Bernice Kish Gallery
at Slayton House
10400 Cross Fox Lane
Columbia, MD 21044



Covenant Corner

Next RAC Meeting - May 14, 2024

Submissions for the next RAC meeting on May 14 are due on Tuesday, May 7. RAC forms, agendas, and meeting minutes are always available at <https://wildelake.org/covenants>.

Help! My Bamboo Is Out of Control!

Do you (or your neighbors) have bamboo on your property? This invasive species spreads quickly and puts down roots that are very difficult to exhaust. Just one leaf cane or piece of root can start a whole new infestation.



What to do? Columbia Association is actively working to eradicate bamboo throughout Open Space, and has tips and resources available for residents as well in a recent blog post: [CA's Approach to Invasive Bamboo Removal](#).

Want to learn about more sustainable gardening practices as we head into spring and summer? Thanks to Wilde Lake CARES, we also have a great short [guide to environmentally-friendly landscaping practices](#) available!

Wilde Lake CARES

Wilde Lake CARES and the Wilde Lake
Community Association Present
SPRING 2024 EVENTS

<https://www.facebook.com/WildeLakeCARES>
wildelakecares@gmail.com



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SPRING 2024**

APRIL

- 13th - Columbia Cleans Day, meet at Faulkner Ridge Pool, 9am-11am
- 13th - Hoco Greenfest at HCC, 10am-3pm
- 20th - Wilde Lake Plant Exchange, noon sharp in front of Slayton House
- 27th - Snowy Reach Adopt a Spot workday, 9am-11am

MAY

- 4th - Baltimore Oriole Bird Walk, Wilde Lake Park, 8am-10am
- 5th - Wilde Lake Park Adopt a Spot workday, 9am-11am

More info on the Plant Exchange:
<https://tinyurl.com/WLPlantExchange>



COLUMBIA NATIVE SHRUB EXCHANGE



**Support pollinators! Feed the birds!
Stop the spread of invasive plants!**

CA village CARES and environmental groups have come together to raise awareness of invasive shrubs common in Columbia yards, and to offer FREE beautiful and environmentally beneficial native shrubs in exchange for removing invasive shrubs.

Register ahead and reserve up to 2 native shrubs, choosing from 8 options. You will be asked to submit before-and-after photos of removal before pick up.

Pick up your replacement 3-gallon size native shrubs at Howard Community College on October 19th.



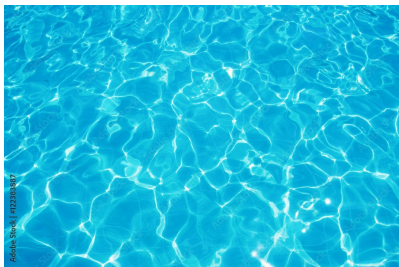
**Registration required. While supplies last.
Columbia residents only.**

Register using the QR code or this link:
<https://forms.gle/wR33LedSmTNEzXDA>.

Made possible by Chesapeake Bay Trust and Columbia Association.

Columbia Association News

Fishing Guidelines at Wilde Lake Park - <https://columbiaassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/Fishing-Regulations-wMap-for-Wilde-Lake-.pdf>



Become a Life Guard - Summer 2024

Enjoy flexible hours, a fun work environment, competitive pay and a free CA Fit&Play membership — including pools, gyms and so much more!

APPLY NOW

Upcoming Meetings



*Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting (Virtual): Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. **[Zoom link](#)**

*Wilde Lake RAC: Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Contact Lexi Milani, **covenants@wildelake.org** for meeting link and information.

*CA Board of Directors (Work Session) : Thursday, May 9, 2024. **[Click here for more information](#)**

Howard County Happenings



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY, May 4TH 10AM-12PM

CURRENT, PROSPECTIVE AND ALUMNI FAMILIES WELCOME

Kids Games & Crafts, Silent Auction, Raffle Baskets, BBQ Stand, Bake Sale, Student Art Display, Classroom Tours and more!



