



The Log Newsletter

November 3, 2022

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



TONIGHT--The Harriet Tubman Cultural Center staff wants to hear from YOU!

Join us at the newly opened center in Columbia and share your ideas about how the new center can best serve you.

Bring your suggestions for programming opportunities. Help us solidify building operation strategies as we continue to grow.

When:

- Thursday, November 3rd 6:30-7:30pm

WHERE:

8045 Harriet Tubman Lane Columbia, MD 21044

MORE INFO: Please contact Information: Rodney Payen, 410-313-0864 or rpayen@howardcountymd.gov



The Wilde Lake Community Association is hiring!

Are you a Howard County resident who's passionate about serving in and engaging with your community?

Wilde Lake Community Association in Columbia, Maryland is seeking an **Executive Director (Village Manager)** to manage all Village operations.

This is a fantastic opportunity to work with one of the ten Villages of Columbia, and have a direct impact in our vibrant community!

Head to this link to learn more and apply today: <https://hrstrategygroup.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a2mqsz0xw46v>



Downtown Columbia Walkability Study

Do you spend time in Downtown Columbia?

The Downtown Columbia Partnership (DTC) launched a project to

assess walkability in Downtown Columbia and they want to hear from you.

DTC has created a short survey and interactive map for you to help inform the project team of existing issues and concerns as they prepare for a series of on-site evaluations of existing pedestrian conditions.

Your feedback will help the project team identify walking routes for our on-site visits and refine a set of short-term and long-term recommendations for improving pedestrian comfort and safety in the area.

https://tooledesign.github.io/Downtown_Columbia/



Stoplight at HCC Entrance at Campus Drive and Hickory Ridge Road

The stoplight at this intersection is being installed. Be alert for traffic changes in the area. The stoplight should be active in the next couple of weeks.



CA Rain Gardens are Back!!

Does your residential property have water problems during and immediately after a rain storm, water seeping into your basement, streams of water across your lawn, soggy soil for days after the storm, plants getting so waterlogged that they die?

If so, please contact The Hickory Ridge Community Association at events@hickoryridgevillage.org and the staff will put you in touch with the village's Watershed Advisory Committee. One or more members of the committee will assess your yard's situation and provide advice on how to deal with the water.

The advice tends to be on no/low cost solutions, one of which might be a CA rain garden. CA rain gardens can capture a lot of water allowing it to infiltrate into your lawn, while feeding a lovely garden and a grant from the state pays 75% of the cost while a professional gardening team digs, fills and plants the garden for you!



Make Thanksgiving Centerpieces with the Longfellow Garden Club of Howard County

**Thursday, November 10th
12pm
The Hawthorn Center**

Instruction and supplies will be provided to make arrangements for the upcoming Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the Howard County Office on Aging & Independence. Feel free to bring a sandwich and clippers. Refreshments will be provided. FREE to attend. Please contact Ms. Margaret at 443-803-4850 to register for the event.



Join the Hickory Ridge Watershed Advisory Committee!

Would you like to make an impact in the Village? Are you interested in issues like runoff management and invasive plant species? Join the Watershed Advisory Committee! This group organizes various clean-up and Weed Warrior events in the Village. They educate residents about watershed issues and advocate for watershed issues in the Village that need attention. Contact Deborah Wessner at 410-340-7757 or dwessner@yahoo.com using "WAC" in the title line.



Stock the Fridge for Hickory Ridge: Family Bingo

Friday, November 4th
6:30-8pm
The Hawthorn Center

Come join the Hickory Ridge Community Association for a fun night of Family Bingo! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to share some laughs and a little bit of friendly competition trying to win great prizes.

For \$5 play one card per game of BINGO. Bring three, non-perishable food items for a complimentary 10-game pack to play more cards. Food donations will support Grassroots Crisis Intervention Services. Tickets are \$5 for 10 games of BINGO, option to purchase more cards will be available at the door or bring at least three, non-perishable food items for one more game pack.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact events@hckoryridgevillage.org to reserve your seat!



