

Harper's Choice Voice

The e-Newsletter for the Village of Harper's Choice

49th Annual Longfellow Friends of the Traditional 4th Parade



The 49th annual Longfellow Friends of the Traditional 4th Parade will take place on Thursday, July 4, rain or shine, at 10:00 am. Lineup begins at 9:15 in the parking lot of Longfellow Elementary School. It will travel from one end of Hesperus Drive to the other and return to the school via Eliot's Oak Road. All are welcome to participate, or just come and watch. No advance registration! Among the participants will be volunteers from "Food for Tomorrow," so please bring some canned goods to donate to the food bank. This year we are honored to have as our Grand Marshal, Mary Kay Sigaty, who served us on the County Council for twelve years!

The parade will be followed by a softball game at noon between the Eliot's Oak Nuts and the Hesperus Wrecks, to be held on Field #3 at the Cedar Lane Park entrance on Cedar Lane.

Food for Tomorrow Participates in Longfellow Fourth of July Parade

"Food for Tomorrow," a grassroots campaign to raise food, money, and awareness for the Howard County Food Bank, will once again participate in the Longfellow Friends of the Traditional 4th Parade, collecting canned and other non-perishable foods. We would appreciate any help you can give in promoting Food For Tomorrow's participation in this year's parade.

Look for the pick up truck and the volunteers who will be thrilled to see you as you help them fill the back of the truck with food!

The Food Bank really needs the following items: Tuna, Pasta Sauce, Coffee and Tea, Healthy Snacks, Canned Fruit, Low Sodium Vegetables, Cereal, Pasta & Rice, Baby Food, Juice Boxes, Peanut Butter, and Canned Beans.

If you are away for the holiday, please consider donating to the Community Action Council of Howard County (www.cac-hc.org). Together, we can help fight hunger in our neighborhood and our county!

Howard County's July 4th Fireworks





Date: Thursday, July 4, 2019, 5-10pm

Fireworks after dark

Rain date: Thursday, July 5

(Fireworks Only)

Location: Columbia Lakefront

Site Map: Map of Area

Inclement weather line: 410-313-4451

Fireworks will start at dark, around 9:30 pm, weather depending.

Note: Those wishing to place a blanket or sheet may do so beginning at 8 am on July 4. Those wishing to place a tarp on the grass may do so beginning at 3 pm. Placement of tarps and chairs must wait until 3 pm in order to protect the grass. For more information on your tarp, contact the Columbia Association at 410-312-6330. No boats are permitted on the lake July 3-5. We encourage all attendees to arrive early to avoid traffic congestion. Little Patuxent Parkway will be closed at approximately 7 pm and is not to be reopened until the conclusion of the fireworks.

Parking: Free parking is available in the parking lots at the mall or off of Wincopin Circle.

Download the FREE festival app, "HoCo July 4th," to listen to the soundtrack playing at the fest before 7 pm, or to view maps, directions, parking info, and vendors.

National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6th



Join us in the courtyard on Joseph Square at the Harper's Choice Village Center for our Annual National Night Out Festival. Food, drink, and entertainment are free. Help us to plan by registering [here](#) in advance! Registration ends Friday, August 2nd, 2019.

This year, we've included some special features such as surprise performances, guests, snowballs and cotton candy for sale to help celebrate our community. Our mission for our community this year is Diversity at HCCA (Developing, Innovative, Vast, Energetic, Refreshing and Safe Events). We will be using the hashtag #DIVERSEatHCCA. James Rouse insisted on Diversity as one of the founding principles for Columbia. Harper's Choice continues that tradition and we would be honored to have you and your family and friends join us as we celebrate the DIVERSITY that is Harper's Choice!

Want to be a vendor at this year's National Night Out? Email [Leah](#) today!

Summer Pool Parties - Save The Dates



Longfellow Pool Party on Thursday, July 11 from 6PM - 8PM; Event SOLD OUT. Click [here](#) to join the wait list.

Swansfield Pool Party on Thursday, August 15 from 6PM to 8PM; Only 30 slots left to join this FREE event with DJ, games and food concessions for sale; pizza, cotton candy, snowballs and popcorn. MUST register in advance for FREE tickets - registration ends on Friday August 9. Click [here](#) to register.

