



Colonial Charles Community
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September 2026

NEWSLETTER

Message From the President -

Celebrating America's 250th anniversary highlights the rare endurance of a constitutional democracy under a single continuous framework. It is a complex milestone for people of color, that provides a space to acknowledge historical injustices—such as the displacement of Native Americans and the institution of slavery—alongside national achievements with pride in the resilience and continuous, hard-fought struggle to make the nation's democratic promises a reality for everyone. This is the time to remember the sacrifices and struggles of those who shaped the nation by showcasing American diversity, culture, and community resilience. This will inspire collaborative efforts to preserve democratic institutions for the next era by educating new generations about responsibilities, rights, and active participation in government.

America's 250th anniversary is a time for reflection on past struggles and future progress. Hopefully, by the next anniversary we can acknowledge improved progressions in partisanship, civil and voting rights, while maintaining our democracy.

Financials

Special Assessment Summary: \$22,135.66 collected in July 2026 and transferred to Reserve Fund on 8/17/26. \$78,383.25 remaining to be collected.

Reserve Fund Study FY2027

1. New Maryland laws (HB107, HB292) require HOA's to fully fund their reserve fund based on the reserve study recommendations.
2. PM+ Reserves proposed two funding options for 2027:
 - a. \$196,970 (full funding) with annual 3.12% inflation increase
 - b. Staggered increases over 5 years – 2027 = \$115,200; 2031= \$230,000.

K. Costello, Treasurer's report, August 2026



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The Board of Directors (BOD) are currently working on the 2027 budget to include Maryland's new mandatory financial requirements. The BOD ensures our utilities and all contract obligations are met. This includes the maintenance of our Clubhouse.

Upcoming Election

This is a reminder that the community will hold our 2026 Annual Meeting on 21 Oct 2026 at 3:30p. The primary purpose of this meeting is to elect members to the Board of Directors. There are currently two (2) Board positions available for this election. The Board has engaged a third-party service, Complete Condo-HOA Election Help, LLC, to manage the integrity and administration of this year's election process. This independent party will assist with ballot preparation, collection, and certification to ensure a transparent and fair process for all members. We encourage all homeowners to participate in this important community process.

Waste Management (WM)

Monday trash pickup is later in the afternoon due to our community's addition to the schedule.

Approved Motions - August 2026

Lake Source Bathymetric Study, for 8 stormwater ponds, \$2,550.

Architectural Design

Any exterior work (additions, changes, etc) to your home must first be approved by the Architectural Design Committee. Please be considerate to your neighbors by sharing plans for exterior work. Report damaged water/sewer lines to Charles County Public Works, 301-932-340.

Design Review Applications are available at the Clubhouse, on the community webpage and on the Majerle Management portal. Applications can also be emailed or dropped off at the Clubhouse.



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Grounds Maintenance

Questions regarding landscaping (mowing, trimming, pruning, etc.) should be directed to Groundsmaintenance@colonialcharles.org.

GreenTouch Landscaping

Mowing: 9/8, 9/17, 9/29; Roundup Application: 9/8
Pruning Services/Shrubbery of Homes: 9/14, 9/15, 9/16, 9/21 & 9/22

Community Webpage

The community webpage can be accessed at: colonialcharles.org. It contains current information such as Newsletters, community documents, contracts, financials, etc.

Clubhouse

Clubhouse Managers



Reva Ware



Shannon Key

Facility Manager Hours (Effective 9/8/26)
Monday - Thursday, 9a to 5p; Friday 9a to 2p
Saturday - Sunday, Noon to 6p

Social Committee

Community Block Party (*See flyer*)

Saturday, September 9th, 3:00p to 7:00p

This is a Social Committee/HOA sponsored event.

Board of Directors



Jacqueline Green
President
Architecture
Newsletter



Wilbert Ferguson
Vice President
Grounds



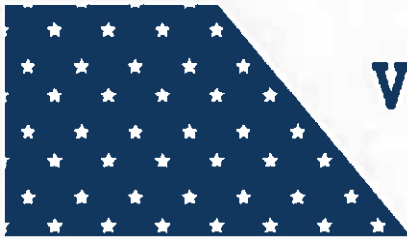
Cozette Holt
Secretary
Architecture
Security



Karla Costello
Treasurer



George Via
Member-at-Large
Clubhouse
Architecture



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[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](tel:1800MyVA411)

[Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988, then press 1](#)

[Health Benefits Hotline: 877-222-VETS \(8387\)](#)

VA Launches Psilocybin Trial for Veterans With Treatment-Resistant Depression

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs today announced the launch of a new clinical trial to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of psilocybin to treat major depression in Veterans, including those with concurrent post-traumatic stress disorder.

