



# The Log

## December 19, 2024

*What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!*  
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### The Hickory Ridge Village Office Holiday Hours

The Hickory Ridge Village Office will be closed for the holidays from Tuesday, December 24th at 1pm through Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Private rentals will take place as scheduled while the office is closed.



### Join the Election Committee!

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 2025 Annual Meeting/Election Day process for the Village of Hickory Ridge. Each April, the Village elects Village Board members and a Representative to the Columbia Council.

Volunteers on the Election Committee will make recommendations to the Board, help plan and moderate Candidate Nights, check in voters and help with the vote count at the Annual Meeting/Election Day on April 26, 2025. They also 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 Columbia Association assessed property in Hickory Ridge.
- Be able to contribute about 15 hours of your time for several meetings, Candidates Night and Election Day.
- Fill out the Volunteer Application form and return it to [manager@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org).

[The Volunteer Application form is on the website.](#)



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive  
December 23, 10:30am-4:30pm

## Kahler Hall in Harper's Choice

The Red Cross's national blood supply has fallen by more than 25% since July 1. Blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in, rapidly drawing down the blood supply. The Red Cross is working with hospitals around the clock to meet patients' blood needs, but it can't do it alone.

For more information about the Blood Drive and to register, click [HERE](#).

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### Giant Menorah Lighting

**December 26th at 6:30pm**  
**River Hill Village Center (close to the Giant)**

Chabad of Clarksville will hold the annual menorah lighting for the community. There will be music, donuts, gifts, and more! Free. No registration required.

[Learn more](#)

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### Longfellow Garden Club Invites You

**January 9, 12-1:30pm**  
**Hawthorn Center**

The Longfellow Garden Club invites everyone to come to their January program hosted at the Hawthorn Center.

Presenter Judy Fulton will discuss both sun-loving and shade-loving native plants for a meeting topic to love. Grow new friendships!

Bring a bag lunch. Light refreshments provided. Open and free to all gardeners and area residents. You are more than welcome to bring a friend!

Please RSVP to 410-707-5909

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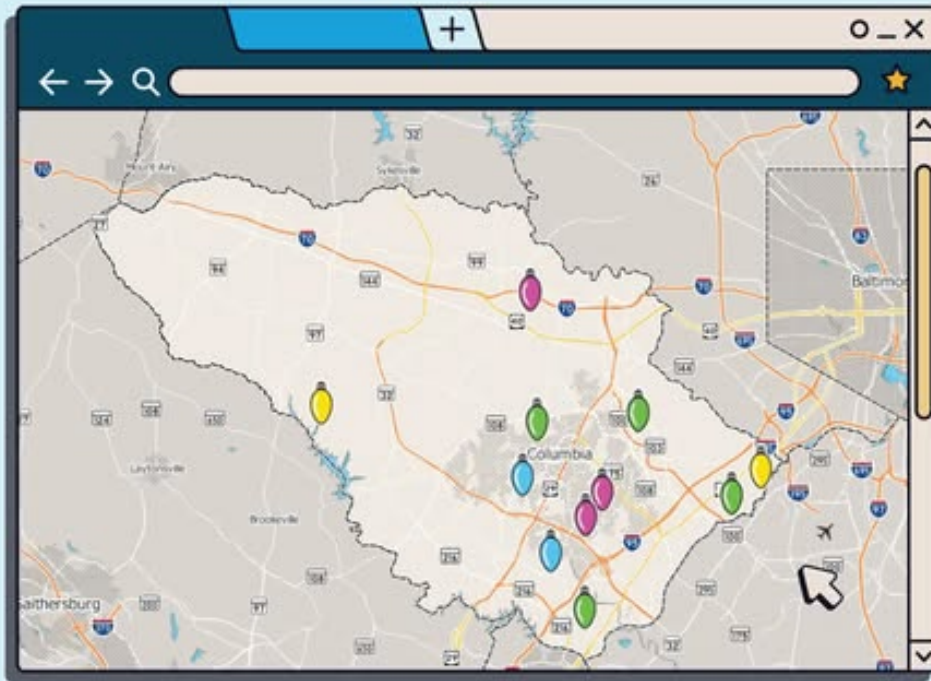
### Lifeguards Needed

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Columbia Association (CA) is looking for new lifeguards and pool managers in your community. CA team members enjoy flexible hours, a fun work environment, competitive pay (starting at \$16 an hour), and a free CA Fit&Play membership — including pools, gyms, and much more! The first step in the process is to apply [HERE](#).

