



Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in Neighbor Ride.

Enclosed is a registration packet that provides you with Passenger Information, a Passenger Waiver, Passenger Registration form and a Passenger Agreement.

**These forms must be completed and returned to Neighbor Ride. Other passengers who may be riding with you must complete and sign a Waiver.** Call the office if you need additional forms.

Once your registration is accepted, you will receive a call letting you know you may begin to schedule rides and a welcome package will be mailed to you. **Please carefully review the Passenger Information before calling to schedule a ride.**

**If your income is limited, you may be eligible for subsidized rides. Please call our Neighbor Ride office for more information or to request an application.**

Neighbor Ride is a nonprofit organization providing Howard County's residents, age 60 and older, with reasonably priced, reliable supplemental transportation utilizing community volunteers and resources. While every effort is made to find a volunteer driver, there is no guarantee that a driver will be found so passengers should also consider having a backup transportation plan.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, we look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

*Bruce Fulton*

Executive Director

Neighbor Ride is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its transportation services on the basis of race, color or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

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410-884-RIDE (7433) [www.neighborride.org](http://www.neighborride.org)



## PASSENGER REGISTRATION FORM

Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Number, street name & apartment/suite number

City / Town

Zip Code

NAME OF YOUR DEVELOPMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

(must be 60 years of age or older)

### EMERGENCY

CONTACT\*: Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: This number must be different than the home or cell phone listed for the passenger.**

*\* Emergency Contacts may be included in periodic mailings from Neighbor Ride.*

WILL ANYONE BE TRAVELING WITH YOU? yes no If yes, name \_\_\_\_\_

**Each passenger must have a Passenger Waiver Form signed and on file in our office before a ride can be scheduled. Call our office now to request another waiver.**

DO YOU HAVE ANY NEEDS A DRIVER SHOULD KNOW? (Ex: limited vision, walker use; need assistance walking; problems in getting in high step vehicles)

DIRECTIONS TO YOUR RESIDENCE (i.e. new street; shared driveway; etc).

Do you speak/understand English: yes no If no, language: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, please give the name of someone we could contact for you who speaks English:

How did you hear about Neighbor Ride? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a veteran? yes no

To establish my Neighbor Ride account, I enclose a check for \_\_\_\_\_.



## Passenger Acknowledgement and Waiver

I, [REDACTED], hereby understand, agree and expressly assume all of the dangers and attendant risks of transportation associated with my use of Neighbor Ride (the "Transport"). I waive all claims (including for myself, my successors and representatives) arising out of or related to the Transport (directly or indirectly) whether caused by Neighbor Ride's negligence, breach of contract or otherwise (the "Waived Claims") regardless of whether such Waived Claims relate to my bodily injury, property damage, loss or otherwise. I furthermore release and agree to hold harmless Neighbor Ride its successors and assigns, and its officers, directors, agents, volunteers, employees, and their executors, administrators and heirs from any liability, loss, cost or expense associated with the Waived Claims.

In the case of a medical emergency, I understand that the driver is instructed to call 911 and follow the direction that 911 provides. A copy of the emergency procedures and protocols are available upon request from the office of Neighbor Ride.

I further acknowledge and agree that the terms of my prepaid account with Neighbor Ride, and the corresponding funds contained therein, are such that in the event my prepaid account is inactive for any 6 (six) month period and after Neighbor Ride has exhausted reasonable efforts to contact me, all funds in my prepaid account shall be forfeited and shall henceforth immediately become the sole property of Neighbor Ride.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other #: \_\_\_\_\_



## Passenger Agreement

I understand I must be at least 60 years of age and a resident of Howard County to be a Neighbor Ride passenger. I must request a ride at least **three full business days** before the ride date and provide the name, address, phone number and times when requesting a ride. I understand no changes can be made to the ride once the driver is assigned.

