

Harper's Choice Voice

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



**MARYLAND
PRIMARY
ELECTION**

VOTE BY MAIL BY
**TUES. 2
JUNE 2**

HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

An absentee ballot can be requested by anyone who needs a ballot sent to an address that is different from their registered voter address

To receive your absentee ballot by mail or fax your request must be made by **Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

To receive your absentee ballot electronically your request must be made by **Friday, May 29, 2020**

For more information:
elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html

BALLOTS CAN BE MAILED EARLIER; THIS IS THE DEADLINE

COVID-19: What's Open in Howard County

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Calvin Ball
Howard County Executive

Retail

The following is a non-exhaustive list of Howard County retail businesses that **may open but are restricted to curbside pick-up or delivery only:**



- Art galleries
- Bookstores, Clothing, and shoe stores
- Florists
- Furniture stores
- Jewelers
- Lawn and garden stores
- Pawn shops
- Sporting goods stores
- Tobacco and vape shops

The following retail establishments may operate at 50% capacity:

- Pet Groomers
- Animal Adoption
- Car Washes

Barber Shops & Hair Salons

Open by **appointment only.**

Only **one customer** allowed in a location at a time.

Manufacturing

May open.

Businesses **should follow guidelines** issued by the State of Maryland.

Religious Gatherings

May resume with **10 people or less** and are **strongly encouraged to take place in outdoor settings.**

Outdoor Activities

Archery and **shooting** ranges & **Horse Boarding** and **riding** facilities, may open with appropriate physical distancing and mask requirements.

[CDC Cases in U.S. Page](#)

[County Updates](#)

[Visit the Coronavirus in Maryland Page](#)

Columbia Art Center



6100 Foreland Garth • Columbia, MD 21045 • 410-730-0075 ColumbiaAssociation.org/ArtCenter

While Columbia Art Center remains closed, we want to assure you that exciting plans are underway to create new art opportunities for all ages to enjoy in the (hopefully) near future! Whether in person or virtually, our fabulous teachers will be back in action with instructional offerings. Efforts are also being made for several exciting fall gallery shows and the monthly salon series presented with Little

In the meantime, please check out the online art lessons and demonstration videos available on the [CA@Home blog](#).

We are happy to share that **Color Columbia Plein Air Paint Out** is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, October 24, at Lake Kittamaqundi and Wilde Lake**. 2020 marks the third year of this popular fall lakefront plein air event and show. See details below.

For your enjoyment, we have included below several videos that capture the beauty and strength of our last gallery exhibition held in March in Columbia Art Center Galleries: **Visionary Women Paving The Wave**, which featured 69 Maryland female artists. We are excited to premiere in this email the third and final video documenting the show, which highlights the March 8th reception and juror awards presentation.

As we move forward through this unprecedented time, we encourage you and your loved ones to explore your creativity. Art can bring joy, help us to de-stress and provide nourishing and memorable opportunities to share with others.

We truly appreciate your enduring support. Please stay safe, be well and keep creating!

Liz Henzey
Director, Columbia Art Center

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 <https://forms.mart.com/form/241i?mode=h5>. All signs orders will be dropped off at people's homes or businesses using social distancing protocol.



PREAKNESS 145

145th Preakness Stakes To Be Held In October

The 145th Preakness Stakes will be held at Pimlico Race Course on October 3. This is wonderful news for the State of Maryland and our historic racing industry.

To View Gov. Hogan's Message About Preakness Stakes 145, click
[HERE](#)

To View the Patch Article, Click
[HERE](#)

Navigating Turbulent Times with WRAP®

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Are you struggling to stay balanced and emotionally healthy during these chaotic times? In this one hour webinar, you will get an overview of WRAP®, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, and learn how developing one can help to enhance your health and wellness. Denise Camp, Advanced Level WRAP® Facilitator for On Our Own of Maryland, and Jackie Pettis, Manager of Recovery and Resiliency for Optum Health and a WRAP® Facilitator, will share their experience and wellness tips for using a plan during these turbulent times.

When: Friday May 22, 2020, starting at 11:00 AM EDT
Register online [here](#).



The Robinson Nature Center

The Robinson Nature Center has been working with the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks to create fun, educational video and photo posts on the Robinson Nature Center's Facebook page. Check them out [here](#).

Covenant Corner - Tree FAQ's



With recent storms and tree damage, residents are looking at their trees, and their neighbor's trees, with concern. We have gotten lots of questions about trees:

Do I need permission to remove a tree?

Yes, the Harper's Choice Covenants require residents to obtain permission from Columbia Association before removing a tree with a trunk diameter greater than six inches, even dead trees. We streamline the process for our residents by working with CA to assess and review tree removal requests. [Click here](#) to access the request form.

**We ask that you attempt to inform your neighbors electronically or 'across the driveway' about your intent to remove trees as we are waiving the request for neighbor's signatures on the form due to social distancing requirements.

If my neighbor's tree falls on my property, who is responsible for clean-up and repairing damages?

It is the responsibility of the homeowner on whose property the tree lands, not on whose property the tree stands. Generally, in Maryland, the cost of removing the tree and repairing any property damage falls to the owner of the property that sustained the damage.

My neighbor's tree is overhanging my property. Can I trim the branches?

Yes, you have the right to trim neighboring trees or bushes that overhang your property line, or remove roots growing into your property boundary, so long as the bush or tree is not harmed.

What should I do if I am concerned that a neighbor's tree will fall on my property?

Tree issues are most effectively dealt with between neighbors. A good first step is to send your neighbor a certified letter informing him or her of your concerns. While this might be the step that encourages your neighbor to remove the tree, it also puts your neighbor on notice that you had prior concerns about the safety of the tree. If a problem occurs, your insurance company may be able to use that information while settling a possible claim.

Can the Covenant Advisor assess the condition of a tree?

No, only a certified arborist can determine the health of a tree. However, in some instances and depending on the season, the Covenant Advisor is able to make a reasonable determination about whether a tree may be diseased or dying.

Village Board Virtual Meetings

The next meeting of the Village Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 2, 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: 587-618-861

[New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:](#)



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Architectural Committee Meetings

Most changes made to the exterior of homes and property in Harper's Choice require prior approval from the Village Architectural Committee (AC). The AC meets twice monthly to review previously submitted applications and discuss covenant issues.

Our meetings are now online, via GoToMeeting, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. All applicants will receive an invitation to join the meeting where their submission will be reviewed and anyone that is interested may email the covenant advisor for the link to virtually attend.

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