



Colonial Charles Community
3235 Shadow Park Lane
Waldorf MD 20603
colonialcharles.org



January 1, 2025

NEWSLETTER

Message from the President -

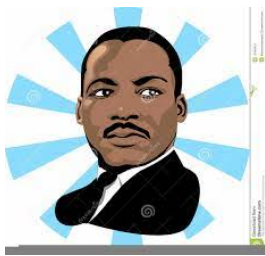
We are starting 2025 with barely a remembrance of 2024. Though time seems to be speeding ahead, hopefully we can keep the optimism and goodwill from the Holidays going throughout the year.

Colonial Charles will continue to improve and maintain community property as well as making repairs within Clubhouse. However, a noticeable change will be the leadership role of our Social Committee. Ms Lyn Wilkins has been the Social Committee Lead since 2018. During this time, she has done an outstanding job of planning and implementing fun filled events for our community. Thank you for a job well done!

The Community welcomes Ms Sedatrist Ballard as the new Social Committee Lead.

AARP Tax-Aide Income Tax Preparation Preparation for tax season is underway and once again the Senior Information and Assistance Office is partnering with AARP Tax-Aide to assist seniors and moderate to low-income adults with income tax preparation. This service is FREE through the AARP Tax Foundation. To schedule a Tax Preparation Appointment: Call 301-246-2271 and leave a message. Or send an email to 21052181@aarpfoundation.org A staff member will call you back to schedule your appointment. Tax-Aide volunteers will begin scheduling appointments on January 15th for the Income Tax Preparation Program.

After scheduling your appointment, please remember to pick up a Tax-Aide Intake/Interview packet, available at your local Senior Center. The documents must be completed before you can be seen by a tax preparer.



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Energy Assistance

The Office of Home Energy (OHEP) helps eligible Maryland residents pay their utility bills, minimize the strain when the cold weather sets in, and make energy costs more affordable by providing grants under the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and the Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP). Seniors age 60+ can obtain information about the program, receive an application and/or application assistance, by contacting Information & Assistance at: 240-448-2816 (Waldorf area) or 301-609-5712 (La Plata area).

Approved Motion - Dec 2024 Executive Sessions Meeting

- (1) Complete Lighting, to replace two flood lights and all 17 of the remaining original monument fixtures for \$6,430

Grounds Maintenance

Complete Landscaping

No landscaping scheduled for January.

If you see trash/debris in the stormwater ponds, please notify Grounds Maintenance.

groundsmaintenance@colonialcharles.org

Reminder: Front Foot Utility payments due this month.



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Management & Community Inquires should be addressed to:

Wanda McCullough/Stephanie Martin- (301) 390-4090

RGN Management Services, inc.

9701 Apollo Drive, Suite 107,

Largo, MD 20774

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9am to 4pm & Friday: 9am – 2pm

An on-site staff person is also available at the clubhouse during normal business hours.

Register for the online portal to make HOA payments.

Online payments: portal.rgnmanagement.com



Colonial Charles Utility Group (Cygnus) Recurring Payment Authorization Form colonialcharles.org

2025 HOA Board Meetings Schedule

January 15 - Town Hall, 6:30p

April 16 - Board Meeting, 6:30p

July 16 - Town Hall, 6:30p

October 15 - Annual Meeting, 6:30p

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**VETERANS
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[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](tel:18006982411)

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

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

Protect Your Donations from Charity Scams

For Veterans, donating to charities—especially those that support fellow service members—feels like a meaningful way to give back to the community. However, Veterans and their loved ones must remain vigilant and learn to protect themselves from charity scams.

Scammers may request donations through phone calls, emails, social media messages or in-person. The recognizable warning signs of charity scams often include the impersonation of well-known charities; unsolicited contact through text, email, or social media; the use of pressure tactics to create a sense of urgency to make a payment; providing vague or limited information; and inability to provide proof of tax-deductible contributions. For additional information: <https://news.va.gov/136650/protect-your-donations-from-charity-scams/>

Veterans and Tax Scams: Preparing for Tax Season

Even when it isn't tax season, it is not only important to remain vigilant when it comes to your information, but also remember that fraud and identity theft are year-round. Bad actors never stop trying to access personal information or to cash in on tax benefits. It is important to understand how to identify tax scams, how to protect yourself, get help and report it when you find it. To protect yourself from scams visit: <https://news.va.gov/135867/veterans-and-tax-scams-preparing-for-tax-season/>

VA: Health and Benefits App

With the official VA: Health & Benefits app, you can manage your VA health care, benefits, and payments from your mobile phone or tablet.

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/va-health-and-benefits/id1559609596>; and

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.va.mobileapp&pli=1>.

Dr Martin Luther King Jr

January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968



*“We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends
toward justice”*

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Winter

Word Search

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JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 FM Office Closed	2 Phase 10 2:00p	3 Pokeno 2:00p	4 Crafty Crafts 10:00a
5	6 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	7 Virtual Bible Study @ 7:30p Request logon	8 Chair Aerobics 12p	9 Phase 10 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	10 Pokeno 2:00p	11 Grand Room Rental 1:00p
12	13 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Theatre Group 6:00p	14 Bingo @ 6:30p Virtual Bible Study @ 7:30p Request logon	15 Chair Aerobics 12p Town Hall Meeting @ 6:30 pm	16 Men's Luncheon 12:30p Phase 10 2:00p	17 Pokeno 2:00p	18 Grand Room Rental 3:00p
19	20 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p Dance@ 6:15p FM Office Closed	21 Virtual Bible Study @ 7:30p Request logon	22 Chair Aerobics 12p	23 Game Room In Use @10 Phase 10 2:00p Pool/Spa Closed 2:00p	24 Pokeno 2:00p	25
26	27 Chair Aerobics 12p Bid Whist 2:00p	28 Virtual Bible Study @ 7:30p Request logon	29 Chair Aerobics 12p	30 Phase 10 2:00p	31 Grand Room Rental 6:00p	