



*Colonial Charles Community*  
*3235 Shadow Park Lane*  
*Waldorf MD 20603*  
*colonialcharles.org*  
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**January 1, 2026**

# NEWSLETTER

## ***Message from the President -***

### ***Happy New Year!***

New Year 2026 signifies a fresh start, a time for reflecting on the past and setting intentions for the future, marked by traditions like symbolic foods, colors, and prayers for luck, health, and prosperity, with numerology pointing to it being a Universal Year 1 (new beginnings).

In essence, 2026 is viewed as a powerful juncture for decisive action and personal growth. It is a chance of renewal and opportunity by letting go of past burdens and embrace new possibilities and shifting focus from doing more to doing what truly matters, fostering depth and purpose.



The Board of Directors welcome all new residents to Colonial Charles. We are a vibrant, active and welcoming community with many activities to offer. The Clubhouse calendar, word of mouth, as well as this Newsletter will keep you informed of activities and other items of intents for homeowners. The monthly calendar can be found attached to the Newsletter and on the Clubhouse bulletin Board.

**NOTE:** Trash and recycle bins should be stored in garages or in the rear of the residence.

A reminder for all residents to get vehicle decals. Contact Clubhouse Facility Manager Reva Ware for issuance of new decals and additional car decals.





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Approved Motion - Dec 2025 Executive Sessions Meeting

- (1) Luna Landscaping, repair boundary fence, \$480
- (2) Luna Landscaping, Xmas decorations at Clubhouse, \$600
- (3) High Sierra, replace lower bulkhead fitting in Spa, \$1,561.80
- (4) High Serra, replace Go Kit, Seal Place in Main Pool, \$845.54
- (5) High Sierra, replace upper bulkhead leak in Spa, \$296.80
- (6) Transfer \$2405.33 from the M&T Reserve Fund cash account to HOA Operating Account for the replacement of 1 treadmill in the Fitness Room.

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**Architectural Design**

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

Any exterior work (additions, changes, etc) to your home must first be approved by the Architectural Design Committee.

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**Grounds Maintenance**

GreenTouch Landscaping

No landscaping scheduled for January

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

[groundsmaintenance@colonialcharles.org](mailto:groundsmaintenance@colonialcharles.org)

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## **Clubhouse**

### ***Theater Group***

*Movie Day Luncheon. Thursday, 22 January 2026. 1p - 3:30p*  
*Selby's Grab & Go*  
*11672 Billingsley Rd, Waldorf MD 20602*

## **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).



## **Your Neighborhood Watch Team**

### ***The Garbage Day Giveaway: What Your Trash Says About You***

- Believe it or not, your trash can tell a story—sometimes too much of one.
- Boxes for new electronics or big purchases left at the curb are like a free ad for thieves.
- Pro tip: Break down boxes and hide brand logos before putting them out. Or take them directly to recycling.
- The less we advertise our valuables, the less tempting our neighborhood becomes.

That's a win for our watch.

Neighborhood Watch  
We look out for each other

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**Management & Community Inquires should be addressed to:**

**Majerle Management Services, Inc.**  
1375 Piccard Drive, Suite 210  
Rockville, MD 20850-4311  
Stephanie Martin, 301-220-1850

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

***Colonial Charles Utility Group (Cygnus) Recurring bill is due in January 2026.***

*Payment Authorization Form can be found on community webpage: [colonialcharles.org](http://colonialcharles.org)*

*\*When changing credit card for utility payment(s), a new authorization form has to be submitted.*

*POC: Heather Patterson, 404-465-3681*

## **2026 HOA Board Meetings Schedule**

***January 21 - Town Hall, 3:30p***

GreenTouch Landscaping will attend virtually the Town Hall to answer questions from the community regarding landscaping and snow removal. Residents are asked to have questions prepared.

***Virtual link will be provided before the scheduled meeting.***

April 15 - Board Meeting, 3:30p / July 15 - Town Hall, 6:30p

October 21 - Annual Meeting, 6:30p





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**Karla Costello**  
Treasurer



**Jacqueline Green**  
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**Architecture**  
**Newsletter**



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Secretary  
**Architecture**  
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Vice President  
**Grounds**



**George Via**  
Member-at-Large  
**Clubhouse**  
**Architecture**



*Clubhouse Managers*



**Reva Ware**



**Vivian Madison**



**VETERANS  
CORNER**



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

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

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

### ***Survivor Benefits and Reporting a Veteran Death***

Losing a loved one is a challenging time — we are here to help. As the survivor of a Veteran or Service member, check to see if you qualify for survivor benefits, including help with burial costs and survivor compensation. Please contact VA to report the Veteran's death and avoid an overpayment of the Veteran's benefits. You can report the death in person at a VA Regional Office, by mail, or by phone.

### ***Overpayment Fraud***

Scammers are alarmingly clever in targeting Veterans, surviving spouses and family members who receive VA benefits. They pretend to be official VA representatives and use official communication channels to demand repayment for alleged benefits overpayments. Fraudulent letters, emails and texts often include fake VA letterheads and logos, making it difficult to distinguish genuine VA communications from scams. Learn more about overpayment scams from the SITREP <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqowY9391ls>

### ***File a Supplemental Claim***

If VA denied your disability claim in the past, but now considers your condition presumptive, you are encouraged to file a Supplemental Claim. This will allow VA to re-adjudicate your claim when presented with new evidence or policy. Learn how to file a Supplemental Claim today.

### ***Decision Letter Tool***

Did you know you can access your VA notices and claims development letters on VA.gov? You no longer have to wait for mailed copies or request reprints from VA. By logging in using your VA.gov login info you can view your documents. Learn how to access decision letters and notices.

*Dr Martin Luther King Jr*

*January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968*



*“We need leaders not in love with money but in love with justice. Not in love with publicity but in love with humanity.”*

*— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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CELEBRATION

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DANCING

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FATHER TIME

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# Happy New Year!



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HAPPY  
HAT  
HOURGLASS  
INVITATION  
JANUARY  
KISS  
MIDNIGHT  
MUSIC  
NOISE MAKER

PARTY  
RESOLUTION  
SPARKLER  
STREAMER  
TIMES SQUARE  
TOAST  
TRADITION  
TUXEDO  
VOW  
YEAR

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# JANUARY 2026

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