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Village Center News

The Howard County Zoning Board hearing on the Village Center Redevelopment Proposal was held on July 24. The Zoning Board was not able to get through the entire process in one evening, so the hearing will continue on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm** at the George Howard Building in Ellicott City. This will be a public hearing where testimony can be given by the general public. **If you did not attend the first night, you can still sign up to testify at the September 4 hearing.** 

Please be aware that there is a good possibility that the hearing may continue for a third night to accommodate the testimony. For information about testifying and the Rules of Procedure, please visit hickoryridgevillage.org or the county's website at <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Zoning-Land-Use/Zoning-Board> or call the Zoning Board Office at 410-313-2395.

School Supply Drive

Several county agencies and the Columbia Association have joined forces again to collect school supplies for Howard County children in need. **Drop off your donation at The Hawthorn Center now through August 16.** Items requested include backpacks, notebook paper, #2 pencils, glue sticks, colored pencils, highlighters, marble composition books, 1 subject spiral notebooks, and more. Volunteers fill the backpacks with the donated supplies, and distribute them to Howard County children. For details, visit prepareforsuccess.org. 

Join the RAC

Hickory Ridge Community Association is looking for a new member to join our Resident Architectural Committee (RAC). This volunteer committee typically meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month to review Exterior Alteration Applications. Members also conduct site visits between RAC meetings. Applicants must attend two RAC meetings and obtain a Letter of Compliance before they are appointed. For more details, please email Kristina@hickoryridgevillage.org or call the village office at 410-730-7327. 

Summer Concert

On **Wednesday, August 29, 6-8 pm**, join us at the Hickory Ridge Village Center (on Freetown Road) to celebrate the end of summer with the tropical sounds of the Chris Sacks Duo. Fun giveaways and more. FREE and fun for the whole family! Sponsored by Kimco. 

Eco-Landscaping

Learn how to create and maintain beautiful landscapes that require less mowing and few chemical inputs and that can also provide good habitat for pollinators at a FREE seminar on **Wednesday, September 16, 7-9 pm** at The Hawthorn Center. Climate-friendly landscapes not only reduce erosion and flooding, they also filter water and remove pollutants, making them increasingly important as heavy rainfall becomes more frequent in Maryland. Interest is also growing in using plants as a natural climate solution by harnessing their ability to remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it in the soil. The presenter, Dr. Sara Via, is a frequent speaker on climate change and sustainable gardening who will make the science behind the solutions interesting and entertaining. 

Block Party Grants

Summer isn't over! There is still time to enjoy the nice weather with your neighbors. Our Block Party Grant program offers qualifying parties a \$25 Giant gift card for party expenses. Limited number of grants are available. Applications available at The Hawthorn Center and on our website hickoryridgevillage.org. 

Village Yard Sales

The Hickory Ridge village-wide yard sales will take place on **Sat, September 28, 8 am-noon** at homes throughout the village. **SHOPPERS:** Look for the red ribbons on local street signs, and visit our website for a detailed map of locations. **SELLERS:** It's not too late to participate! Call or email events@hickoryridgevillage.org to register your address by noon on September 14th, and don't forget to stop by the office for your red ribbon. 

Service Dog Seminar

What is a service animal? A therapy Dog? An emotional support animal? Learn about the laws, training and public access for the animals at a FREE seminar on **Thursday, August 22, 7-8:30 pm** at The Barn (5853 Robert Oliver Place, in the Oakland Mills Village Center). RSVP is requested. To register, call 410-884-6121, visit Columbia.timebanks.org, or email communityexchange@columbiaassociation.org. 

CA BikeAbout 9/28

Join us for the 19th annual Columbia Archives BikeAbout on **Saturday, Sept 28** — a free, fun and informative tour spotlighting Columbia's history and the connectivity of its pathway system. This year, the easy six-mile route begins and ends at Long Reach Village Center. BikeAbout will begin at 9:30 am, with riders able to start up until 10 am. **Registration available soon.** For more details, email Columbia.Archives@ColumbiaAssociation.org or call 410-715-6781. 

