

## **The Log**October 19, 2023

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



## **Hickory Ridge Community Engagement Committee**

Hickory Ridge Village Residents!

We are in search of excited and interested volunteers from across our three neighborhoods (Clary's Forest, Clemens Crossing, Hawthorn) to participate in a community engagement committee focused on connecting and engaging our Village residents.

**Mission of the committee:** to connect residents across the Village's neighborhoods by creating links that will increase communication in the Village.

#### Committee goals:

- Generate ideas for engaging residents in our Village.
- Identify people willing and interested in informing residents of their HOAs, apartment complexes or streets about Village activities.

**Time commitment:** 1-2 hours per month for meetings.

Interested? Please contact Laura Mayton at 410-730-7327 or **manager@hickoryridgevillage.org** for more information by 10/23/2023.



#### **Election Committee 2024**

Would you like to get to know your neighbors and learn more about The Hickory Ridge Community Association? Join the Election Committee!

We are looking for residents to help with the 2024 Annual Meeting/Election Day process. Volunteers will make recommendations to the Board, help plan and moderate Candidate Nights, check in voters or help with the vote count at the Annual Meeting/Election Day on April 20, 2024 and ensure that the Election Rules and Procedures are followed.

#### To join the Election Committee, you must:

- Be a member of the Hickory Ridge Community Association, which means you must own or rent a property in the Village.
- Be able to contribute about 15 hours of your time for several meetings, Candidates Night and Election Day.

• Complete the Committee Volunteer form and return it to manager@hickoryridgevillage.org.

The Committee Volunteer form is on the website.

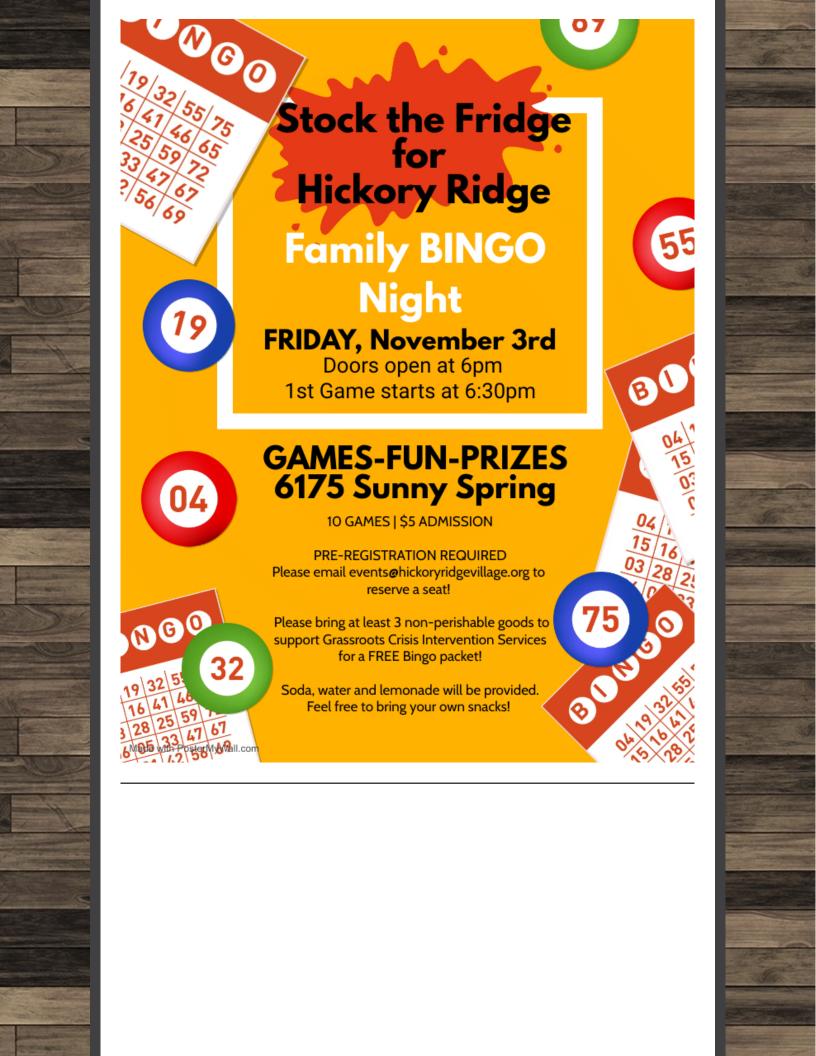


## Skye Anderson, CA Board Rep Office Hours

Skye Anderson, Hickory Ridge Representative to the Columbia Association Board of Directors has instituted SOHO (Skye's Office Hours Outside). SOHO is the time for Hickory Ridge residents to discuss Columbia Association concerns and praise with Skye, one on one.