All proceeds benefit our small, nonprofit cooperative preschool. Thank you for your support!

www.wlcn.net

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@wildelakechildrensnursery

Recognized as a high-quality program by:



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Amphitheater Series: Piscataway Nation Singers and Dancers

Join the Howard County Conservancy for an evening of history and heritage on May 10, 6:30 p.m. The Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers will perform traditional Indigenous music and dancing in our newly built outdoor amphitheater. Mark Tayac travels from Tayac Territory in Southern Maryland with the Piscataway Nation Singers & Dancers, presenting a pow wow-style event with American Indian dance, drum and song. All ages welcome.

Free! [Registration required.](#)



The Howard County Conservancy is having a pollinator party! Join in June 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to celebrate and meet your favorite pollinators. Learn about bees, butterflies, moths, birds and more at informative stations. Enjoy hands-on pollinator-themed activities and games, seed giveaways, music, a book swap and more! Free! Registration required: <https://www.howardnature.org/event/pollinator-fest-2/>



Books in Bloom Festival Set for May 11 at Color Burst Park, Downtown Columbia

Downtown Columbia Partnership and Howard Hughes Holdings present Books in Bloom Saturday, May 11, 11:30-5 p.m., Color Burst Park, Merriweather District, Downtown Columbia. The multigenerational, multicultural festival features award-winning authors, music, refreshments, and activities for all ages and interests. There is no admission fee.

Literary novelist Julie Otsuka, book club favorite Helen Simonson, journalist and memoirist Natasha S. Alford, wunderkind scientist and innovator Gitanjali Rao, playwright and essayist R. Eric Thomas, linguist and social critic Amanda Montell, middle grade novelist Emily Barth Isler, and children's book author Sue Fliess are featured.

See the entire schedule and other activities [here](#), including a poetry reading to celebrate HoCoPoLitSo's 50th anniversary and a showcase of student writers.



It's Time to Register for Kindergarten

Registration for new students or students entering public school kindergarten in fall 2024 begins the week of March 4, 2024 in all Howard County public elementary schools at times determined by individual schools.

Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland. State law requires that children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2024 must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2024. Children entering first grade in the fall of 2024 must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2024. For details about registration and enrollment, visit www.hcpss.org/enroll/.

Parents or guardians are to register students at the school currently serving the address where the child's parent or guardian resides. Parents may check the School Locator and School Transportation link on the school system website, www.hcpss.org, or call the Public Information Office at 410-313-6600 for information on which school serves their neighborhood.

The parent or guardian must present the following information at the time of registration:

- The child's evidence of birth
- An authorized record of immunizations
- Proof of residency in the form of a lease, a deed and a utility bill
- Photo ID of the parent/guardian
- Proof of custody

Driver's licenses and voter registration cards will not be accepted as proof of residence. State law prohibits a child from attending school for even one day unless proof of immunization has been provided. Immunization and health forms are available at each elementary school.

Families who need language support during the registration process should contact the Multilingual Family Registration Center at 410-313-1525. Families who require interpreter services can contact the following Multilingual Call Center lines for assistance:

Centro de llamadas – 410-313-1591

전화 문의 센터 – 410-313-1592

电话服务中心 – 410-313-5920

Biakchawnkhawhnak Hmun – 410-313-5968



Medication & Sharps Disposal

Convenient Drive-Thru Event

Saturday April 27 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Safely dispose of:

- Prescription medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- Sharps (syringes, needles, EpiPens, etc.)
- Vitamins
- Pet medication
- Vapes without batteries
- Inhalers
- And more!

HCDrugFree Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot
5305 Village Center Drive, Columbia 21044

Volunteers Needed

Seeking students, adults, and medically-trained adults.
Spend some time making a difference in Howard County.
Community service hours available for students.

Medication Lockbox Giveaway!

We have 100 medication lockboxes to give away for FREE!

\$44 value. First come, first served.
Limit 1 per vehicle.



[HCDrugFree.org](https://www.hcdrugfree.org)

Funded by the Howard County Health Department, MDH, SAMHSA, and Howard County Police.
Medication Lockboxes provided by the Howard County Public School System.

2024 HUMANITY MATTERS

A SOCIAL JUSTICE
CONFERENCE

ENVISIONING
SOCIAL
JUSTICE
THROUGH AN
EQUITY
LENS

MONDAY

MAY 6, 2024

TURF VALLEY RESORT
2700 Turf Valley Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042

REGISTRATION: \$125

TO REGISTER,
SCAN THE QR CODE:



8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
Lunch will be provided.

