

Harper's Choice Voice

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



2020 Harper's Choice Election Results

TO: HCCA Board of Directors

FROM: George Cronin, Chair, Election Monitor Committee

DATE: April 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Village Elections

A Village-wide election was held on April 25, 2020; there were three (3) candidates for two (2) Harper's Choice Community Association Board of Director seats and three candidates for one (1) Columbia Council Representative Seat. The results of votes cast are:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

171 Rebecca Beall*
117 Brynn Conover
116 Eileen Brewer
10 Abstentions

COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

109 Alan Klein*
93 Ashley Vaughan
18 Debra Erica Warner
6 Abstentions

Total Number of Ballots Received: 287 (includes CA's votes)

The total number of ballots cast did not reach a quorum. As such, this was not a valid election. Subsequent to receiving the election results, Eileen Brewer and Debra Warner conceded the election; Rebecca Beall and Brynn Conover retain their seats on the Board of Directors. A special meeting has been called on May 12, 2020 to determine who will serve as the Columbia Council Representative**. Until that date, the polls are reopened. If you didn't vote, you have another opportunity to do so. If you wish to vote electronically but don't have your code, email your name and address to Village Manager Steve Ingley at manager@harperschoice.org.

* 232 votes for Beall and 170 votes for Klein with CA's 61 votes cast with the majority.

** The May 12, 2020 meeting will be held virtually with Go To Meeting. To participate in the meeting, see the below instructions:

Continuation of the Annual Meeting from April 25
Tue, May 12, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/665108701>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: +1 (571) 317-3112

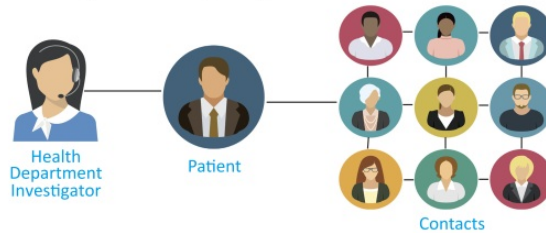
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What is Contact Tracing?

Contact tracing helps control the spread of infections, like COVID-19, between people by finding each sick person and the persons that they recently interacted with who might be exposed to the infection. Each contacted person is provided specific education and guidance to monitor their health, which may include quarantine instructions for a time period. That stops the virus from spreading in households and in the community.



How Does Contract Tracing Work?

- A Health Department Investigator will call a patient to help them remember everyone they had close contact with during the time they may have been infectious. All information is kept **CONFIDENTIAL!**
- The investigator will call each of the contacts. (To protect patient privacy, contacts are *not* told the identity of the patient who may have exposed them.) All information is kept **CONFIDENTIAL!**
- Contacts are provided with education about the infection and key information and support to understand their risk, monitor their symptoms and health, and to prevent the spread of the infection in their households, workplaces and community, by staying home and maintaining social distance or wearing appropriate personal protection

For more information about contact tracing, or if you have been contacted by a Health Department Investigator, call our **COVID-19 Line at 410-313-6284.**

An infographic titled 'SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019'. It features a central play button icon. Surrounding it are three panels: 'FEVER' with a person's head, 'COUGH' with a person coughing, and 'SHORTNESS OF BREATH' with a person breathing into a cloth. Text at the top says 'Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.' and 'Symptoms* can include'. A note at the bottom right says '*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.' The CDC logo is in the bottom left.

Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019

CDC Cases in U.S.
page

County
Updates



**American
Red Cross**

Help the American Red Cross Today!

Make a difference in helping save a life by donating blood today. The American Red Cross is experiencing a blood shortage and is seeking healthy donors who feel well to donate blood. As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, healthy individuals can still donate in areas that have issued shelter in place declarations.

If interested in taking part in this life saving mission, sign-up today to participate in one of these upcoming Red Cross blood drives by clicking below to make an appointment.

NOTE: Per the Red Cross, there is no data or evidence that COVID-19 can be transmissible by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases worldwide of transmissions for any respiratory virus including COVID-19. For questions and/or more information about donating blood during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit <https://rcblood.org/2Vx3mPa>.

**Friday, May 1 from noon to 6:00 p.m. at Mosaic Christian Church in
Elkridge**

**Thursday, May 7, 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Su Casa in
Ellicott City**

**Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day at The Mall in Columbia
(open space by Lord & Taylor).**

HCPSS Class of 2020 Celebration Plans



Updates from Monday, April 27, 2020

The following email provides links and helpful resources. Additional information is provided on the HCPSS website.

HCPSS is pleased to announce plans for graduation ceremonies and other events to celebrate the Class of 2020. Today, Division of School Management and Instructional Leadership leaders joined the principals of all high schools, Cedar Lane School and Homewood Center for a virtual discussion of plans for recognizing seniors. The discussion included input provided by Student Member of the Board Allison Alston and members of the HCPSS Senior Student Committee, as well as additional ideas generated by students and staff at each school.

Plans are underway for virtual graduation ceremonies to allow all seniors to participate in this wonderful tradition. Online ceremonies will be held between Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 9, with specific dates and other details to be provided as soon as plans are finalized.

Each high school, as well as Cedar Lane School and the Homewood Center, will hold a virtual senior awards ceremony to highlight the many accomplishments of its Class of 2020 and announce the recipients of school and community awards and scholarships. Additionally, every school will host an in-person celebration, to be scheduled at a later date, to give seniors the opportunity to come together with their classmates.

Yard signs honoring seniors have been ordered by all of the schools and will soon be displayed across the county. We thank the school PTAs, Boosters, Senior Class, and other organizations for their support with this initiative. Other school celebrations being considered include senior superlatives, slideshows, and other ways to honor seniors and give graduates an opportunity to share their plans for the future.

