



# The Log

January 5, 2023

*What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!*



## Happy New Year from the Hickory Ridge Village Board and Staff!

Wishing you nothing but beautiful moments, treasured memories and blessings in the New Year.



## Stay Social

For up-to-date information about what's happening in and around the Hickory Ridge community, please like us on Facebook at 'Hickory Ridge Community Association' or @HickoryRidgeVil on Twitter.

We enjoy sharing local events around town, as well as information about our Village. It's a great way to get useful information in a quick and convenient manner.



## Story Time: Unicorns and Dragons

**Monday, January 9th & Tuesday, January 10th**  
**10am**  
**Inside The Hawthorn Center**

Attendees will enjoy crafts, stories and treats centered around a dragon and unicorn theme! The same event will be offered twice to engage more families. Everyone is welcome! Please register by emailing [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org).



## Adult, Child, and Infant CPR/AED/Choking Relief class

**Wednesday, January 18th**  
**6-8pm**  
**The Hawthorn Center**

Howard County Fire & Rescue is offering a free non-certification Adult, Child, and Infant CPR/AED/Choking Relief class to anyone 12

years of age or older. Space is limited so register soon! Please RSVP to Emily at [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org)



## Family Bingo Night

Friday, January 27th  
6-8pm  
The Hawthorn Center

Come join The Hickory Ridge Community Association for a fun night of Family Bingo! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to share some laughs and a little bit of friendly competition to win great prizes.

Tickets are \$5 for 10 games of BINGO, option to purchase more cards will be available at the door. Pre-registration is required. Please contact [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org) to reserve your seat!

**THE HOWARD COUNTY CONSERVANCY  
PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL WINTER CHALLENGE**

# The Hibernation Challenge

Join us for our Winter Challenge fundraising event to encourage people to spend time outdoors, on trails, or in neighborhoods, while helping to raise \$10,000 for our climate programs.

Registrants will receive a swag-bag, including a locally made fleece winter headband (while supplies last) and be eligible for raffle prizes.

**Ways to enter the prize drawing:**

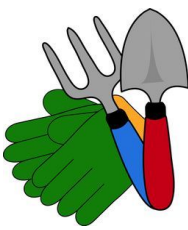
1. **Active Challenge** - run, walk, or hike 50 miles.  
(one raffle ticket per 10 miles completed)
2. **Hibernation Challenge** - follow our winter scavenger hunt guide.  
(one raffle ticket per 10 items completed).

PLUS: For every \$500 raised on Facebook, you earn a prize!

Jan 18-Feb 11, 2023 | \$60 for Families  
Winners Announced: Feb 16 | \$40 for Individuals

Registration Opens: January 1, 2023  
Register by Jan 17th: [bit.ly/Hibernation23](https://bit.ly/Hibernation23)





## The Longfellow Garden Club--Pruning Workshop

Everyone is welcome to The Longfellow Garden Club's free Pruning Know-How Garden Talk & Workshop on Thursday, January 12th at 12pm at The Hawthorn Center.

Learn the best techniques, timing and methods of pruning trees & shrubs from horticulturalist Steve Sullivan and his recommended tools and their care.

Bring your pruning tools if you have any for a hands-on experience!

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## A-OK Mentoring & Tutoring Needs Volunteers!

Would you like to be a volunteer mentor-tutor who supports Howard County elementary and middle school students? **Attend an information session** to find out how. Next session is **January 10th, 12:00 p.m.** RSVP & Info **HERE**.

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## The Columbia Association (CA) is looking for lifeguards and pool managers

CA team members enjoy flexible hours, a fun work environment, competitive pay (starting at \$15 an hour) and a free CA Fit & Play membership — including pools, gyms and so much more!

Have what it takes to be a Columbia life saver, but have questions? Join us at your local neighborhood center for free pizza, information on how to join CA's Aquatics team and to have your questions answered.

- 1/10/23 - Owen Brown Community Association @ 6pm
  - 1/12/23 - Long Reach Community Association (Stone House) @ 6pm
  - 1/17/23 - Oakland Mills Community Association (The Other Barn) @ 6pm
  - 1/19/23 - Wilde Lake Community Association (Slayton House) @ 6pm
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## Recycle your holiday tree

Prepare your tree for recycling by removing all ornaments, garlands, lights, tinsel, plastic bags, or any other artificial materials. Live trees are taken to the Alpha Ridge Landfill to be recycled into compost and mulch. Recycle your tree on your normal recycling day through January 20th. Trees will not be collected on trash days.

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## Yard Trim Collection

The last day for curbside Yard Trim collection will be January 20th. Pick up will resume in the spring. Homes in *Feed the Green Bin* areas receive yard trim pickup all year. For more trash and recycling information, call 410-313-6444 or visit [HowardCountyRecycles.org](http://HowardCountyRecycles.org)

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## Scoop That Poop!

Let's talk about Poop! Dog poop! Why bother picking up that smelly gooey mess? Although unpleasant, there are awesome reasons for picking up your dog's digested meals!