I must be physically able to independently get in and out of a car. If I have an assistive device (walker, cane, etc.), I must let Neighbor Ride know to assure my needs can be accommodated. I know I must be physically and cognitively able to conduct my own personal business once I am at my destination unless I'm accompanied by a family member, friend or aide. If anyone travels with me, he/she must have a signed waiver on file in the Neighbor Ride office.

When a Volunteer Driver is assigned, I will receive a call giving me the driver's name. Two days before the ride, if a driver has not been assigned, I will receive a courtesy warning call letting me know. At that time I can cancel the ride during this call without a penalty. If no driver is found, I will receive a call the day before the requested ride.

I understand I will receive a call by my assigned driver by 8pm the evening before the ride. If I do not receive this call I will call the Neighbor Ride office and notify them, leaving a message on the emergency line only if the ride is before 11 am the next day.

I understand all contacts with drivers must be made through the Neighbor Ride office.

Payment for rides must be made in advance of the ride. Failure to pay could result in termination of services.

If I am on a limited income I may be eligible for subsidized rides and can call the office for an application. Eligibility is renewed annually.

All of the Neighbor Ride drivers and office Ride Coordinators are volunteers who are generously giving their time and service. All personnel need to be treated with respect.

If I relocate, have a change in my emergency contact information, or any other changes in my information, I will notify Neighbor Ride.

I have read and agree to abide by the policies set forth for Neighbor Ride Passengers, affirm that I have read and understand this Agreement, and that I accept each of the declarations made above.

If I fail to follow any of these policies services may be terminated.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PASSENGER INFORMATION:**

### **Who is eligible to use Neighbor Ride?**

Passengers must be 60 years of age, be a resident of Howard County, and must be able to get in and out of a vehicle independently. Neighbor Ride cannot accommodate wheelchairs. Proof of residency and age may be requested.

### **How does this service work?**

Passengers are transported door to door by volunteer drivers in their personal vehicles. For liability reasons, drivers may **not** accompany passengers into their homes (except for accompanied shopping rides). Passengers must be physically and cognitively able to conduct their own personal business once they are at their destination.

### **If a spouse, friend or assistant accompanies me, is there an additional fee?**

There are no additional fees for anyone traveling from the same location and traveling to the same destination. **Note: A Passenger Waiver form for each additional passenger must be on file in the office before the ride can be scheduled. NR cannot transport anyone under 8 yrs. of age.**

### **For what types of rides can I use Neighbor Ride (NR)?**

Passengers may utilize NR for religious services, classes, volunteer activities, social outings, medical appointments, and shopping, both accompanied and unaccompanied. NR does not provide rides to the airport, cruise terminals, Amtrak stations or gaming venues. **Passengers are eligible for a maximum of 12 rides per month.**

### **When are rides available?**

NR provides rides daily, depending on the availability of volunteer drivers. Please note the office is closed on all major holidays and **the ride request schedule is adjusted accordingly.**

### **Will NR provide transportation to destinations outside of the county?**

Requests for rides to the Baltimore and the D.C. areas are accepted. Our maximum one way driving distance is 35 miles from pick up. Please schedule longer distance and rush hour rides as early as possible as there are fewer drivers for these rides.

### **What information is needed before using NR?**

Passengers must complete a **Passenger Registration, Waiver, Agreement form and open a transportation account.**

### **When can I schedule my first ride?**

Passengers can schedule their first ride once they receive a phone call informing them their submitted paperwork has been completed and accounts have been established. A welcome package will be mailed.

### **What if I only need a one-way ride?**

NR accommodates one-way ride requests. The fare is the same as for a roundtrip ride. Trips to bus or metro stations are one-way take only.