 Friday, October 27th from 5:00-6:00pm at the Starbucks in the Wilde Lake Village Center with Hickory Ridge Village Board Member Chris Smith.







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50+ RESIDENTS AND
COMMUNITY FRIENDS

**SPECIAL** 

HEALTH

DISCUSSION

**TOPIC:** 

Health Advocacy
A HEALTHY
MIND, HEART &
BODY

**SPEAKER** 

Dr. Mariah Robertson, Certified Geritician Hickory Ridge Village Board Member

## November 8th at 11AM

Complimentary lunch will be served at the conclusion of the event.

The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring

Free to attend and eat but please RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org or call 410-730-7327

## **Upcoming Document Shredding Event**

Howard County Department of Public Works' Bureau of Environmental Services will be hosting a document shredding event this month.

#### Saturday, October 28

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (or until the trucks are full) at Long Gate Park & Ride, located off MD 100 Exit 1A in Ellicott City

The event will be held rain or shine.

Howard County residents may bring up to three bags or boxes of paper to be shredded onsite.

ONLY bring items that contain personal information.

Junk mail, catalogs and office paper can be recycled with your curbside recycling collection.

For more information and/or questions about these events, please contact the Bureau at

410-313-6444 or visit www.howardcountymd.gov/documentshredding.



Bring the family and come out for a one-of-a-kind event highlighting Veteran Owned Small Businesses!

Saturday, October 28 ★ 10 A.M. To 2 P.M.

## **Maryland Innovation Center**

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia 21046

★ FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ★







Mid-Atlantic Veterans Business Outreach Center Project Opportunity U.S. Small Business Administration Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise

EVENT CONTACT

Lisa B. Terry

DCRS OFFICE OF VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

410-313-0821 (VOICE/RELAY)

Ibterry@howardcountymd.gov

If you need this information in an alternate format, contact the Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families at 410-313-6400 (voice/relay).



www.howardcountymd.gov/veterans-military-families

# Medication & Sharps Disposal Convenient Drive-Thru Event

## Saturday October 28 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



## Safely dispose of:

- Prescription medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- Sharps (syringes, needles, EpiPens, etc.)
- Vitamins
- Pet medication
- Vapes without batteries
- Inhalers
- And more!

HCDrugFree Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot 5305 Village Center Drive, Columbia 21044

## **Volunteers Needed**

Seeking students, adults, and medically-trained adults. Spend some time making a difference in Howard County. Community service hours available for students.

## Medication Lockbox Giveaway!

We have 100 medication lockboxes to give away for FREE!

\$44 value. First come, first served. Limit 1 per vehicle.





Proud to partner with Drug Enforcement Administration, Howard County Police, Howard County Public School System and PTAs/PTSAs, Howard County Government and Health Department.





## Saturday November 4th, 2023

FOP Lodge #69 2832 Nine Mile Circle Catonsville. MD 21228

Doors open 6 PM, Bingo 7-10 PM \$25 in advance, \$30 at door

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For more information or to purchase tickets: please visit www.thevillageinhoward.org or call 443-367-9043



To benefit The Village in Howard - a membership-based virtual "village" that promotes independence and mutual support for Howard County residents ages 55 and over who wish to stay active and involved in the community.



## FREE PARENTING CLASS



## **Taking HoCo Families to the Next Level**

Guiding Good Choices® is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program that helps you build a stronger bond with your child, while also providing skills proven to reduce the risk of children engaging in substance use or other risky behaviors. Learn how to:

- · Prevent Drug Use in Your Family
- Develop Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards
- Avoid Trouble and Respond to Peer Pressure
- Manage Conflict and Express Feelings Constructively
- Strengthen Family Bonds
- And More!

This series of five Zoom classes is for **parents**, **guardians**, **and grandparents** of 9-14 year olds, but will consider slightly older or younger children on a case by case basis. Adult **or** child must be a Howard County resident.