VA's trial, titled "Psilocybin Intervention for Veterans Overcoming Treatment-Resistant Depression," or PIVOT, reflects VA's commitment to pursuing innovative solutions for Veterans who have not responded to existing treatments. https://news.va.gov/press-room/va-launches-psilocybin-trial-for-veterans-with-treatment-resistant-depression/?utm_campaign=VetResources&utm_id=12AUG2026&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

VA Non-Urgent Questions

Veterans can reach VA using the [VA Health & Benefits App](#) or [My HealtheVet](#) secure messaging to schedule an appointment, refill prescriptions, and access your medical records.

Free VA FITBIT?

Did you know VA may provide eligible Veterans with a Fitbit as part of their treatment plan? Learn who may qualify, how the program works, and how compatible wearable devices can securely share health information with your VA care team to support your treatment goals. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMXnZLaoFQk>

Veteran & Military Year-Round Discounts - Discounts That Passed Inspection

The sharing of any non-VA information does not constitute an endorsement of products and services on part of VA. Verify information with the organization offering. Researching Veteran discounts often means dodging outdated information, misleading sites or even malware.



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Management & Community Inquires should be addressed to:

Majerle Management Services, Inc.
6401 Golden Triangle Drive, Suite 315
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Community Manager: Stephanie Martin, 301-220-1850

Register for the online portal at: <https://mmi.cincwebaxis.com>

2026 HOA Board Meetings Schedule

No Board Meeting Scheduled



Your Neighborhood Watch Team

The 60-Second Safety Check: Before a Weeklong Getaway

A vacation is a time to relax—but not if you're worrying about what's happening back home. Before you leave, do a quick perimeter check. Lock all doors and windows, set timers for lights, and stop mail or deliveries. Shut down your computer completely—not just sleep mode—to protect it from power surges or unwanted access.

Pro tip: Give a trusted neighbor a spare key and your trip dates—plus the number of a close relative in case they can't reach you. A few small steps now, means you can enjoy your time away without those "Did I lock the back door?" moments.

June's Newsletter covered: What to do when you return to make sure everything's still safe. Email Steve Gordey, sjgordey@comcast.net, if you missed that newsletter article.

Neighborhood Watch
We look out for each other

Colonial Charles
Block Party

Sunshades, Sundresses and Shorts

At the Clubhouse Parking Lot

Saturday, September 19, 2026
3:00—7:00 pm

 **Meet & Greet—Grill & Chill** 
Delicious Food—Exciting Games—Great Music
Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, your tents,
tables, coolers & BYOB.

**Also bring your smiles, your appetite and your
community spirit.**

Sign up now through September 14 in the
Clubhouse Lobby, call Reva Ware, our Facilities
Manager, at 301-638-2190 or send an email to
Clubhouse@colonialcharles.org

Single households are welcome to invite one guest.

Colonial Charles Clubhouse

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	2 Choir Aerobics 12p Social Committee 4:30p	3 Phase 10 Sequence 2:00p	4 Pokeno 2:00p CC Riders 6:30p Clubhouse Parking Lot	5
6	7 Bid Whist 2:00p Outdoor Pool Closes for the Season	8 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	9 Choir Aerobics 12p	10 Phase 10 Sequence 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	11 Pokeno 2:00p	12 CC Riders 9:00a Clubhouse Parking Lot Grand Room Rental 4:00p
13	14 Choir Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	15 Bingo 6:30p Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	16 Choir Aerobics 12p Social Committee 4:30p	17 Men's Luncheon @ 12:30p Phase 10 Sequence 2:00p	18 Pokeno 2:00p CC Riders 6:30p Clubhouse Parking Lot	19 Block Party 3:00p
20	21 Choir Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Dancecise 6:15p	22 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	23 Choir Aerobics 12p	24 Phase 10 Sequence 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	25 Pokeno 2:00p	26 CC Riders 9:00a Clubhouse Parking Lot Grand Room Rental 2:00p
27	28 Choir Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	29 Virtual Bible Study 7:30p Request logon	30 Choir Aerobics 12p			

Name: _____

Date: _____



September

Word Search

September's here, and with it a word search packed with seasonal fun! Can you find all the hidden words scattered in every direction—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal? Circle each word as you find it and cross it off the list.

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- CRISP
- EQUINOX
- FALLING
- FARMERS
- FOLIAGE
- FOOTBALL
- GOURDS
- GRAPES
- HARVEST
- HAYRIDE
- LABOR DAY
- LEAVES
- MIGRATION



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- SCHOOL
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