



The Log

February 16, 2023

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



Run for the Village Board or the Columbia Association Board!

Hickory Ridge needs energetic residents to run for the Village Board and Hickory Ridge's Columbia Association Board seat.

The Village Election this year will be Saturday, April 22nd, 9am-12pm. Anyone interested in running for the Village Board or the Columbia Association Board must be a member of the Association (own or rent a property in the Village) and complete a candidate statement and other forms.

The Village Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. The Columbia Association Board meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

[Candidate information is available on the website](#) and must be submitted by **5pm on Monday, March 13th**. Questions? Please call Laura Mayton at 410-730-7327 or email manager@hickoryridgevillage.org.



Interested in running for CA's Board of Directors?

Every year, Columbia Association hosts an information session for anyone looking to learn more about the organization's Board of Directors. You're invited to take part in this free event, taking place **tonight** at 5pm on Thursday, February 16 via Zoom webinar. The session is open to anyone looking to learn more about the Board and the election process.

[Click here for more information and registration details.](#)



Report from Brian England, the Hickory Ridge Representative on CA's Board of Directors

To read Brian England's report on recent issues addressed by the CA Board, visit the [Hickory Ridge website here.](#)



Stay Social

For up-to-date information about what's happening in and around the Hickory Ridge community, please like us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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.



We Need Your Questions for Candidates!

This year, there will be **TWO** Candidate Forums where Hickory Ridge residents can get to know the candidates for the Village Board and Hickory Ridge Representative to the CA Board of Directors.

The first Forum is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00pm**, and it will be a scripted, virtual Forum. If you have questions you would like the candidates to answer, please email your questions to Laura at manager@hickoryridgevillage.org. The deadline to submit these questions is March 17th.

The second Forum is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00pm**, and it will be in-person at The Hawthorn Center. Residents may sign up when they arrive in order ask candidates extemporaneous questions during the forum. As many resident questions as possible will be allowed within the allotted time period. Masks are strongly recommended.



Hickory Ridge Welcomes PFC Jared Dean

Please welcome PFC Jared Dean, Hickory Ridge's Community Officer. Community Outreach and Pathway Section (COPS) officers are embedded in specific communities, developing relationships with the neighborhood residents, businesses, and faith organizations, and addressing neighborhood concerns. These officers are a great resource for community issues and can often help guide residents to a resolution. Here's a list of [FAQs related to community issues](#).

If you'd like to set up a meeting to talk in person, please contact PFC Jared Dean at jdean@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-3200.

Always call 911 in an emergency; non-emergency police-fire-EMS, call 410-313-2200.



It's About Time for Spring Cleaning!

Spring cleaning time is fast approaching! Take a walk around the outside of your home and check for discoloration, peeling paint, drooping gutters and other maintenance issues that can cause long-term problems for your home. It's easier to see the exterior when the foliage has not yet emerged.

Keep your home well maintained and Hickory Ridge will be beautiful!



Columbia Art Center offers art classes in the Village of Long Reach and is dedicated to providing artistic experiences in the visual arts for all ages and interest levels! They offer everything from one-day workshops to 8-week long classes.

Stop by the Art Center to take a class in painting, drawing, fused and stained glass, ceramics, and so much more! The Columbia Art Center also offers rotating gallery exhibitions, a gallery gift shop, and summer art camp for children!

Visit ColumbiaArtCenter.org for more information on classes and events!

Email Art.Staff@ColumbiaAssociation.org or call 410-730-0075 for any questions.



Paint n' Sip: SOLD OUT!

Friday, March 10th
7-9:30pm
The Hawthorn Center

Join us for an evening of painting, desserts & drinks! An artist from Pinot's Palette will walk you through the steps to create your own Blossom Moon River masterpiece.

All supplies are provided and no artistic skills required. All are welcome, you do not need to be a resident of the Village of Hickory Ridge to attend but you must be 21 or older.

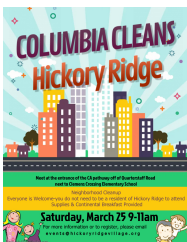
Keep your eye on the newsletter for other upcoming events!



