

# THE LOG

Hickory Ridge  
The Hawthorn Center  
6175 Sunny Spring

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:00pm  
Phone: 410-730-7327

**December 7, 2023**

Connect with us at  
[HickoryRidgeVillage.org](http://HickoryRidgeVillage.org)

## Stay Social

Want to know what's happening in Hickory Ridge? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @hickoryridgevillage. To receive our newsletter, *The Log*, scan this QR code or go to [bit.ly/3GyJja5](http://bit.ly/3GyJja5) to sign up today!



## 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 [manager@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org) or 410-730-7327 for more information.

The Volunteer Application form is on the website under "Village Board Committees".



## Events in Hickory Ridge

**Friday, December 8th from 4:30-7:30pm**

### Toys for Tots Holiday Night

Need an idea for dinner tomorrow night? Join the Hickory Ridge Community Association staff and **PIZZA!** order dinner from the *Wanna Pizza* This food truck



outside in the parking lot of the Hawthorn Center. Everyone is welcome; invite friends, family and neighbors!!! Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and receive 10% off of your order!

**Saturday, December 9th from 9:30-11am**

### Scrappy Kitchen hosted by

#### Community Ecology Institute

What should you do with 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; leaving with resources you can use and a better understanding of how to save money and keep food waste out of landfills.



Cost: Registration for the event is \$10. For more information and to register, scan the QR code.

### **Save the Date for Upcoming 2024 Events**

Story Time Paint 'n' Sip

Columbia Cleans Adult Bingo

Puzzle Night Flea Market & More!

## Hickory Ridge Lists

### Babysitter List

If you live in Hickory Ridge and you would like to be included on the Village babysitter list, please email [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org).

Please include contact information, neighborhood, and any certifications.

### Snow Shoveler List

If you shovel snow during the winter, make sure you are on the Hickory Ridge list! Please send your contact information and tasks you can complete to [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org).

To get the Hickory Ridge lists, go to our website on the Community News page!



## Community Participation

The Village Board and staff encourage you to get involved and attend community meetings for both the Village Board and Columbia Association Board of Directors. Village Board information is available on our website. To learn more about the CA Board, find their meeting agenda and materials, and watch recorded meetings, scan the QR code or go to [columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/](http://columbiaassociation.org/about-us/leadership/).



## 988 is now live!

988 is the new national mental health crisis helpline. When you call this number, whether here in Howard County or anywhere else in the nation, you are guaranteed quality and safe care for mental health and substance use emergencies. No need to look up any national toll-free number. Simply call or text **988** and you will get free, immediate, confidential help you need from a trained counselor.

## Holiday Closing

The Village office in The Hawthorn Center will close for the holidays on Friday, December 22nd at 1pm and will reopen at 9:30am on Monday, January 2, 2024. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!

# Happy New Year!

## Recycle Broken Holiday Lights

Do you have some strings of lights that are no longer working? Take advantage of the drop-off at The Residents' Convenience Center at Alpha Ridge Landfill! The landfill recycles holiday lights and other electronics year-round. *Alpha Ridge Landfill 2350 Marriottsville Rd Marriottsville, MD 21104*

MOM's holds an annual Holiday Lights Recycling Drive in the winter. They accept both working and non-working lights. Visit their website for more details. *MOM's 7351 Assateague Dr. #190 Jessup, MD 20794*, <https://momsorganicmarket.com/recycle-center/>

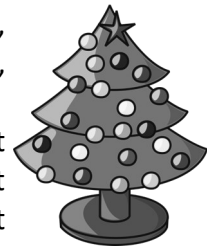


## Curbside Tree Recycling

County residents with curbside yard trim collection can place their holiday tree out for pickup on their yard trim collection day. Trees that are placed out on trash collection day will not be collected during yard trim collection season.

### TIPS:

- Set your tree out the night before. Trees are picked up by the yard trim truck as early as 6am or as late as 7pm.
- Remove all tinsel, garland, ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, etc.
- No need to bag, but trees must be cut into less than 4 foot lengths and tied. Bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.



## Columbia Association Representative— SOHO

Skye Anderson, the Columbia Council Representative for Hickory Ridge Village, holds Skye's Office Hours Outside (SOHO) weekly. For the next few weeks, Skye will be at Mad City Coffee on Fridays 5:00—6:00pm. Some weeks she will have a special guest, TBA. Stop by and chat with Skye about CA issues, Hickory Ridge issues, or just ask about her roles with CA and the Village!



## Village Meetings

December 11: Board meeting at The Hawthorn Center, 7:30pm

January 9: Board meeting at The Hawthorn Center, 7:30pm

## Village Office Services

- ⇒ Resale packets (also available on website)
- ⇒ Compliance requests
- ⇒ Covenant inquires
- ⇒ Exterior Alteration Applications
- ⇒ Copies
- ⇒ FAX
- ⇒ Notary Public (by appointment only)

## Village Staff

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## Hickory Ridge Board & Committees

### Hickory Ridge Village Board

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### Columbia Association Board Representative

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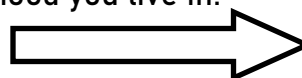
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