Community Movie Night



Community Movie Nights on the Square - July 24 and August 14

Come out and join us for fun movie nights on Joseph Square! We will show two movies: *Boss Baby* on July 24 and *Trolls* on August 14. These events are FREE for all members of the Harper's Choice Community. Registration is available at the links below. Help us to have enough refreshments by registering [here](#) in advance. The movie will start promptly at 8PM. Blankets and lawn chairs are permitted. There will be NO RAIN DATE!!! Concessions available for sale at 7:30 pm include pizza, snowballs, cotton candy and popcorn. The first 10 people to register for either movie will receive a free slice of pizza and a bottled water. Registration ends the Friday prior to each movie. Hope to see you there!

Click [here](#) to register for July 24th.

Click [here](#) to register for August 14th.

Columbia Film Festival

Saturday, June 29th

Centennial Park

11:00am-5:00pm



Movie lovers will delight in the vast variety of films presented as part of this year's Columbia Film Festival. In addition to unique panels of film industry professionals and special events, we celebrate the very best in features, shorts, documentaries, web series, with world cinema, national and local films, plus the best student

projects. See unlimited films with a discounted All Festival PLATINUM Pass, choose Daily Access passes, or individual tickets available.

Programming will be presented in a series of socially conscious and entertaining blocks throughout the Columbia Film Festival which highlight a wealth of compelling topics. Film enthusiasts can enjoy a wide selection of genres that includes a Classic Corner Vintage Film Double Feature, an exceptional Student Film series, and an Opening Night VIP reception followed by two Maryland feature film comedies and much more.

For three full days Columbia Film Festival morning to evening events continue with a unique live screenplay reading as a free event, a powerful documentary collection of films focusing on social justice and equality, plus a series of inspirational films touching on balance, health and wellness.

Other highlights include a Maryland based Western feature film set in the silent movie days, a horror/thriller set in Ellicott City, and almost two dozen remarkable short films representing multiple cultures, comedy, drama, animation and cinematic beauty.

We wrap up on Saturday with the very best shorts of the International, DC and Baltimore 48 hour film Festival, and a very special eight time daytime Emmy Nominated Web Series with celebrity guests, prior to an exciting awards ceremony followed by reprise "Best of Fest" screenings!(Scheduled films subject to change)

[For further information, click here.](#)

Howard County Celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride

Saturday, June 29th

Centennial Park

11:00am-5:00pm



PFLAG Columbia-Howard County and the office of County Executive Calvin Ball present Howard County's first ever LGBTQ+ Pride Festival!

This landmark event marks the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City, and the first event of its kind in Howard County. The festival will include a Kids' Zone, a 50+ Pride Area, entertainment, food trucks, and much more! Visit howardcountypride.org for more information or to get involved.

Covenant Corner





Untagged or Inoperable Vehicles

Untagged or inoperable vehicles parked on public streets within Columbia are subject to County Code and may be flagged and towed by the Police.

Untagged or inoperable vehicles parked or stored anywhere in the open on your lot are a violation of the Village Covenants and County Code. The village can cite the homeowners with a covenant violation AND the County can issue a Zoning Violation Notice and daily fines may be incurred. Please legally tag all vehicles that you own, and be sure that they are operable.

To report suspected "abandoned vehicles" on county roadways, call the Howard County Police non-emergency number at 410-313-2200 and be sure to give as much information about the vehicle as possible. We can also call in these vehicles on our residents' behalf. [Contact](#) the covenant advisor with the location and vehicle details.

Have you visited us on Facebook lately?

Please join us on Facebook for up-to-date information about what's happening in and around the Harper's Choice Community.

[Facebook](#)



Architectural Committee Meetings

Please check the calendar on our [website](#) for the latest meeting dates.

Changes made to the exterior of homes in Harper's Choice require approval of the Village Architectural Committee (AC).

The AC will meet on Tuesdays the 9th & 23rd at 7:30 PM to review applications previously submitted.

The deadline to submit applications for approval is two weeks prior to the next meeting date.



Village Board Meetings

The next meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for July 25th at 7 PM at Longfellow Neighborhood Center. Approved Agendas and Meeting Minutes are/will be on our website.



Keeping You Informed

This weekly e-Newsletter serves as a recap of news and events we share with our community throughout the week via other social media channels. Connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to receive more regular announcements and information from us.

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