### **How do I schedule a ride?**

Passengers must contact Neighbor Ride by phone at 410-884-7433 or through our web site [www.NeighborRide.org](http://www.NeighborRide.org) **at least three (3) full business days in advance to schedule trip(s).** For example, if you need a ride on Friday, you must call Monday before 2:00 p.m. to schedule. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Messages left on the answering machine after 2:00 p.m. and on Sundays are returned the next business day. Passengers must provide the pick-up time, appointment time, number of passengers, destination address, zip code, telephone #, and estimated return trip time. Medical appointments require the doctor's name, group practice name, and phone number. For appointments at hospitals or clinics, passengers need to also provide department.

### **Fee Schedule (effective 1/1/15)**

<b>One-Way Mileage</b>	<b>Roundtrip Fee</b>
Under 2 miles	\$ 6.00
2 – 3.99 miles	\$ 8.00
4 – 6.99	\$10.00
7 – 9.99 miles	\$15.00
10 – 14.99 miles	\$20.00
15 – 19.99 miles	\$25.00
20 – 35 miles	\$35.00

Passengers are required to pre-pay for rides by establishing an account that can be replenished as needed. Checks or money orders, (no cash) should be made payable to Neighbor Ride, and mailed to: 5570 Sterrett Pl., #102, Columbia, MD 21044. Note passenger's name on check.

**Drivers are prohibited from taking payments.**

**Note:** Passengers on a limited income may qualify for subsidized rides; call for an application.

**Credit card payments** in \$50 or \$100 increments can be made to individual passenger accounts via our website ([www.neighborride.org](http://www.neighborride.org)). To offset the cost of accepting credit card payments, modest convenience fees are added to online payments.

**What if I am running late or want to make an unscheduled stop?**

Drivers are not permitted to make unscheduled stops. One additional stop of **less than one hour** between the pickup and destination can be scheduled at the time the ride is requested. Drivers may be scheduled for multiple rides, so it is important that passengers meet them at the prearranged time and place for pick-up and return. Medical appointments vary in length; try to estimate for the longest possible visit time.

**What happens if no driver is found?**

While every effort is made to find a volunteer driver, there is no guarantee that each ride will be filled. Passengers will be called 2 business days before the ride if a driver has not been found to see if the ride is still needed. Passengers will be contacted at noon the day before the ride if no driver is found. Passengers will not be charged for unassigned rides.

**What if I need to cancel a scheduled trip?**

Please cancel as early as possible so the driver can be notified. Passengers are not charged for cancelled trips. Please note: Repeated cancellations or no shows inconvenience our drivers, and impact our ability to serve our passengers. Repeated cancellations or no shows may result in a suspension or termination of service per our Excessive Cancellation/No Show Policy.

**How are the volunteer drivers chosen?**

Each driver has attended orientation, passed a criminal background check, a driving record check and a personal reference check.

**When should I use the emergency line?**

When the NR office is **closed** leave a message on the emergency line **only** for the following circumstances:

- If you need to cancel a ride scheduled to take place within the next 12 hours or over the weekend.
- If you were not contacted by your driver the night before your scheduled ride.
- If your driver has not arrived at the scheduled time.

**What is NR's inclement weather policy?**

To ensure the safety of our drivers and passengers, either the driver or the passenger may cancel a ride. If the driver is willing to drive in questionable weather, the driver will contact the passenger to confirm that he/she still wants the ride. If the ride is cancelled, please contact the NR office. If possible, the NR office will remain open to handle notification of cancellations.

**How will I be able to identify my NR drivers?**

Look for the NR sign on the passenger side door of the vehicle and the volunteer's name badge.

**Other Policies:**

- Smoking, eating & drinking during a ride are prohibited.
- It is against NR policy for our volunteers to accept tips.
- Passengers are expected to pay for tolls and parking on the day of the ride.

**How can I comment on my experience with NR?** Survey post cards are mailed to passengers after their first ride and every six months thereafter. We appreciate your comments.

**May I donate to NR to help ensure services will always be available?**

Absolutely! Your tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted. You may also consider a Legacy Gift. Contact our Executive Director, Bruce Fulton, at 410-884-7433 for more information.