

# *The Log*

November 16, 2023

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

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***This Sunday is the Winter Artisan Market at The Hawthorn Center,  
2:00 - 5:00pm! Shop for lovely, local, handmade gifts.***

# The Hickory Ridge Community Association's Winter Artisan Market

**24  
LOCAL  
ARTISANS**

**JOIN US!**

Beautifully handmade items  
featuring baked goods, clothing,  
home decor, jewelry and MORE!!



**FREE ADMISSION**

The Hawthorn Center  
6175 Sunny Spring  
Columbia, MD 21044

Questions?

Please contact  
[events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org)  
410-730-7327

**NOVEMBER 19TH**

**2PM-5PM**

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## The Hawthorn Center Is Hiring a Facility Assistant

We are looking for a friendly, mature-minded and reliable adult available to work approximately 4-10 hours per week during event rentals at The Hawthorn Center. Flexible schedule includes daytime/evenings on the weekends and weekday evenings after 5:00PM. Must be able to lift and set up tables and chairs, complete office tasks and handle front desk duties during event rentals. Customer service background helpful.

Please send your resume to Laura Mayton  
at: [manager@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org).  
Call 410-730-7327 for more information.

**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](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org) for more information.

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## 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!

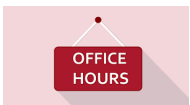
We are looking for residents to help with the 2024 Annual Meeting/Election Day process. Volunteers will make recommendations to the Board, help plan and moderate Candidate Nights, check in voters or help with the vote count at the Annual Meeting/Election Day on April 20, 2024 and ensure that the Election 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](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org).

**The Committee Volunteer form is on the website.**

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## Skye Anderson, CA Rep Office Hours

Skye Anderson, the Columbia Association Representative, 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, November 17th from 5-6pm at Mad City Coffee with Vanessa Braswell, Kidspace Manager at The Columbia Association
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**LONGFELLOW  
NURSERY SCHOOL**

*Holiday*  
**BAZAAR**

**LOCATION**

Longfellow Nursery School  
5276 Eliots Oak Rd  
Columbia MD 21044

**DATE**

Saturday, November 18

**TIME**

10am-1pm



*See you there...*



## Blood Drive Kahler Hall

Ballroom  
5440 Old Tucker Row  
Columbia, MD 21044

**Monday, November 27, 2023**  
**11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Please sign up using the Red Cross Blood Donor app  
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## What to do with all your kitchen scraps?!

In this workshop you'll get helpful ideas on storage of and uses for your leftover bits and pieces. We'll discuss different ways to make your food last longer and go further, using basic ingredients and tools. You will taste some scrap salsa and quick-pickled scraps, and leave with resources you can use and a better understanding of how to save money and keep food waste out of landfills.

**For more information and to register go to:**

[https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MTk4ODMy](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MTk4ODMy)

**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2023

**Time:** 9:30-11:00am

**Ages:** 16+

**Cost:** First 15 registrants are free, after that registration is \$10

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# Scrappy cooking



use more, save money, reduce waste

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first 20 registrations free, \$10 thereafter!



Saturday, December 9  
9:30am-11am  
The Hawthorn Center  
6175 Sunny Spring  
Columbia, MD 21044



presented by Community Ecology Institute

# Leaves, Leaves Everywhere!

Now that fall is here, take steps to manage all those leaves:

- Grasscycle/Mulch leaves
- Compost in your backyard
- Participate in a Rake and Take Program
- Utilize curbside yard trim collection
- Drop-off at the Alpha Ridge Landfill Wood Waste

Do not dump leaves, grass clippings or other landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet or a stream. This is both bad for water quality and is considered an illicit discharge and a violation of County Code. Discarding landscaping waste into a storm drain inlet can clog pipes and lead to flooding (even in your own yard). The decaying process of yard trim can also lead to depleted oxygen levels in our streams and water bodies.



[HowardCountyMD.gov/CurbsideCollections](http://HowardCountyMD.gov/CurbsideCollections)



## 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 [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org).

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
- Carolina Stiefel 443-467-5811



## Free dog walking services to seniors available in Hickory Ridge

Offering free dog walking services to seniors with limited mobility. If you are having a difficult time giving your dog the exercise he/she deserves, please email [Freedogwalkingservice@gmail.com](mailto:Freedogwalkingservice@gmail.com). Teens from local high schools will walk your dog for free after school and on the weekends. For now, we are only accepting dogs under 35 pounds who live in the Hickory Ridge and Clemens Crossing communities.



## Interested in being a 2024 Lifeguard?

It's cold outside, but CA's already thinking about summer! All lifeguard candidates for the 2024 season, whether new or experienced, need to complete our Water Screening test as part of their certification.

To help prepare applicants, Columbia Association is offering three Water Screening Walk-throughs at the Columbia Swim Center between November and January.

### What is the Water Screening Test?

Water Screening includes:

- an untimed 200-yard swim (8 lengths),
- retrieval of a 10 lb. brick from the diving well (approximately 11 feet), and
- a two-minute water tread with hands out of the water.

### Get Practice & Help From Instructors

These events will allow those interested in becoming a lifeguard to practice the test and meet with our certified instructors for tips and skill tutorials.

- Session 1 – Wednesday, November 8, 2023
- Session 2 – Wednesday, December 6, 2023
- Session 3 – Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Sessions start promptly at 6:00 pm, and run until 7:00 pm.

To register or for more information, please contact the Aquatics Office at 410-312-6332 or email [Aquatics@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:Aquatics@ColumbiaAssociation.org)



## Cub Scout Pack 720

Fun with a purpose. Camping, fishing, hiking, and life skills. Adventure awaits your son and/or daughter at Cub Scout Pack 720! K-5th grade. Serves Swansfield and Running Brook students. Contact Cubmaster Josh White at [jmwhite0610@gmail.com](mailto:jmwhite0610@gmail.com) to find out more!

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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 <https://bit.ly/3gqNF58> 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](mailto: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.



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**Call 988 for emergency emotional support.**  
*Safe, supportive, confidential. Available 24/7.*

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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 <https://cac-hc.org/get-help/>

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### **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).

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### **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



## 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](mailto:applications@hickoryridgevillage.org).

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

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## SAVE THE DATE!

**November 21:** Election Committee meeting at 6:30pm\*

**November 27:** Board meeting at 7:30pm\*

**November 30:** Watershed Advisory Committee meeting at 7:30pm\*

**December 6:** RAC meeting at 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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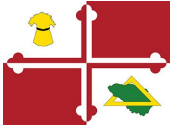
If you have questions or concerns about Columbia Association Open Space areas, contact CA Open Space directly by calling 410-312-6330 or by emailing [Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org).

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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](#)



## 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.



## 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

410-730-7327

The Hawthorn Center

6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia MD 21044

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am - 5pm

### Hickory Ridge Village Board

Kristine Amari, Chair

Jared Ball

Jeremy Domm, Vice Chair

Steve Hannan

Bill Inglis

Mariah Robertson

Chris Smith

CA Representative

Skye Anderson

### Village Staff

Laura Mayton, Village Manager  
 Tania Tavares, Covenant Advisor  
 Devora Wilkinson, Covenant Advisor  
 Emily Rieger, Events Coordinator  
 Bill Liang, Facility Coordinator  
 Charlotte Nisos, Bookkeeper  
 Heather Harvanek, Head Facility Assistant  
 John Pongracz, Facility Assistant  
 Bianca Smalls, Facility Assistant  
 Daniel Nairn, Facility Assistant

### Village Services

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 Fax sending and receiving  
 Rentals of The Hawthorn Center  
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## Contact Us - The Hawthorn Center - Resident Resources

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