

# The Log November 2, 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.



#### **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 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 3rd from 5-6pm at Starbucks in Wilde Lake Village Center with the manager of CA's Sports Park.
- Friday, November 10th from 5-6pm at Mad City Coffee with Anish Manrai, Assistant Director of Community Programs and Services at The Columbia Association
- Friday, November 17th from 5-6pm at Mad City Coffee with Vanessa Braswell, Kidspace Manager at The Columbia Association





INVITES EVERYONE BUT BEST FOR OUR 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







## **Open House Event**

Friday, November 3, 2023

4:00 - 5:30 PM

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# Fall and Christmas Bazaar Sale Saturday, November 4, 2023 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

# Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

# 10689 Owen Brown Road, Columbia

Proceeds will support Grass Roots, Columbia Community Cares and Abiding Savior ministries. Please contact the Abiding Savior office, <a href="mailto:aslc@abiding-savior.org">aslc@abiding-savior.org</a>, if you have any questions.

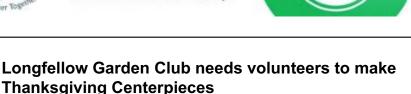








To benefit The Village in Howard - a membership-based virtual "village" that promotes independence and mutual support for Howard County residents ages 55 and over who wish to stay active and involved in the community.





# Thursday, November 9th

Thursday, November 9th 12pm The Hawthorn Center

Attendees will learn how to create fresh, live Thanksgiving centerpieces that will be delivered to the Office on Aging and Independence to then be distributed to Howard County seniors. Please bring scissors or clippers to the event. Supplies and refreshments will be provided. If you are able to volunteer and attend, please RSVP to Ms. Margaret Smith at 443-803-4850.





#### **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 or call 1-800-RED CROSS for an appointment.

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#### Don't miss your opportunity to make a difference in our community! Year after year, CA's investments have a significant impact on all of us. There are multiple ways to have your voice heard as the Board of Directors moves forward in the FY25 budget process. ☐ Register for the <u>virtual information session</u> on Thursday, November 2. ☐ Take the <u>latest online survey</u> (it only takes a few minutes to complete and **ends** Friday, November 3!). ✓ Bookmark ColumbiaAssociation.org/budget to keep up with all of the ways to get involved. **Keep Storm Drains Clear** As homeowners, we are responsible for the trees on our property. That means when trees decide to lose their leaves, we are responsible for where they go. You may think "if the leaves are in the street, it's not my problem." Except, they are your problem. Too many leaves blocking a storm drain can cause flooding during heavy rainfalls, leading to impassable streets. safety hazards and possibly property damage. To keep your community safe: • Please do not sweep leaves into the street. • Please use a leaf rake to remove leaves from on top and sides of the storm drain entry points. Add leaves to your green bin for collection and composting. If you see flooding in your streets due to clogged storm drains – try to pull the leaves onto the curb out of the way of the water. If flooding is too great and you can not safely clear the drain, place a ticket in TellHoCo so the county can come out and professionally clean the storm drain. Babysitters in Hickory Ridge BABYSITTE 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. 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. 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.



#### **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 to find out more!



# **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.



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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.in/howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo">howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo</a>.



#### **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 applications@hickoryridgevillage.org.



#### **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 <u>on our website</u> in the Covenants section. Questions? Call 410-730-7327 or email <a href="mailto:applications@hickoryridgevillage.org">applications@hickoryridgevillage.org</a>.

For a complete schedule of RAC meetings and submission deadlines, click **here** 

#### SAVE THE DATE!

November 1: RAC meeting at 7:30pm\*

**November 13:** Board meeting at 7:30pm (In-person)

November 15: 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* <u>here</u> 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** 

#### Never miss an edition of *The Log*

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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

Laura Mayton, Village Manager

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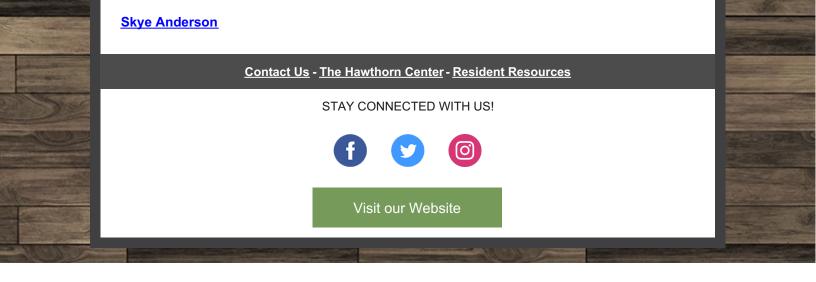
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