For more information, contact OHRE by
emailing OHREoutreach@howardcountymd.gov or calling (410) 313-6430.

2024 Juried Show JUNE 26 - JULY 21



APPLY ONLINE: MARCH 5-MAY 5
JURIED NOTIFICATION: MAY 27

Calling local artists / 18 years of age +
Open theme / 2-D & 3-D artwork accepted
Up to 2 entries for \$30 / \$700 in awards!
See full prospectus: artistsgalleryec.com/js

RECEPTION & AWARDS: SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2-5 PM
8197 MAIN STREET / ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043

Wilde Lake School News

Join us for

SPIRIT NIGHT

Supporting

- Tuesday -
April 30, 2024
4 - 7pm

Wilde Lake Band Booster
earns **10% OF ALL SALES**
during this event!



ONLY AVAILABLE AT THIS LOCATION*

**While Supplies Last*



Old Ellicott City/Baltimore

8225 Main Street
Ellicott City, MD 21043



Wilde Lake High School Community Night - Thursday, May 2nd 5:00-7:30 pm

The entire Wilde Lake community is invited to join WLHS for dinner and community circle (time to connect) on Thursday, May 2 with dinner from 5:00-5:30pm and community connection from 5:30-7:30pm. Childcare is available for preschool and elementary age children. Adults, high school students, and middle school students are invited to participate. Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/WLHSMay2> so we can be sure to have enough dinner for everyone!

Join us!!
WILDE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

JAZZ CABARET

SATURDAY - MAY 11

7 P.M.

JOIN US FOR A
HOT NIGHT OF
COOL JAZZ
PERFORMED BY
THE WLHS JAZZ
ENSEMBLE,
FEATURING THE
NORTHFIELD
ELEMENTARY JAZZ
BAND!

bit.ly/wlhsjazz24



SCAN ME

Light food and refreshments
available for purchase

Wilde Lake Main Street - Doors open at 6:30



Support Wilde Lake's Students!

Looking to give back to the Wilde Lake community? There are 3 easy ways to give to Wilde Lake HS, and we thank you for your support!

1] Donate to the Student Support Fund to defray the costs of college entrance exams, school activities, and co-curricular activities for our students. Credit Card donations can be made at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/BVModule/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=DA058-VAR87> or you can send a check to Wilde Lake High School 5460 Trumpeter Road Columbia MD 21044. You will receive an acknowledgement letter in appreciation for your support

2] Donate to the Corner Cafe' Food Pantry to address food insecurity for our students. Credit Card donations can be made

at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/BVModule/s/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=DA058-VAR86> or you can send a check to Wilde Lake High School 5460 Trumpeter Road Columbia MD 21044. You will receive an acknowledgement letter in appreciation for your support. You can also order directly from the Amazon Wish List at [Amazon Wish List](#).

3] Donate Diapers to the Teen Parenting Program Wilde Lake HS hosts the Howard County Public School System's Teen Parenting Program. The childcare center allows our high school students to attend their high school classes and earn their high school diploma knowing their little ones are cared for during the day. You can donate diapers of any size (sizes 4 and 5 are our highest need but we're happy with all donations) by dropping them off at Wilde Lake High School 5460 Trumpeter Road Columbia MD 21044.



Help Wanted at Slayton House - Facility Assistants!

Wilde Lake Community Association is seeking individuals who are looking for a flexible, part-time opportunity to provide facility support to Slayton House renters for a variety of classes, programs and theatre and social events. The Facility Assistant acts as the manager on duty in the evenings and on weekends), assists clients with facility equipment and ensures compliance with policies and procedures regarding facility use. Hours are variable depending on the events schedule (approx. 4-10 hours/week). Please send your resume and letter of interest to Sharon Cooper-Kerr, Executive Director/Village Manager at scooperkerr@wildelake.org. Only qualified candidates will be contacted for interviews.



for rent



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](mailto:rentals@wildelake.org) OR CALL (410) 730-3987 X18, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



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

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.

Wilde Lake Village Board 2023-2024

The next meeting of the 2023-2024 Wilde Lake Village Board will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting (Zoom [Link](#)). 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

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