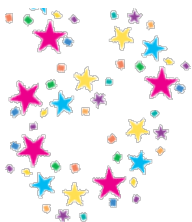


The Log

January 4, 2024

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



Farewell, Bill!

Our dedicated and hard-working Facility Coordinator, Bill Liang has retired.

Bill worked over 15 years with The Columbia Association and prior to that, he worked at Bell Atlantic but retired in 2006 to explore new opportunities. Bill loves hot fudge sundaes, a great steak and spending time with his wife and grandkids.

For facility rental inquiries, please contact Heather Havranek at



Columbia Association Strategic Planning Public Survey

Columbia Association's (CA) strategic vision is to create and support solutions to meet the evolving needs of a dynamic and inclusive community. Every five years, CA's Board of Directors is charged with updating the organization's strategic plan. This plan is meant to define the organization's mission and vision and to identify high-level priorities, goals, and objectives for CA moving forward. This public survey has been developed to gather input from residents regarding the future strategic priorities of CA.

This survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. The survey will be open to the public through January 8, 2024.

Click [here](#) to take the survey.



Hickory Ridge Community Engagement Committee

Hickory Ridge Village Residents!

We are in search of excited and interested volunteers from across our three neighborhoods (Clary's Forest, Clemens Crossing, Hawthorn) to participate in a community engagement committee focused on connecting and engaging our Village residents.

Mission of the committee: to connect residents across the Village's neighborhoods by creating links that will increase communication in the Village.

Committee goals:

- Generate ideas for engaging residents in our Village.
- Identify people willing and interested in informing residents of their HOAs, apartment complexes or streets about Village activities.

Time commitment: 1-2 hours per month for meetings.

Interested? Please contact Laura Mayton at 410-730-7327 or manager@hickoryridgevillage.org for more information.



Election Committee 2024

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 with the 2024 Annual Meeting/Election Day process. Volunteers will make recommendations to the Board, help plan and moderate Candidate Nights, check in voters or help with the vote count at the Annual Meeting/Election Day on April 20, 2024 and ensure that the Election Rules and Procedures are followed.

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 15 hours of your time for several meetings, Candidates Night and Election Day.

- Complete the Committee Volunteer form and return it to manager@hickoryridgevillage.org.

The Committee Volunteer form is on the website.



Skye Anderson, CA Rep Office Hours

Skye Anderson, the Columbia Association Representative, has instituted SOHO (Skye's Office Hours Outside). SOHO is the time for Hickory Ridge residents to discuss Columbia Association concerns and praise with Skye, one on one.

- Friday, January 12th from 5-6pm at Mad City Coffee with Jeremy Dommu, Vice Chair of The Hickory Ridge Village Board
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The Longfellow Garden Club

Thursday, January 11th
12pm
The Hawthorn Center

The Longfellow Garden Club invites seasoned vegetable gardeners and those looking to become vegetable gardeners to their next program, Growing a Spring and Summer Vegetable Garden. Mr. Kent Phillips, a Howard County Master Gardener, will be the featured speaker. He will present how to prepare and maintain healthy soil for large, small or raised garden plots and ideas for planting continuous harvests, increasing yield, proper fertilization and managing insect pests. Bring your vegetable gardening questions to this free program. Refreshments provided but please bring a bag lunch.

Webinar: Winter Removal of Invasive Vines

Hosted by KC CARES

Co-sponsored by village CARES & environmental groups throughout Columbia.

Presenters: Weed Warrior instructors John McCoy, CA Watershed Manager, Bob Marietta, HCC Environmental Health & Safety Supervisor, & Eric Walker, CA Conservation Landscape Specialist

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Zoom link:

Meeting ID 864 1682 3969

Passcode: 140443

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86416823969?pwd=UTEzVlovOHpBNiVlOXowZVIHRFU1Q0T09>



We have all seen trees in our neighborhoods being smothered in English ivy or strangled by large vines. Winter is the easiest time to remove invasive ivy and other vines because most of the surrounding foliage has died back, leaving these vines exposed.

In this interactive webinar with professionals in sustainable landscape management, you will learn to identify common invasive (and native!) vines and plants by their winter appearance, as well as how to effectively remove the invasive ones.

