

# **The Log**June 20, 2024

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



## Lakefront Live Events!

Lakefront Live is a series of movies, concerts and events put on by Columbia Association at the Lake Kittamaqundi Lakefront next to Whole Foods. Click here for more information!



# **Board Meeting Cancelled**

The Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024, has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next scheduled date is a virtual Board meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024.



# **Coral Reef Encounter**

June 22nd and 23rd Jeffers Hill Pool (6031 Tamar Drive)

Going on its 4th year, the Coral Reef Encounter at the <u>Jeffers Hill</u> <u>Pool</u> has become one of Columbia's most popular events. At this event:

- Experience the spectacular beauty of a coral reef by snorkeling above an underwater trail of handmade fish and coral.
- Learn about the global importance of coral reefs and the dangers they face from ocean warming.
- Artistically imagine and create new fish and coral.
- Learn to snorkel while enjoying a fun, family-friendly public event.

Ages 5- adult. This is a **FREE** event, but pre-registration is required. There is no phone number to call; you must register online at **Coral Reef Encounter**.



**Hickory Ridge Story Time: Camping** 

July 8th and 9th 9:30am The Hawthorn Center



Camping Story Time will held on Monday and Tuesday, July 8th and June 9th at 9:30am! Designed for 0-5 year olds and an adult friend. Attendees will enjoy a story, crafts and treats. FREE to attend. Space is limited so please RSVP to <a href="mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org">events@hickoryridgevillage.org</a>.



# **Hickory Ridge Story Time: Puzzle Competition & Lunch**

July 16th 10:30am-1pm The Hawthorn Center

We invite teams of 2 (18+) to challenge your skills with a 500 piece puzzle. Teams will receive the same puzzle and will be given 2 hours to complete it. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams! Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the competition. Space is limited so please RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org.



# **Hickory Ridge Story Time: Farm Animals**

August 19th and 20th 10am The Hawthorn Center

Farm Animal Story Time will held on Monday and Tuesday, August 19th and 20th at 10am! Designed for 0-5 year olds and an adult friend. Attendees will enjoy a story, crafts and treats. FREE to attend. Space is limited so please RSVP to <a href="mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org">events@hickoryridgevillage.org</a>.



# **Grant Opportunities for Hickory Ridge Residents**

### **Block Party Grants**

We'll help you party with your neighbors this year! Our Block Party Grant program offers qualifying parties a \$100 Giant gift card for party expenses. Applications are available <u>on the website</u> or at The Hawthorn Center. Please email <u>events@hickoryridgevillage.org</u> for more information.

# Cul-de-Sac Grants

Hickory Ridge offers a reimbursement program for residents who want to beautify their cul-de-sac circle. The Village will reimburse approved landscaping up to \$300 of your cost for plants and materials. The grant process does require neighbor consent and final approval by the county. For more information, stop by the Village office or email <a href="mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org">manager@hickoryridgevillage.org</a>.



# Who Do I Call?

Check out the <u>Useful Information page on the Hickory Ridge</u> <u>website</u>. There are phone number and/or links to various resources.



# Tree Removal in Hickory Ridge

Thinking about removing a tree? Hickory Ridge has guidelines that must be followed.

No application is required if any of the following conditions are met:

- The tree is dead.
- The tree is less than six (6) inches in diameter (measured from a point two (2) feet above ground level).
- There is only one tree being removed, regardless of size, and no other trees have been removed from the property within the last twelve (12) months.
- Up to two trees may be removed, regardless of size, when they are within fifteen (15) feet of the dwelling.

An <u>Exterior Alteration application</u> is **REQUIRED** for all other situations. If you have questions about tree removal or other exterior alterations, check out the <u>website</u>, call 410-730-7327, or email applications@hickoryridgevillage.org.



# **Bicycle Safety**

As a responsible and safety-conscious cyclist, it is essential to take certain precautions to ensure your well-being while riding your bike. It is highly recommended to have a well-lit bike and wear reflective gear to increase your visibility on the road. We urge drivers to be mindful of cyclists and share the road to avoid any accidents. To learn more about bicycle safety tips and rules of the road, please visit the <a href="website">website</a> and explore a comprehensive bike safety guide. Let's work together to make cycling a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone!