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# 2024 HOLIDAY LIGHTS MAP LIVE NOW!



Explore the map at  
[data.howardcountymd.gov/HolidayLightsFinder\\_View/](https://data.howardcountymd.gov/HolidayLightsFinder_View/)  
or register your display at  
[data.howardcountymd.gov/HolidayLightsFinder/](https://data.howardcountymd.gov/HolidayLightsFinder/)

We highly recommend taking the time to explore the festive holiday displays in our Hickory Ridge neighborhood! The lights and decorations are sure to bring extra holiday cheer!

- 6130 Covington Road
  - 6321 Frostwork Row
  - 6214 Satinwood Drive
  - 10353 Sixpence Circle
  - 6078 Watch Chain Way
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The Hickory Ridge Community Association's

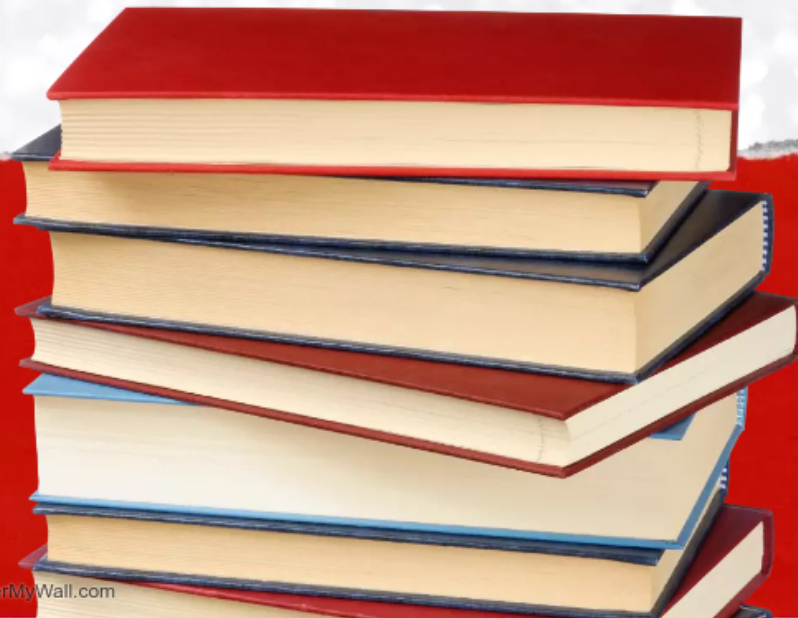
# Book Swap

Do you want an excuse to do some low-pressure mingling and make some new book friends?

Bring up to 3 books with you to swap with others.

**Saturday, January 11th at 9:30am**  
**The Hawthorn Center**

**FREE to attend--18+**  
**Please RSVP to**  
**[events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org)**



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The Hickory Ridge Community Association invites you  
to a

## GINGERBREAD STORY TIME

*Attendees will enjoy crafts,  
stories and gingerbread treats!*



January 14th & 15th at 9:30am  
The Hawthorn Center at 6175 Sunny Spring

Please email [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org) to reserve your seat!  
FREE to attend and everyone is welcome



The Hickory Ridge Community Association

invites teams of 2 (18+) to

# Puzzle and Desserts

Saturday, February 1st 6:30-9pm

The Hawthorn Center (6175 Sunny Spring)

\$20/team

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 & 3rd place teams!

Drinks and desserts will be provided

Please rsvp to  
[events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org)  
no later than January 10th.

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## Recycle Your Broken Holiday Lights

Have you started pulling out holiday decorations and noticed some broken lights? Don't toss them! There are drop-off and mail-in recycling opportunities for these broken lights.