Story Time: St. Patrick's Day Theme: FULL

Saturday, March 11th & Monday, March 13th
10am
The Hawthorn Center

Attendees will enjoy crafts, stories and St. Patrick's treats! Join us for our next story time to be advertised in an upcoming newsletter.



Columbia Cleans Hickory Ridge

Saturday, March 25th
9-11am

Help clean up CA Open Space in the Clemens Crossing neighborhood. We all have a responsibility for keeping our precious natural areas litter-free. Hickory Ridge is proud to support Columbia Cleans Day, a long-standing tradition that gives everyone the opportunity to help the environment in their own backyard.

Everyone is welcome (individuals, families and groups) but registration is strongly recommended. Supplies & Continental Breakfast provided!

For more information or to register, please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org with the number of people in your party.

Please register by Thursday, March 16th.



Hickory Ridge Community Celebration

Friday, April 21st

5:30-7:30pm

The Hawthorn Center Parking Lot

Please join The Hickory Ridge Community Association staff on Friday, April 21st from 5:30-7:30pm outside in the parking lot of The Hawthorn Center for a night of fun, food, music and yard games!

Live music by [SlickHampton](#) and food for purchase by Antojitos Express and Aj's Shaved Ice.

Hickory Ridge residents, please bring your absentee ballot for a free small shaved ice on us!



Save the Date

Flea Market

May 6th 9-12pm

The Hawthorn Parking Lot

Interested in selling? Please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org to reserve a parking spot or two for \$5/each! You must provide your own table. Everyone is welcome!



Save the Date

Hickory Ridge Family Pool Party

June 24th 6:30-8:30pm

The Hawthorn Pool

Registration opens on May 8th!! This event is FREE and open to Hickory Ridge residents only.



Cub Scout Pack 720 is Recruiting!

Fun with a purpose. Camping, fishing, hiking, and life skills. Adventure awaits your son and/or daughter at Cub Scout Pack 720! K-5th grade. Serves Swansfield and Running Brook students. Come to a meeting to check us out. Contact Cubmaster Josh White at jmwhite0610@gmail.com to find out more!



Columbia Association is Hiring!

Columbia Association is still looking for new lifeguards and pool managers for the 2023 summer season. CA team members enjoy a fun work environment, flexible hours, competitive pay (starting at \$15/hour)

and a free CA Fit&Play membership - including pools, gyms and so much more!

For more information, including upcoming water test dates and locations, please visit ColumbiaAssociation.org/lifeguards.



Restaurant Day



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- Interest rate shall not exceed 2%
- Maximum term is 30 years



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Funding availability based on annual budget allocation.
 Contact Taylor Shelton for details at
tshelton@howardcountymd.gov or (410) 313-6333



Community Action Council of Howard County

The mission of the Community Action Council is to diminish poverty and enable self-sufficiency for all Howard County Individuals, families and children in need. To better serve the local community and improve ease of accessibility, the Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC) will have community service workers stationed at the following locations during the following extended times:

Howard County Food Bank
 Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
 Thursdays, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Laurel MultiService Center*
 Wednesdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

*The Laurel MultiService Center is included along the Purple Bus route. To learn more about CAC's programs or to apply for assistance, visit



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

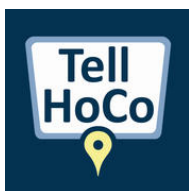
Who can apply?

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 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.



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.



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. Questions? Email applications@hickoryridgevillage.org.



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.

For a complete schedule of RAC meetings and submission deadlines, click [here](#)



Read the Columbia Flier

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

SAVE THE DATE!

February 15: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*
February 16: WAC Meeting, 7pm *
February 27: Board Meeting, 7:30pm*
March 1: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

[*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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Open Space Questions or Concerns?

If you have questions or concerns about Columbia Association Open Space areas, contact CA Open Space directly by calling 410-312-6330 or by emailing Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org.



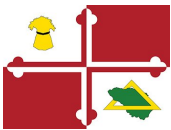
Crime Statistics Map of Howard County

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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