Craft Vendors Wanted

Hickory Ridge Community Association will hold its annual Holiday Craft Shop on **Sun, November 24, from 2-5 pm** at The Hawthorn Center. This event features reasonably-priced, handmade arts and crafts. Artists and crafters are wanted. Items must be handmade by you; no reselling. For more information, call 410-730-7327 or email events@hickoryridgevillage.org. 

Summer Shutdown

The village office will be closed **Aug 19—Aug 24** for our annual summer shutdown. Please make sure to plan ahead. Scheduled rentals and church services will be held as contracted.

Shredding Event

Save the Date! On **Saturday, Oct 5, 9 am—Noon** we will be holding our shredding event at The Hawthorn Center. Hickory Ridge residents may bring up to 3 bags or boxes of paper per household for shredding. More details will be forthcoming. 

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Schedule

Aug 16: Application deadline Sept 5 Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) Meeting
Aug 19: Village Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
Aug 22: Next issue of *The Log* E-newsletter
Sept 5: RAC Meeting, 7:30 pm

Pool Days

Columbia Association’s Outdoor Pool Schedule and Program brochures are available at the village office. The summer schedule for Hickory Ridge’s pools is as follows:



- **Clary’s Forest (410-964-0805):**
Closed Mondays; Last day - Sept 3
- **Clemens Crossing (410-997-4214):**
Closed Tuesdays; Last Day - Aug 26
- **Hawthorn (410-730-0943):**
Closed Wednesdays; Last Day – Aug 12

Second Sunday Swim will be held on **August 11**. CA residents have the opportunity to visit the outdoor pools for free. Residents of CA-assessed property must have a Columbia Card. Cards can be obtained at CA’s Customer and Member Service Center (6310 Hillside Court) at no cost. Call 410-730-1801 for more details.

WAC Volunteers

Hickory Ridge Village has an active Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) to increase awareness and help educate village residents on approaches to deal with stormwater. Committee members organize educational programs, evaluate residential properties that have stormwater runoff issues, and help residents obtain soil samples.



We are looking for additional Hickory Ridge residents who are interested in joining this committee. If you’ve had one of our WAC team members assess your property for stormwater control, perhaps you’d be willing to come help us. Meetings are held monthly at The Hawthorn Center. We have lots of activities in the planning stage and are looking forward to a fun, educational, and exciting year.

If you are interested, please send a description of any interest or experience you have that would benefit the committee (gardener, writer, botanist, photographer, etc.) and what you would like to learn to manager@hickoryridgevillage.org.

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Family Picnic

Wilde Lake Community Association is sponsoring its Seventh Annual Old-Fashioned Family Picnic on **Saturday, September 14, 11 am - 3 pm** at Wilde Lake Park, off of Hyla Brook Road, Columbia. All are invited to this fun-filled event featuring FREE activities including moon bounce, children’s crafts, face painting, watermelon eating contest, live music, and more. Bring a picnic basket, blankets, chairs or buy lunch from a few food trucks. For more details visit wildelake.org or call 410-730-3987.



Just Steps Away From Home

Walk, Run, Bike or Drive to the Village Center today!

- Cafe Mezcla - 410-680-6872
- Decanter Fine Wines - 410-531-6663
- Domino's Pizza - 410-531-3636
- Freetown Animal Hospital - 410-531-8070
- Giant Food - 410-531-3752
- Grille Chick'n Pollo - 240-755-0079
- Hickory Ridge Sunoco - 410-531-9077
- Koto Katana Japanese Steakhouse - 410-531-2825
- Master Barber- 410-531-3155
- Meadow's Frozen Custard - 443-296-6100
- Peking Chef - 410-531-2828
- Pro Finish Nails - 410-531-6441
- Subway - 410-531-6400
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