### Drop-off Recycling:

- The Residents' Convenience Center at Alpha Ridge Landfill accepts holiday lights and other electronics in our Electronics Area year-round!
- MOM's Organic Market holds an annual Holiday Lights Recycling Drive in the winter. Visit their website for more details.

### Mail-in Recycling:

- HolidayLED.com offers a mail-in recycling program and coupons for new lights.



**Tell HoCo is a way for anyone in Howard County to report non-Emergency issues while on-the-go, such as potholes, damaged street signs, graffiti, street light issues, damaged trees, and more.**



Download the app, and let us know what needs attention today!

[www.howardcountymd.gov/tell-hoco](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/tell-hoco)



### Who Do I Call?

Check out the [Useful Information page on the Hickory Ridge website](#). There are phone number and/or links to various resources.



### Community Ecology Institute's Nourishing Gardens Program

CEI's Nourishing Gardens program offers a limited number of private services each year. Choose from consultation, design, installation, garden sitting, and more. Reach out to [Nourishing-Gardens@cei.earth](mailto:Nourishing-Gardens@cei.earth) or complete our [services request form](#) to let them know how they can help you accomplish your dream garden.

### Hickory Ridge Artwork Available!

Long-time Columbia residents are likely familiar with the artwork of Gail Holliday, the artist hired by James Rouse in 1967 to create art for Columbia, MD as it was developed.

Holliday created the 25 "Poster Trees" that sit along Lake Kittamuquundi. In partnership with the artist, Columbia Housing Center has created reprints of these iconic designs that are now available for purchase and are on sale through 12/31! There are two Hickory Ridge designs available - Hawthorn and Clemens Crossing - plus a variety of other Columbia neighborhoods and other Columbia-themed designs.

Visit <https://bit.ly/chcstorefront> and use discount code TENOFFGH to get 10% off your reprint purchase! Local pickup and delivery is available as late as 12/24/24 for holiday gifts!

**HEY HICKORY RIDGE!**

**hawthorn**

**CLEMENS CROSSING**

**WE'VE GOT YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING COVERED!**  
get 10% all Gail Holliday prints with code TENOFFGH  
Order by 12/15 to ensure Christmas delivery!



### 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
- Jos Dumont: jos.pierre.dumont@gmail.com
- Sofia Blöse 410-707-0332
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  - Mia Fatuzzo: miaholdenfatzuzzo@gmail.com
  - Aisha Bamidele: aisha\_bamidele@yahoo.com
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## **Snow Shovelers in Hickory Ridge**

We are looking for people willing to shovel snow for neighbors (for a reasonable fee). If you are able to help shovel and would like your name added to our snow shoveler list, please call us at 410-730-7327 or email [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org) and provide your name and phone number.

### **Snow Shoveler List**

- David Garza: 347-574-2881
  - Jack Dolan: 248-792-1310
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## **Rebuilding Together Howard County**

If you or someone you know is a low- or moderate-income homeowner needing essential repairs, Rebuilding Together Howard County is here for you!

With projects covering everything from roof replacements and plumbing repairs to electrical upgrades and accessibility features, Rebuilding Together is dedicated to ensuring safe, healthy homes for all.

Howard County Government is a proud partner and funder of Rebuilding Together, helping dozens of Howard County households every year. Learn more at <https://rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org>.



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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



# Join Us

## Mondays Community Walk



www.hickoryridgevillage.com



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 **10:00 AM**  
 **Meet at**  
**The Hawthorn Center,**  
**6175 Sunny Spring**

**FREE!**

**Questions? Call**  
**410-730-7327**

Connect with neighbors, make new friends, and discover more about Hickory Ridge! This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone—of all ages and abilities—to meet members of the **Community Engagement Committee** while enjoying fresh air and great conversation.

After the walk, **we'll be serving coffee**, so stick around and enjoy a warm drink with your neighbors!

Let's build community, one step at a time!



**Pets welcome!**

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



## Cub Scout Pack 720 is Recruiting

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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 available in the Covenants section of our website and at the Village Office. Questions? Email [applications@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto: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 **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](#)

## Upcoming Meetings

January 13: Board Meeting at 7:30pm\*

January 15: 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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## 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 [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 Statistics map.](#)

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## 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.

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## 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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