

Harper's Choice Voice

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

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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.

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**State-Mandated School
Closures Extended
Through End of School**



Updates from Wednesday, May 7, 2020

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

Dear HCPSS Community:

This afternoon, State Superintendent of Schools Karen Salmon announced that all Maryland public schools will remain closed through the remainder of the current school year. As I have shared before, we anticipated this extension and are prepared to continue to support our students and staff. Phase 3 of the HCPSS [Continuity of Learning](#) program, currently underway, was developed to support learning through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. HCPSS will continue to operate remotely during this time while all school and office buildings and outdoor areas remain closed.

Our ongoing [food distribution](#) at 14 local sites will continue for the duration of the closure. The last day for seniors will remain May 20. Now that we know schools will not reopen for the remainder of the school year, we will review the calendar and make decisions regarding the final day for all other students and that will be communicated to our community as soon as possible.

Since the initial closure announcement, HCPSS staff have been working on contingency plans. Now that the decision has been announced regarding the remainder of this school year, there are several updates that we will be providing to you in the near future. These include updates related to the process to enable students and staff to retrieve any items left behind in schools and offices. In addition, as we receive further guidance from MSDE regarding [summer school programs](#) and other instructional items, those details will be provided to you. We will continue to review our COL instructional model, looking to learn from our teachers about opportunities for enhancement. Planning is underway for graduation and senior celebrations, and additional details will be shared with students, families and staff as soon as possible.

Our number one priority continues to be the safety and well-being of our children, staff and community. As always, I urge all HCPSS families and staff to stay at home and remain safe. This pandemic is far from over, and we must all do our part to slow the spread of this disease and flatten the curve.

Please be assured that we are already planning for the next, "recovery of learning" phase, and for the eventual reopening of schools. There are many unknowns and questions that have not yet been answered, including issues that will require MSDE guidance to resolve. I appreciate the patience of our community as we worked quickly, carefully and collaboratively to respond during this pandemic and launch distance learning, and I ask for your ongoing support and patience as we continue to adapt to these evolving circumstances.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D
Superintendent

Stay Up to Date with the Coronavirus Updates

Click the links below to stay up-to-date with COVID-19.

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

[County
Updates](#)

[Visit the Coronavirus in Maryland page](#)



**HOWARD COUNTY
GENERAL HOSPITAL**
JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICINE

Heart attack or stroke symptoms? Call 911 immediately.

COLUMBIA, Md.-Howard County General Hospital urged county residents experiencing heart attack or stroke symptoms to call 911 to get to the hospital immediately. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, Howard County General Hospital remains prepared to provide safe and timely care, which can be critical for patients experiencing

heart-related events.

"We've seen a drop in hospital visits for heart attack and stroke symptoms, which we fear means patients may be avoiding clinical care out of concern that hospitals are unsafe and overwhelmed with COVID-19," said cardiologist Dr. Michael E. Silverman, chair of medicine at Howard County General Hospital. "Delaying care for heart attacks and strokes puts patients at serious risk, so we urge them to pay attention to symptoms and call 911 to get to the hospital for help."

Heart attack symptoms can include chest pain, difficulty breathing and discomfort in the chest, arms, back, neck, shoulder or jaw, while stroke symptoms can include numbness, weakness or loss of movement in the face, leg or arm-especially on one side-as well as confusion, trouble speaking or understanding and loss of balance, according to the [American College of Cardiology](#).

"Heart attack and stroke symptoms are serious and require immediate attention, and we're prepared at Howard County General Hospital to treat heart attacks and strokes safely while addressing the coronavirus pandemic," said Dr. Eric Aldrich, medical director of Howard County General Hospital's Stroke Center. "If you experience symptoms of a heart attack or stroke, don't wait. Call 911 for emergency care."

Howard County General Hospital's Stroke Center is designated by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems as a primary stroke center in Maryland. Howard County General Hospital has also received the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

Howard County General Hospital posted more information and videos about [heart attack symptoms](#) and [stroke symptoms](#) on the hospital's website.

May News from Howard County Recycling



Covid19 Updates - Trash and Recycling

Continue to use all curbside collection services, as these are operating normally (trash, recycling, yard trim and food scraps, bulk items and scrap metal). Avoid unnecessary trips to the Alpha Ridge Landfill.