Story Time with a Fall Flair

Tuesday, November 15th
10am
Inside The Hawthorn Center

Attendees will enjoy crafts, stories, apples and cider! Please register by calling 410-730-7327 or emailing events@hickoryridgevillage.org.



Winter Artisan Market

Sunday, November 20th
2-5pm
The Hawthorn Center

Stop by The Hawthorn Center for our wonderful winter artisan market with great gift items for everyone on your list! Featuring 20 amazing artisans selling all handmade items! Come take a look, buy a few things and enjoy a beautiful afternoon. FREE to attend and all are welcome!

Wine Tasting hosted by the Wine Collective

Friday, December 9th



7-9pm The Hawthorn Center

Grab your friends (21 years and over) and enjoy a night sampling a variety of delicious wines. Tickets are \$20 and pre-registration is required, 6 wine tastings and lite bites will be provided. Space is limited so please register soon by calling 410-730-7327 or emailing events@hickoryridgevillage.org.



Story Time with Gingerbread

Monday, December 12th
10am
Inside The Hawthorn Center

Attendees will enjoy crafts, stories and gingerbread treats! Please register by calling 410-730-7327 or emailing events@hickoryridgevillage.org.



Election Committee Volunteers Needed

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 the Village with its 2022 Election. Volunteers will make recommendations to the Board, help plan and moderate Candidate's Night (Tuesday, April 4, 2023, tentatively), check in voters or help with the vote count on Election Day on April 22, 2023 and ensure that the Election Rules and Procedures are followed. The Chair of the Committee will be selected by the Committee members.

To join the Election Committee, you must:

- Be a member of the Hickory Ridge Community Association, which means you must own or rent a property in the Village.
- Be able to contribute about 10 hours of your time for several meetings, Candidates Night and Election Day.
- Fill out the Volunteer Application Form and return it to the Village Manager.

All Committee tasks will be done with Village staff support and training. If you are willing to lend a hand, please fill out the [Committee Volunteer form](#) and email it to manager@hickoryridgevillage.org. Questions? Contact the Village Manager at manager@hickoryridgevillage.org or 410-730-7327.

The time commitment is minimal, and you will contribute to the success of the Hickory Ridge Community Association!



Fall Leaves Quick Tip!

Cleaning up autumn leaves doesn't have to be a big chore. Turn that mound of leaves into beneficial mulch and feel good about doing your part to turn waste into a usable product that nurtures your garden and keeps nutrients out of our lakes and streams.

- Start by raking the leaves out of your shrub or flowerbeds. The object is to get all of the leaves onto a grassy or otherwise flat surface.

- Use the lawn mower to chop the leaves into smaller pieces.
- Gather up the leaf mulch and apply to your flower and shrub beds, natural areas or vegetable garden. The mulch can be applied several times over the season but you shouldn't let the depth exceed four inches at any one time
- **Columbia Association: Mow(Yes, Mow) Your Leaves!**
Mulching leaves is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

TREE PLANTING PROJECT!

Volunteers Needed



The village of Owen Brown is hosting a native tree planting event on **Saturday, November 5th** from **10am to noon**. The event will take place at **Homespun Pond** on Homespun Drive, with street parking available along Homespun Drive. It is across the street from 9270 Homespun Drive.

Columbia Association (CA) and the village of Owen Brown will provide trees, shovels, gloves and any other necessary supplies. All ages and experience levels are welcome, but registration is limited! Please sign up at this link:

<https://bit.ly/homespun-planting>

Thanks for your help in keeping Columbia green.

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!

November 4: Family Bingo Night, 630-8pm
November 14: Board Meeting, 7:30pm*
November 15: Fall Story Time, 10am
November 16: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*
November 18: Paint n' Sip, Sold Out. 7-9:30pm
November 20: Winter Artisan Market, 2-5pm

[*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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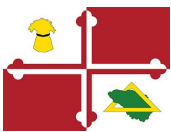
Crime Statistics Map of Howard County

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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 - CA Board Representative**
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Village Staff

Laura Mayton, Village Manager
Tania Tavares, Covenant Advisor
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CA Soil testing drop-off site
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