In the weeks after the webinar, there will be opportunities to join small groups of Weed Warriors in invasive vine removal in villages throughout Columbia. Please join us to help save our mature trees and increase the health and vitality of our neighborhoods!



Public Opinion Survey for Howard County Solid Waste Management Plan

Howard County is in the process of updating its 10 year Solid Waste Management Plan as required by the State of Maryland. The County's Solid Waste Management Plan is an important planning tool that helps facilitate the sustainable management of solid waste and recycling activities, goals, and infrastructure to protect public health and the environment for the next 10 years. Your input is greatly needed to assist with its development.

Please take a few minutes to complete the [survey](#).



THE HICKORY RIDGE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

OUT OF THIS WORLD
SPACE STORY TIME

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 &
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1
9:30AM

THE HAWTHORN CENTER
6175 SUNNY SPRING

* Stories, crafts and snacks!

*Free to attend & all are welcome but please RSVP

*Please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org
to register or ask questions!

The Hickory Ridge Community Association
invites teams of 2 (18+) to

Puzzle and Snacks

Friday, February 2nd, 6:30-9pm

The Hawthorn Center (6175 Sunny Spring)

\$20/team

Challenge your skills with a 500 piece puzzle. Teams will receive the same puzzle and will be given 2 hours to complete it. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams!

Snacks and drinks will be provided at the conclusion of the competition. Doors open at 6pm, the competition will start at 6:30 sharp!

RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org

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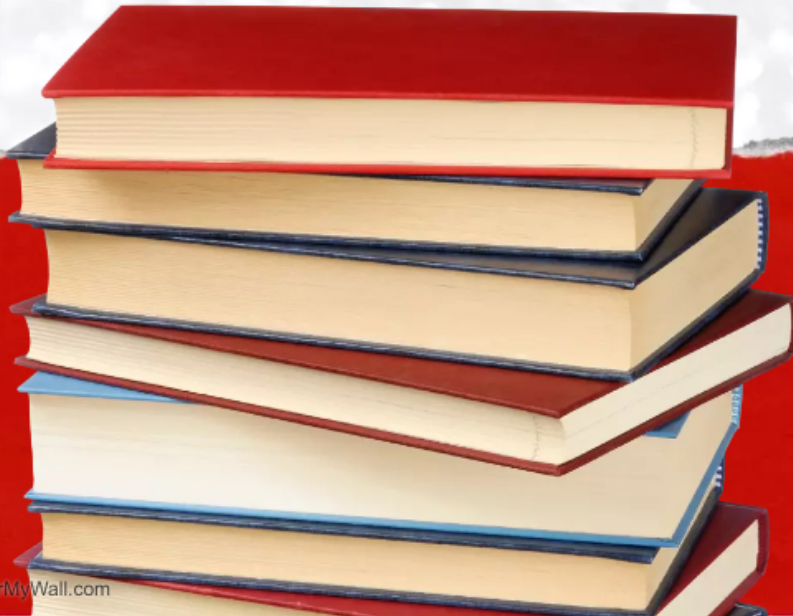
Book Swap

Do you want an excuse to do some low-pressure mingling and make some new bookish friends?

Bring up to 3 books with you to swap with others.

**Saturday, February 3rd at 9am
The Hawthorn Center**

**FREE to attend and everyone is
welcome! Please RSVP to
events@hickoryridgevillage.org**



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Merry Mulch

Recycle Your Holiday Tree

December 26 - January 20

Help keep thousands of trees out of the landfill.

Live trees are taken to our composting facility at Alpha Ridge Landfill to be recycled into compost and mulch. Artificial trees with metal components can be recycled in the scrap metal area at Alpha Ridge Landfill.

Tree Collection Tips

For County Residents with Yard Trim Collection.

If you are not sure if you receive yard trim service, call 410-313-6444

- ❖ Set your tree out the night before.
(Trees are picked up by the yard trim truck, as early as 6 a.m. or as late as 5 p.m.)
- ❖ Remove all tinsel, garland, ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, etc.
- ❖ Trees must be cut into less than 4 foot lengths and tied. Bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.

Missed the Merry Mulch Drop-Off?

You can still recycle your tree at the Alpha Ridge Wood Waste Area Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(No plastic bags)

Tree Drop-off Sites

Look for Merry Mulch signs at the following drop-off sites.