To limit exposure and to abide by Governor Hogan's 'Stay at Home' Executive Order (Click here to see the Executive Order), the Cou

nty has limited the availability of field staff & landfill resources. Be mindful and patient as we all work through this difficult time. In addition, please limit calls and emails to service-related issues only. The Bureau of Environmental Services office remains closed to the public.

Be careful about how you bag your trash. Make sure that all trash bags are securely tied at the top

and double bag any bags that have torn while filling. These measures will help us to reduce the spread of Covid-19 by protecting the health of our collection crews.

To see all Covid-19 related news, in addition to some helpful graphics created to help you keep track of all of the changes, visit HowardCountyRecycles.org. The website is updated daily.

Memorial Day Monday - Slide Day

Trash, recycling, and yard trim collection days for the week of Memorial Day (Monday, May 25th) will slide and be made one day later. Tuesday will slide to Wednesday, Wednesday to Thursday, etc., returning to normal operations the following week. Visit our website for details.

Alpha Ridge Landfill Covid-19 Reminders

Choose curbside collections whenever possible to avoid visiting the landfill.

Only 10 vehicles at a time are allowed access to the Residents' Convenience Center. Be patient and expect delays, especially during high volume times. (Mondays and Fridays between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm are often high-volume times.) Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are typically lighter in volume.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events continue as normal on Saturdays and on the newly added Tuesday event day. Social distancing rules are being implemented at HHW events. Do not bring HHW to the landfill unless absolutely necessary, such as, in the event of a move.

We will continue to evaluate our services as needed. Call 410-313-6444 to get the most up-to-date information from our recorded message or visit our website at HowardCountyRecycles.org. We will also continue to send out Constant Contact newsletters and notices to keep you as informed as possible.

Canceled Events and Services

Sales of Organic Product at Alpha Ridge Landfill

- All residential organic material sales and give-aways (compost, mulch, topsoil, and shredded wood) are still suspended. Private, fee-based delivery is available as described above in the segment on Victory Gardens.

Composting Demonstrations & Compost Bins

- The Master Gardeners have canceled their spring composting demonstration schedule and compost bins are not currently available at the landfill or the Bureau of Environmental Services office for pickup.

Kitchen Counter Containers for Food Scraps and Indoor Recycling Container Pickups

- Kitchen counter containers for food scraps and indoor recycling containers are not available for pickup.

Rain Barrel Demonstrations

Rain barrel demonstrations have been canceled.



Columbia Association Updates

Columbia Association is preparing to reopen two golf courses and two of its outdoor tennis facilities.

Governor Hogan announced today that golf courses and tennis facilities would be permitted

to reopen on May 7. The safety of our members and staff is our highest priority. Like many businesses preparing to reopen, CA is awaiting delivery of cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment for staff. CA expects to announce a firm reopening date and guidelines for safely using its tennis courts and golf courses next week. The facilities that will reopen are the Hobbit's Glen and Fairway Hills golf courses, Wilde Lake and Owen Brown outdoor tennis facilities.

Share Your Story With Future Generations

True to its mission, Columbia Archives is working to preserve the stories of resilience that are unfolding during this unprecedented time. All Columbia residents are invited to participate in their new project, "Chronicling Columbia's Resilience in a Pandemic - Together at a Distance." We absolutely loved this submission from Lisa O'Brien, who shared, "I like to do things that make people smile. Wilde Lake Bear brought a smile to many who strolled around Wilde Lake!"

[Click here to share your story with future generations.](#)

Summer Camp Update

[Registrations are still being accepted](#) for Camps beginning after July 1. A decision will be made later this spring regarding the status of camps scheduled to begin after July 1. Please stay tuned for updates!

Refunds will be granted for pre-registrants of camps that were scheduled to begin in June.

Pivot Physical Therapy Is Here For You

If you're dealing with chronic or acute aches, pains, or injuries, rest assured you don't have to risk a visit to the ER or Urgent Care. During this time, Pivot Physical Therapy has two physical therapists available for treatment out of our office for all the CA Pivot locations. We are proud to play a role in flattening the curve and freeing up medical teams to treat those impacted by COVID-19, and continue to follow all CDC guidelines to make our clinic the safest place possible.

No referral needed. Ask about telehealth. Call today 844-748-6878

CNSL Cancelled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 season of the Columbia Neighborhood Swim League has been cancelled. We miss all our participants already, and can't wait to see you all for the 2021 season!

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



**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>.

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).



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.

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, May 20th 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.

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.](#)



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 - Access Code: 587-618-861

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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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Keeping You Informed

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