

# THE LOG

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The Hawthorn Center

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Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30-5  
Saturday 9-noon

## Senior Lunch

The effervescent Golden Girls will entertain at this year's Senior Lunch on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Join us at The Hawthorn Center from 11:30am – 1pm for a tasty lunch and glorious entertainment. The charge is a mere \$4 per person. Call us at 410-730-7327 to make a reservation.



## Tot Lot Thoughts

Currently, the Hickory Ridge Village Board is canvassing our three neighborhoods and evaluating our twenty-one tot lots for safety and level of use. If you believe that a tot lot in your area is in an unsafe location or seldom used, contact us at 410-730-7327 or email us at [hickoryridge@columbiavillages.org](mailto:hickoryridge@columbiavillages.org). Positive comments about great tot lots are also welcome.



## Holiday Slide



If your trash or recycling day normally falls on Thursday, the county will pick up your things on Thanksgiving Friday. If your pickup normally occurs on Friday, the truck will come on Saturday. Saturday collections will remain the same.

## Toy Collection

The Girls Scouts of Junior Troop 2288 are collecting new and gently used toys and games for Johns Hopkins Children's Center. These children are receiving care at the Children's Center, and your donation helps to make their stay a little more comfortable. Ideas: small craft kits and craft supplies; nail polish and small make-up kits; new stuffed animals; books; toys; DVDs; games for Xbox 360, DS Lite or PlayStation 2 & 3. Drop off your items at The Hawthorn Center by December 23.



## Life Line



Life Line Screening will return to The Hawthorn Center on Tuesday, December 15. Life Line provides painless ultrasound screenings for stroke/carotid artery, atrial fibrillation, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis. Call Life Line at 1-800-324-1851 for an appointment.

## Holiday Lights

Sign-up now for the December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Lights Tour for senior citizens by calling Long Reach Village Office at 410-730-8113 to reserve your seat on the bus. Our pickup point will be at Hickory Ridge Place Apartments' front entrance. The apartments are located on Hickory Ridge Road at Sunny Spring. The bus will leave from the apartments at 6pm.



See the beautiful displays around town and the Symphony of Lights. After the tour, revelers will enjoy a lovely holiday party at Stonehouse. At the end of the evening, the bus will bring you back to Hickory Ridge Place. Space is limited, so call today.

This free event is co-sponsored by Hickory Ridge and Long Reach Villages.

## Leaves in Streets

All the trees have not yet dropped their foliage. There are, however, a lot of leaves lying in the streets. When the trees finally shed their last and you rake up the final bagful, remember to scoop up the leaves in the street in front of your home. If they stay there through the winter, they will either wash down and clog the storm drain or provide a sodden, slippery surface for vehicles. Whatever you do, **DO NOT RAKE OR BLOW LEAVES INTO THE STREET.** Howard County Code forbids that.



As of this writing, we still have a few paper leaf bags provided by Howard County. We can give a few to each homeowner. Call the office first to see if our supply is gone before stopping by.

## Columbia Books

The Columbia Archives will host an Open House on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30-9:30pm to showcase books about Columbia and their authors. Peruse the books and meet Josh Olsen (*Better Places, Better Lives – A Biography of James Rouse*); Joe Mitchell (*New City Upon a Hill*); Bob Tennenbaum (*Creating a New City*); and Missy Burke, Robin Emrich and Barbara Kellner (*Oh, You Must Live in Columbia: The Origins of Place Names in Columbia*). A special exhibit of the unique holiday cards created by artists Gail Holliday and Betty Cook will also be on display.

Refreshments will be served. The Archives is located on the ground floor of the American City Building, 10227 Wincopin Circle. Call 410-715-6781 for more information.

## Gardening History



On Tuesday, January 19, Hickory Ridge Village and the Howard County Master Gardeners will sponsor “A History of Gardening” at The Hawthorn Center. Discussing gardening during the dreary winter always bolsters the spirit. Call us at 410-730-7327 if you plan to attend. It’s FREE.

## Barking Calls

Several residents have complained to our Village Office about neighbors keeping their barking dogs outside for hours at a time, driving other residents to distraction. To quote the Howard County Animal Control laws: “Owners are responsible for preventing their dog from barking to the extent that it disturbs neighbors.”



I sent this notice to the people on our E-Mail Group. One resident answered back, “Hours? Ten minutes drives me nuts.”

## Email Group



If you would like to be on our Hickory Ridge Email Group list, contact us via email or call. We send group members Village Board meeting minutes and agendas, police reports that involve incidents in our village, and current news items that miss newsletter deadlines.

## Reader’s Exchange

There are no items for this issue. If you are a Hickory Ridge Village resident, this is a free service. Call us at 410-730-7327 for more info and restrictions.

## Rebuilding

Remember the old Christmas in April program? Volunteers donated their time for one day in April to help rehab a house owned by a resident with financial difficulties or special needs.

The new program is called Rebuilding Together Howard County. Rebuilding Together connects volunteers with homeowners in need of repairs for a day of service held each April. Applications are accepted year round but must be received by the end of January to be considered for the April Rebuilding Day.

If you own your home and have difficulty making needed repairs due to financial problems or require home modifications due to an illness or injury, call 410-381-3338 or email [info@rebuildingtogetherhc.org](mailto:info@rebuildingtogetherhc.org).

## Neighbor Ride

Brighten a senior's day by volunteering as a Neighbor Ride driver. Neighbor Ride is a volunteer-based nonprofit that strives to improve the quality of life for seniors by providing transportation to healthcare appointments, social gatherings, religious services, educational activities and other personal needs. Flexible daytime, evening and weekend opportunities are available.

Contact Rosemary at 410-884-RIDE or [volunteer@neighborride.org](mailto:volunteer@neighborride.org) for more info.

## Schedule

Nov 26 – Village Office closed until Monday

Dec 1 – Deadline for Dec 10 LOG newsletter

Dec 1 – Deadline for Exterior Alteration Applications for Dec 16 RAC review

Dec 2 – Resident Architectural Committee meets at Hawthorn Center at 7:30pm.

The following Exterior Alteration Applications will be reviewed at the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> RAC meeting:

6246 Sunny Spring / railing

11806 Lone Tree Court / deck

11762 Stonegate Lane / privacy fence

11206 Pear Tree Way / belly dancing classes

11955 Harmel Drive / roof

6116 Dry Leaf Path / fence