

The Log Newsletter

August 4, 2022

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



Hickory Ridge Summer Break!

The Hawthorn Center will be closed the week of August 22nd for regular maintenance, repairs and cleaning of the building.



Block Party Grants Are Available!

We'll help you party with your neighbors this summer! Our Block Party Grant program offers qualifying parties a \$25 Giant gift card to help cover party expenses. A limited number of grants are available. Stop by The Hawthorn Center to submit an application and gift card. [Find the application here.](#)



Read the FY22 Annual Report!

The FY22 Annual Report is available. This report lists the accomplishments of the Village Board and staff, events and services offered to residents and the end-of-year financials. [Click here to read.](#)



Tell HoCo

Do you have concerns about a hole in a County maintained roadway, a street sign or tree between the sidewalk and the street? Did you know you can easily report non-emergency matters such as these to the County via the Tell HoCo mobile and web-based application: www.howardcountymd.gov/tell-hoco. Tell HoCo directly connects residents with the agencies responsible for fixing various municipal problems and since its launch in 2014, it has helped address more than 62, 000 issues. You may also request the replanting of a tree that has been removed between the sidewalk and the street.

Keep Wipes out of the Pipes



At the Hickory Ridge Watershed Advisory Committee, part of our mission is to inform Hickory Ridge residents about things we can all do to help to improve water quality, and today we want to talk about fatbergs.

You may have heard about a 130-ton fatberg that clogged the sewer system in London in 2017 and took 9 weeks to remove. There have also been stories in the last several years about fatbergs in New York and in Baltimore. How does that happen? And why is it a thing now?

A fatberg is a hardened mass in the sewer system caused by the accumulation over time of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from kitchen cooking plus "flushable" wet wipes and other items that do not break down in the sewer system pipes. The fatberg eventually blocks the flow of sewage. It is a problem for sewer system operators and wastewater treatment plants, and if the sewage backs up into your house, it's a problem for you.

What can we do about it? Well, first, **KEEP WIPES OUT OF THE PIPES!** Do not flush wet wipes down the toilet. Despite being called "flushable," they are not safe to put into the sewer system. They won't break down like toilet paper, and they will stick to fats, oils, and grease eventually narrowing the pipes. Second, when it comes to the toilet, remember the 3 Ps are safe to flush—pee, poop, and (toilet) paper. Don't flush anything else. Lastly, in the kitchen, do not dispose of used cooking oils down the sink. Let them cool and then save them in a sturdy, leakproof container and take the container to the Residents' Convenience Center at the Alpha Ridge Landfill for recycling or put the oil in a container that you can save in the freezer until full enough that you can dispose of it with your household trash.



Middle School Students and Teens WANTED

Columbia Association has TWO advisory committees for youth:

- Middle School Advisory Committee
- Teen Advisory Committee

Students from Hickory Ridge are encouraged to apply! After joining the committee, the Hickory Ridge Village Board would like you to report on the committee meetings and activities. **For more information on the committees, click here.**

When: Teen Advisory meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Middle School Advisory meets the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Where: Youth and Teen Center at The Barn, 5853 Robert Oliver Place in the Oakland Mills Village Center.

JOIN TODAY!

More *fun* for Howard County

Youth & teens!

Columbia Association's **Teen and Middle School advisory committees** plan, organize and host positive programs and activities.

- Develop leadership skills
- Make new friends
- Earn community service hours

Who can join: Middle and high school students in Howard County

When: Meetings held monthly

Where: Youth and Teen Center at The Barn,
5853 Robert Oliver Place in the Oakland Mills Village Center

Learn how to apply: Email CA.Teens@ColumbiaAssociation.org, call 410-992-3726 or visit the Youth and Teen Center.

These committees are not affiliated with or sponsored by the Howard County Public School System.



Prepare for Success

Now through August 20th, Howard County residents can drop off donations of new school supplies at any of the 24 partner sites across Howard County, including one inside the Hawthorn Center at 6175 Sunny Spring!

<https://www.prepareforsuccess.org/>

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

backpacks	2" 3-ring binders
3-hole lined paper	glue sticks
highlighters	#2 pencils
1 subject spiral notebooks	colored pencils
marble composition books	dividers
pocket folders	crayons
plastic pencil boxes	

DROP-OFF BOX LOCATIONS:

Howard County Libraries
Columbia Village Association Offices



Howard County Police

What is an illegal car rally? It typically involves a large crowd gathered for dangerous street racing in an underground movement to avoid police detection. If you believe an event like this is occurring, call 911 immediately.



Wilde Lake Children's Nursery is Hiring

Wilde Lake Children's Nursery, a cooperative preschool, is seeking an experienced, self-motivated, full time Lead Teacher/Director for the 2022-2023 school year! WLCN is a dynamic co-op learning environment that focuses on play-based learning, parent involvement, and small class sizes for children ages 2-4 years.

Please email president@wlcn.net for the full list of responsibilities and requirements, and to submit resumes.



Hickory Ridge Staff Spotlight Devora Wilkinson, Covenant Advisor

After retiring from a public utility as an Industrial Investigator, Devora joined the staff at the Hickory Ridge Community Association (HRCA) five years ago as a Covenant Advisor (Violations). Her experience with enforcement of environmental regulations has enabled her to transfer those skills to enforcing HRCA covenants. She is passionate about keeping the Village homeowner properties in compliance with all covenants. Devora earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. Devora's pastimes includes gardening and taking her RV out with her husband and their two Australian shepherds.



Save the Date for some upcoming fall events!

We are taking an event break for the remainder of the summer but please save the date for some of our upcoming fall events!

As always, please let Emily know via email at events@hickoryridgevillage.org if you have any questions or would like to register for any or all of these events.

August 29: Ice Cream Social-6:30-8pm

September 9: Adults-Only BBQ & Axe-Throwing-\$20/person-7-9pm

September 12: Chair Yoga, Meditation & Lunch (18+)-\$10/person-11:30-1pm

September 13: Story Time & Crafts-10am

September 24: Shredding & E-Cycling-8:30-11:30am

October 8: Flea Market-9-12pm

October 14: Adults-Only Bingo & Boos-7:30-9pm

October 27: Halloween at the Hickory Ridge Village Center-5:30-7pm

November 4: Family Bingo Night-6:30-8pm

November 18: Adults-Only Paint, Sips & Snacks \$25/person 7-9pm

November 20: Winter Artisan Market-2-5pm

The National Suicide
Prevention Line
is now 988.

What does this change mean for you?



988 is now live!

988, the new national mental health crisis helpline, officially launched on July 16. Whenever 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. No need to look for the "right" local 10-digit emergency number. Simply call or text 988 and you will get free, immediate, confidential help you need from a trained counselor.



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.



Read the Columbia Flier

If you did not receive the Columbia Flier at your home, you may read it online [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

August 8: Board Meeting, 7:30pm*

August 17: Resident Architectural Committee, 7:30pm*

No Board meeting on August 22nd

[*Zoom meeting, check website for details.](#)

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.



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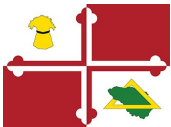
Crime Statistics Map of Howard County

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](#).



Need to Talk? Call 211, Press 1

Problems with depression? Anxiety? Thoughts of suicide? Drugs or Alcohol? Call Maryland's helpline: Call 211, press 1 or text your zip code to 898-211 (TXT-211).



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.



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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