Class Dates: Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30, & December 7.

(Participants are encouraged to attend all 5 sessions.)

Time: 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Register: tinyurl.com/HoCoParentsFall2023

Learn more: hcdrugfree.org/currentevents







Fall Leaves: What should we do?

Do you know the most environmentally-friendly way to deal with leaves in your yard is to mow them?

If you don't mulch the leaves, please remember to dispose of your raked leaves properly. Leaves and yard waste can be recycled on your regular recycling pickup day. Here are some helpful tips and rules to keep in mind:

- Yard waste MUST be placed in paper bags or reusable containers. No plastic bags.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. It is a violation of the Howard County code.
- Do not dump your leaves and yard debris onto CA Open Space.
- Please place bags of yard waste at the curb after 6 pm the evening before your pickup day.

Thank you for keeping Hickory Ridge beautiful!



## **Babysitters in Hickory Ridge**

If you live in Hickory Ridge, you babysit and would like to be included in the babysitter list in the next edition of The Log, please email <a href="mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org">events@hickoryridgevillage.org</a>.

Please note that the list below are individuals with experience and interest in babysitting but are not vetted by this office.

#### **Babysitter List**

- Gloribeth "Glory" Gancedo: 305-224-2095
- Kailyn Shaw: kailynshaw@yahoo.com
- Zandi Jera: sunsetjera@yahoo.com
- Shamiso Dzvairo: sunsetjera@yahoo.com
- Neely Jackson: neelydenisej@gmail.com
- Kristen Bowman: kkbowman85@gmail.com
- Brynn & Brooke Howes: 410-952-6861
- Jos Dumont: jos.pierre.dumont@gmail.com
- Sofia Blose 410-707-0332
- Christine Chen: NH8ChristineS@gmail.com



## **Cub Scout Pack 720 is Recruiting**

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## **Housing Repair Program**

## Who is eligible?

- You must be a Howard County homeowner
- Own and occupy the home as your principal residence
- Can be single family, townhouse or condo
- All mortgage, property taxes, HOA/condo fees, and hazard insurance payments must be current

## **Loan Terms**

- Maximum loan amount is \$40,000
- Interest rate shall not exceed 2%
- Maximum term is 30 years



Department of Housing & Community Development — To apply visit <a href="https://bit.ly/3gqNF58">https://bit.ly/3gqNF58</a> and complete the Pre-Application. Full program guidelines and income eligibility requirements can also be found on our website.









Funding availability based on annual budget allocation.

Contact Taylor Shelton for details at tshelton@howardcountymd.gov or (410) 313-6333

## 988 Is Here to Help

Need immediate emotional support? Call 988 to connect to a counselor who can help. Their specialists provide confidential care 24/7. Because we all need help sometimes.

Call whenever you need emergency emotional support or are worried about someone else. The 988 helpline is free and confidential.



## Call 988 for emergency emotional support.

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## **Community Action Council of Howard County**

The mission of the Community Action Council is to diminish poverty and enable self-sufficiency for all Howard County Individuals, families and children in need. To better serve the local community and improve ease of accessibility, the Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC) will have community service workers stationed at the following locations during the following extended times:

## Howard County Food Bank

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Thursdays, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

## Laurel MultiService Center\*

Wednesdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

\*The Laurel MultiService Center is included along the Purple Bus route. To learn more about CAC's programs or to apply for assistance, visit <a href="https://cac-hc.org/get-help/">https://cac-hc.org/get-help/</a>



## **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 <a href="https://doc.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.ndm.no.ndm.



#### **Letter of Compliance**

If you are putting your house on the market, 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. Questions? Email <a href="mailto:applications@hickoryridgevillage.org">applications@hickoryridgevillage.org</a>.



#### **Exterior Alterations**

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**.

For a complete schedule of RAC meetings and submission deadlines, click <u>here</u>

#### SAVE THE DATE!

October 23: Board meeting at 7:30pm\* November 1: RAC meeting at 7:30pm\*

\*Zoom meeting, check website for details.



## **Resident Architectural Committee Meeting Agenda**

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



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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 <a href="mailto:Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org">Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org</a>.



## **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.



## **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 form your Howard County government.



## **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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#### **Hickory Ridge Community Association**

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The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia MD 21044
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am - 5pm

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