Remove all tinsel, garland, ornaments, lights, tree stands, plastic bags, etc.

Clarksville

Kendall Hardware (12260 Rt. 108)

Columbia

Cedar Lane Park (5081 Cedar Lane)

Elkridge

Rockburn Park (5400 Landing Road)

Ellicott City

Clarks Ace Hardware
(10325 Baltimore National Pike)

Old Circuit Court upper parking
Court House Drive (just past Ellicott Mills Drive, on the right)

Highland

Schooley Mill Park (12975 Hall Shop Road)

Marriottsville

Alpha Ridge Landfill Wood Waste Area
(2350 Marriottsville Road)

Savage

Savage Park (8400 Fair Street)

Woodbine

Western Regional Park (14800 Carrs Mill Road)



BABYSITTER

Babysitters in Hickory Ridge

If you live in Hickory Ridge, you babysit and would like to be included in the babysitter list in the next edition of The Log, please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org.

Please note that the list below are individuals with experience and interest in babysitting but are not vetted by this office.

Babysitter List

- Gloribeth "Glory" Gancedo: 305-224-2095
- Kailyn Shaw: kailynshaw@yahoo.com
- Zandi Jera: sunsetjera@yahoo.com
- Shamiso Dzvairo: sunsetjera@yahoo.com
- Neely Jackson: neelydenisej@gmail.com
- Kristen Bowman: kkbowman85@gmail.com
- Brynn & Brooke Howes: 410-952-6861

- Jos Dumont: jos.pierre.dumont@gmail.com
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- Christine Chen: NH8ChristineS@gmail.com
- Carolina Stiefel 443-467-5811



Free dog walking services to seniors available in Hickory Ridge

Offering free dog walking services to seniors with limited mobility. If you are having a difficult time giving your dog the exercise he/she deserves, please email Freedogwalkingservice@gmail.com. Teens from local high schools will walk your dog for free after school and on the weekends. For now, we are only accepting dogs under 35 pounds who live in the Hickory Ridge and Clemens Crossing communities.



Interested in being a 2024 Lifeguard?

It's cold outside, but CA's already thinking about summer! All lifeguard candidates for the 2024 season, whether new or experienced, need to complete our Water Screening test as part of their certification.

To help prepare applicants, Columbia Association is offering three Water Screening Walk-throughs at the Columbia Swim Center between November and January.

What is the Water Screening Test?

Water Screening includes:

- an untimed 200-yard swim (8 lengths),
- retrieval of a 10 lb. brick from the diving well (approximately 11 feet), and
- a two-minute water tread with hands out of the water.

Get Practice & Help From Instructors

These events will allow those interested in becoming a lifeguard to practice the test and meet with our certified instructors for tips and skill tutorials.

- Session 3 – Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Sessions start promptly at 6:00 pm and run until 7:00 pm.

To register or for more information, please contact the Aquatics Office at 410-312-6332 or email Aquatics@ColumbiaAssociation.org



Cub Scout Pack 720

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. Contact Cubmaster Josh White at jmwhite0610@gmail.com to find out more!



Housing Repair Program

Who is eligible?

- You must be a Howard County homeowner
- Own and occupy the home as your principal residence
- Can be single family, townhouse or condo
- All mortgage, property taxes, HOA/condo fees, and hazard insurance payments must be current

Loan Terms

- Maximum loan amount is \$40,000
- Interest rate shall not exceed 2%
- Maximum term is 30 years



Department of Housing & Community Development — To apply visit <https://bit.ly/3gqNF58> and complete the Pre-Application. Full program guidelines and income eligibility requirements can also be found on our website.



Funding availability based on annual budget allocation.

Contact Taylor Shelton for details at

tshelton@howardcountymd.gov or (410) 313-6333

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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 <https://cac-hc.org/get-help/>



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.



Letter of Compliance

If you are putting your house on the market, 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



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](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

January 8: Board meeting at 7:30pm

January 9: Election Committee meeting at 6:00pm*

January 17: RAC meeting at 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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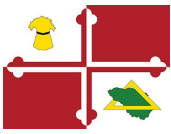
Open Space Questions or Concerns?

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.](#)



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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