



# The Log

## January 19, 2023

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

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### HoCo By Design Public Draft Release

HoCo By Design, Howard County's General Plan zoning update, is now available to the public!

Read about the Plan's long-term vision for how Howard County will develop and grow as it adjusts to evolving economic, environmental, and social conditions over the next 20 years.

Then share your feedback in the [Comment Form](#) by January 31, 2023! For more information, go to the [HoCo By Design web site](#).

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### Curbside Yard Trim Collection Ends

Curbside yard trim collection ends on Friday, January 20 except in the **Feed The Green Bin** Food Scrap areas where collections continue year round. After January 20, yard trim can be taken to the **Wood Waste Area at Alpha Ridge Landfill**.

Curbside yard trim collections will resume Monday, April 3.

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### Stay Social

For up-to-date information about what's happening in and around the Hickory Ridge community, please like us on Facebook at 'Hickory Ridge Community Association' or @HickoryRidgeVil on Twitter.

We enjoy sharing local events around town, as well as information about our Village. It's a great way to get useful information in a quick and convenient manner.

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### Family Bingo Night

Friday, January 27th  
6-8pm  
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 to win great prizes.

Tickets are \$5 for 10 games of BINGO, option to purchase more cards will be available at the door. Pre-registration is required. Please contact [events@hckoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hckoryridgevillage.org) to reserve your seat!



Applications are now being accepted for Howard County's PlanHoward Academy!

### What is PlanHoward Academy?

A 5-week course that educates residents on land use plans, policies, and procedures that help shape and grow our County. At the Academy, residents can:

- Build relationships with planning staff and other participants
- Be better informed about the County's planning efforts including the general plan update, HoCo by Design
- Learn about the land development process, including growth management policies, the role of the general plan, development review, zoning and more
- Share their knowledge with neighbors
- Learn how to access information through DPZ's interactive map and use web-based tools

### When and where does it take place?

Tuesdays in 2023: **April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, and May 16** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044

### Who can apply?

Howard County residents with an interest in planning and improving their community's future are encouraged to apply. A cohort of up to 35 residents will be selected from the pool of applicants.

### How do I apply?

Visit [HowardCountyMD.gov/PlanningAcademy](http://HowardCountyMD.gov/PlanningAcademy) and click on the online application. Applications are also available at the Department of Planning & Zoning's first floor service counter in the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The application deadline is Sunday, February 26 at 11:59 pm.



## The Columbia Association (CA) is looking for lifeguards and pool managers

CA team members enjoy flexible hours, a fun work environment, competitive pay (starting at \$15 an hour) and a free CA Fit & Play

membership — including pools, gyms and so much more!

Have what it takes to be a Columbia life saver, but have questions? Join us at your local neighborhood center for free pizza, information on how to join CA's Aquatics team and to have your questions answered.

- **TONIGHT!** 1/19/23 - Wilde Lake Community Association (Slayton House) @ 6pm
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## Scoop That Poop!

Let's talk about Poop! Dog poop! Why bother picking up that smelly gooey mess? Although unpleasant, there are awesome reasons for picking up your dog's digested meals!

An estimated 1.3 million dogs live in Maryland! Scooping up your dog's poop is important to assure harmful nutrients, bacteria, and sometimes parasites don't contaminate local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. The EPA has deemed dog waste, which accounts for 24% of the bacteria found in our Maryland waterways, to be as toxic as oil spills because of the effect it has on our waterways.

You can help keep our local area and state clean by picking up after your dog on walks and in your yard. If you spot dog waste along Columbia Association pathways, take a second to scoop the poop!

- DO use a biodegradable bag and put it in the trash cans located along the pathways or in your own, or flush the poop (not the bag!) down your toilet.
- DO use biodegradable bags since they take only a couple of months to break down, versus a plastic bag which can take a thousand years. Biodegradable bags are non-toxic and require less fossil fuel to produce, therefore having a positive impact on reducing the global climate crisis.
- DO NOT throw out the dog waste in the compost bin, but rather in the regular trash. Parasites such as roundworm, hookworm, and possibly tape worms, and the bacteria that can be found in dog poop need high heat for a sustained time to be killed off and county composting systems do not get hot enough.

Scooping the poop is an easy action everyone can do to keep our land and waterways clean and healthy!

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## Report Non-Emergency Issues Online

Report water main breaks, broken street signs, and more on Howard County's mobile app and website Tell HoCo. Residents can report non-emergency issues which the county will assign to the responsible department. Download the TellHoCoApp on your mobile phone or visit [howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo](http://howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo).

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## Snow Shoveling

When it snows, per Howard County code, residents are responsible for clearing all sidewalks that abut their property within 48 hours after the snow has fallen. If you'd like to report a violation of this code, you may call the Howard County Police non-emergency number at 410-313-2200. If you would like your name added to our snow shoveler list, please call



## Letter of Compliance

If you are putting your house on the market this spring, 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.

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## 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](#)**

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## Read the Columbia Flier

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

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## SAVE THE DATE!

**January 23:** Board Meeting, 7:30pm\*

**January 24:** Election Committee meeting, 7:00pm\*

**February 1st:** RAC Meeting, 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?

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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](#).

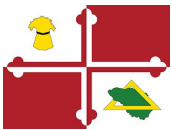
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## Need to Talk? Call 211, Press 1

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).

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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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