An estimated 1.3 million dogs live in Maryland! Scooping up your dog's poop is important to assure harmful nutrients, bacteria, and sometimes parasites don't contaminate local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. The EPA has deemed dog waste, which accounts for 24% of the bacteria found in our Maryland waterways, to be as toxic as oil spills because of the effect it has on our waterways.

You can help keep our local area and state clean by picking up after your dog on walks and in your yard. If you spot dog waste along Columbia Association pathways, take a second to scoop the poop!

- DO use a biodegradable bag and put it in the trash cans located along the pathways or in your own, or flush the poop (not the bag!) down your toilet.
- DO use biodegradable bags since they take only a couple of months to break down, versus a plastic bag which can take a thousand years. Biodegradable bags are non-toxic and require less fossil fuel to produce, therefore having a positive impact on reducing the global climate crisis.
- DO NOT throw out the dog waste in the compost bin, but rather in the regular trash. Parasites such as roundworm, hookworm, and possibly tape worms, and the bacteria that can be found in dog poop need high heat for a sustained time to be killed off and county composting systems do not get hot enough.

Scooping the poop is an easy action everyone can do to keep our land and waterways clean and healthy!



## HoCo By Design Public Draft Release

HoCo By Design, Howard County's General Plan update, is now available to the public. [Read about the Plan's](#) long-term vision for how Howard County will develop and grow as it adjusts to evolving economic, environmental, and social conditions over the next twenty years. Then share your feedback in the [Comment Form](#) by January 16th.



## Frigid Temperatures Heading Our Way!

Howard County's Bureau of Utilities is offering residents tips on how to keep pipes from freezing & potentially bursting during frigid weather this season. Learn more at <http://howardcountymd.gov/News122022b>.



## Report Non-Emergency Issues Online

Report water main breaks, broken street signs, and more on Howard County's mobile app and website Tell HoCo. Residents can report non-emergency issues which the county will assign to the responsible department. Download the TellHoCoApp on your mobile phone or visit [howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo](http://howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo).



## Snow Shoveling

When it snows, per Howard County code, residents are responsible for clearing all sidewalks that abut their property within 48 hours after the snow has fallen. If you'd like to report a violation of this code, you may call the Howard County Police non-emergency number at 410-313-2200. If you would like your name added to our snow shoveler list, please call us at 410-730-7327 and provide your name, street and phone number.

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## Letter of Compliance

If you are putting your house on the market this spring, request a Letter of Compliance from the Village Office well in advance of a pending settlement date. This letter is not required, but it is a valuable tool for sellers because it verifies that your property is in compliance with the Hickory Ridge Covenants. Any covenant violations on your property become the responsibility of the new owner, so home buyers often request a Letter of Compliance from the Seller. Request forms are available in the Covenants section of our website and at the Village Office.

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## Exterior Alterations in 2023

Thinking about making some changes to the exterior of your home or landscaping? Don't forget to check to see if you need to submit an Exterior Alteration application. The Hickory Ridge Architectural Guidelines and applications are available **on our website** in the Covenants section. Questions? Call 410-730-7327 or email **[applications@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:applications@hickoryridgevillage.org)**.

The first RAC meeting in 2023 will be Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30pm via Zoom. The submission deadline for the meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 6th.

For a complete schedule of RAC meetings and submission deadlines, click **[here](#)**

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## Read the Columbia Flier

If you did not receive the Columbia Flier at your home, you may read it online **[here](#)**.

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**December 26-January 2:** Office Closed

**January 9:** Board Meeting, 7:30pm\*

**January 16:** Office closed

**January 18:** RAC Meeting, 7:30pm\*

**[\\*Zoom meeting. check website for details.](#)**

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## **Resident Architectural Committee Meeting Agenda**

Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meeting agendas are available on the Hickory Ridge website. [Click here to view](#) upcoming agendas and meeting results. Questions about submitting an application or the approval process? Email [applications@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:applications@hickoryridgevillage.org).

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## Open Space Questions or Concerns?

If you have questions or concerns about Columbia Association Open Space areas, contact CA Open Space directly by calling 410-312-6330 or by emailing [Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org).

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## Crime Statistics Map of Howard County

Howard County has interactive maps with information about properties and neighborhoods. One is the Crime Statistics map. It used to be that the Howard County Police would have to put these statistics together for us, but now they are available at our fingertips. [Check out the Crime Statistics map](#).

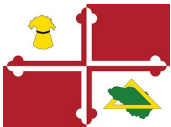
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## Need to Talk? Call 211, Press 1

Problems with depression? Anxiety? Thoughts of suicide? Drugs or Alcohol? Call Maryland's helpline: Call 211, press 1 or text your zip code to 898-211 (TXT-211).

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## Howard County Government Updates

Subscribe to Howard County Executive Calvin Ball's newsletter *The Ball Bulletin* [here](#) Stay informed about the latest updates and essential information from your Howard County government.

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## District 4 County Council Newsletter

Deb Jung is the County Council Representative for Hickory Ridge residents. For more information about your district, check out the website.

[District 4 Website](#)

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