HCPSS thanks students, staff, and families that are working together to create positive memories for our seniors as they finish their high school careers. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

HopeWorks is Open!



HopeWorks remains operational during the Stay-at-Home Order to provide support for survivors of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

- 24-Hour Helpline for support & resources
- Emergency shelter for survivors & their children
- Remote counseling
- Legal consultations

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP,
CALL OUR 24-HOUR HELPLINE:**

(410) 997-2272



Our mission is to support and advocate for people in Howard County affected by sexual and intimate partner violence and to engage the community in creating the change required for violence prevention.

HopeWorks • (410) 997-0304 • 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive • Suite 300 • Columbia MD 21046

wearehopeworks.org

Wilde Lake High School Senior Appreciation

The PTSA and Boosters of Wilde Lake High School are teaming to get a free yard sign for each of our Seniors. Hopefully you will start to see them popping up as they get them distributed.

They are also selling "We Love Our Seniors" yard signs so our families and friends can show their support of their Senior Wildecats. Signs are only \$10, or people can buy a pack of 5 for \$45 or a pack of 10 for \$90.



All proceeds from the Supporter signs will be donated to the PTSA Ohana Fund, which is used to meet the immediate needs of our WLHS community. To purchase a sign, people can go to



Feeding the Community

Food Distribution Sites

Howard County government, community partners, and local organizations are providing a variety of food distribution resources for residents in need:

[Howard County Public School Systems](#) grab and go meals are available Monday-Friday from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm for anyone under 18, no pre-registration needed. Locations include:

- Bushy Park Elementary School, 14601 Carrs Mill Road, Glenwood
- Cradlerock Elementary School/Lake Elkhorn Middle School, 6680 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
- Deep Run Elementary School, 6925 Old Waterloo Road, Elkridge
- Ducketts Lane Elementary School, 6501 Ducketts Lane, Elkridge
- Hollifield Station Elementary School, 8701 Stonehouse Drive, Ellicott City
- Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City
- Laurel Woods Elementary School, 9250 North Laurel Road, Laurel
- Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia
- Swansfield Elementary School, 5610 Cedar Lane, Columbia
- Talbott Springs Elementary School, 9550 Basket Ring Road, Columbia
- Wilde Lake Middle School, 10481 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia
- Community Locations: (Weekend meals not provided at community locations)
 - Forest Ridge Apartments, 5890 Stevens Forest Rd, Columbia
 - Monarch Mills Apartments, 7600 Monarch Mills Way, Columbia
 - Bethel Christian Academy, Campus 1, 8455 Savage Guilford Rd., Savage

[Department of Community Resources and Services](#) is currently offering Grab-N-Go food distribution for eligible older adults at the Ellicott City 50+ Center, located at 9401 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Distribution is held on Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for registered residents.

[Howard County Food Bank](#) is open Tuesdays - Thursdays 1 - 4 p.m. , and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon at 9385 Gerwig Lane in Columbia. The Food Bank is providing pre-packaged bags of food to clients and new clients should bring identification and proof of Howard County residency for their first visit.

Pop Up Food Pantry daily April 19 - May 3 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Long Reach Village Center, 8775 Cloudleap Court, Columbia. Call 410-340-0529 for information or to donate.

Columbia Community Cares is providing grab and go bags of food, and other essential supplies such as diapers, at the following locations, Monday - Friday, 11 a.m - 1:30 p.m:

- Cradlerock Elementary School/Lake Elkhorn Middle School, 6680 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
- Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Road, Ellicott City
- Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia
- Swansfield Elementary School, 5610 Cedar Lane, Columbia
- Wilde Lake Middle School, 10481 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia

Salvation Army is hosting a monthly pop-up pantry, April 15, May 20, and June 17th, at 3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City from 1 -3 p.m. They will have fresh produce along with canned goods,

please bring proof of Howard County residency.

Saval Foodservice - Curbside Pickup

***NEW* SATURDAY PICKUP**



Saval Foodservice
Curbside Pickup
6740 Dorsey Rd
Elkridge, MD 21075
www.MySaval.Store



Saval Foodservice, Maryland's leading local supplier to restaurants, is opening its doors to the public. This will allow the community to get restaurant quality food direct from a wholesaler as an alternative to the grocery stores, without leaving your car. Just go online to MySaval.Store, place your order, give us 1.5 hours and then curbside pick-up at our warehouse.

Store Hours
Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm
Saturday 9am - 3pm

Local foodservice distribution **is better** foodservice distribution.
Savalfoods.com * 800-527-2825



Hello Community Residents and Neighbors!

We wanted to let you know that Saval Foodservice is now open to the public on **SATURDAY from 9am - 3pm**, as well as **Monday - Friday from 9am - 4pm**.

Go to www.mysaval.store and order a variety of food and non-foods and 1 ½ hours later, pick up curbside. **A safe and convenient way to food shop!**

Village Board Virtual Meetings

The next meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7 PM** via GoTo Meeting.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

- You can also dial in using your phone.
 - United States: tel:+1-872-240-3311
 - Access Code: 908-237-781

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Architectural Committee Meetings

The Architectural Committee meets twice a month to review applications for changes to the exterior of properties in the Village and In-home business submissions. Meetings are held at Kahler Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and meetings are open to the public. Application submissions are due two weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Upcoming submission deadlines and meeting dates are noted below.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

April 28
May 12

MEETING DATE

May 12
May 26

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

[Facebook](#)



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* Term expires 4/30/20

** Term expires 4/30/21

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