# Columbia Association Outdoor Pools

CA can't wait to welcome you back to their outdoor pools this summer! Check out your pool's status, schedule and more!

Do you know that CA assessed residents get a discounted day rate for CA amenities? Get a Columbia Card and enjoy the benefits of your assessment!



# 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. Skye is at The Hawthorn Center (6175 Sunny Spring) on Fridays, 12-1pm.



# Set HoCo Kids up for Success

HC DrugFree is providing another series of FUN and interactive skills-based classes designed to promote positive health and personal development for students in grades 6 to 9. (Slightly older or younger students will be considered.) Taught by college students with supervision from adult educators and assistance from high schoolers acting as mentors and role models. This innovative, evidence-based course will help your child stand up for themselves AND keep their friends.

# The curriculum is designed to strengthen student abilities in the following areas:

- Self-Image & Self-Improvement
- Social Skills
- Resolving Conflicts
- · Coping with Uncomfortable Feelings
- Personal Self-Management Skills
- Evaluating Advertising & Entertainment
- Drug Resistance Skills
- And MUCH MORE!!!

Meeting via Zoom 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. July 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, & 25

Learn more: HCDrugFree.org/currentevents

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LifeSkills@hcdrugfree.org www.HCDrugFree.org

443-325-0040

Funding provided by the Howard County Health Department, MDH, and SAMHSA



# **HoCo High School Student Summer Volunteer Opportunity**

HoCo high school students, here is a summer volunteer opportunity to earn community service hours! Looks good on resumes and college applications! Join HC DrugFree's instructional team to assist college students teaching online classes all while serving as a role model and mentor to younger HoCo students! Class dates: July 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, & 25 from 10-11:30 a.m. on Zoom. For more information and to register to volunteer, go to tinyurl.com/LifeSkillsSummer2024.



# Opportunity For HoCo College Students

HC DrugFree is looking for HoCo college students to teach our summer Life Skills Classes to middle and high school students. Class dates: July

15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, & 25 from 10-11:30 a.m. on Zoom. If interested, go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/LifeSkillsSummer2024">https://tinyurl.com/LifeSkillsSummer2024</a> for more information and to apply.





# 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
- 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
- Sydney Daniel: danielsydney75@gmail.com



# 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 <a href="mailto:wagdogwalkingservices@gmail.com">wagdogwalkingservices@gmail.com</a>. 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. For more information: <a href="https://wagdogwalkingservices.com/">https://wagdogwalkingservices.com/</a>.



# **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



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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

# <u>Laurel MultiService Center\*</u> 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!**

July 1: Community Engagement Committee at 7pm

July 3: RAC Meeting at 7:30pm\* July 8: Village Board 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>.



# Rent The Hawthorn Center for your Event

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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** 

# Never miss an edition of The Log

If you have yet to sign-up to receive the newsletter electronically and would like to do so, please click below. This will ensure that you never miss a copy of The Log.

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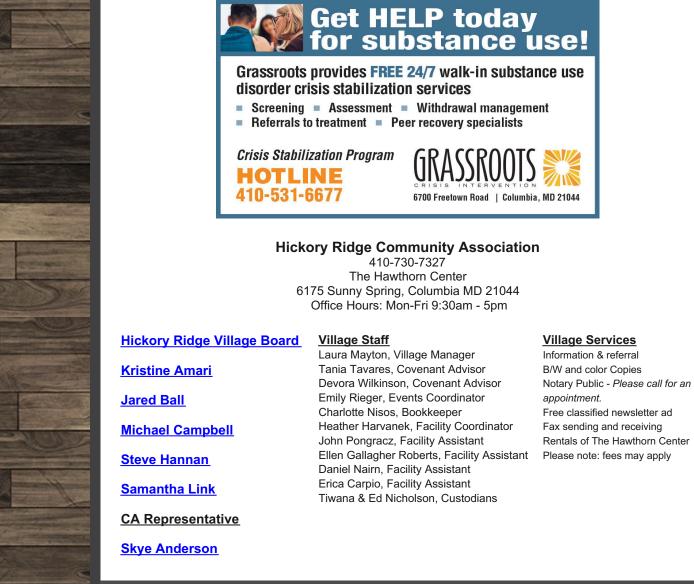
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