



The Log

February 15, 2024

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

ELECTIONS

Run for the Hickory Ridge Village Board or the Columbia Association Council!

The [Hickory Ridge Village Board](#) has five members and they are elected every year. Attend a Board meeting and see what the Board does! Consider running for the Village Board. Being a candidate does not cost anything and the Village provides election materials for candidates. [Information about running for the Board is here.](#)

Hickory Ridge elects a member of the Columbia Association Council. For more information about the [Columbia Association Council, go here.](#) If you would like to run for the CA Council, fill out the Hickory Ridge candidate packet.

All candidate packets must be turned in to the Village Office or arrive in the Village Manager's email no later than 5:00pm on Monday, March 11, 2024.



Did You Know That...

The Hickory Ridge Village Board members can be reached via email. If you have a concern, email board@hrvboard.org and you will reach all of the Board members! Another option is to attend a Board meeting on the second or fourth Monday of the month. Go to the [Board meeting page](#) on the website for more information you will find meeting agendas, minutes and other information.



Election Committee 2024

Hickory Ridge needs volunteers on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**, for the Annual Meeting/Election Day to check in voters, tally votes and other tasks. Shifts are about 90 minutes long and we provide breakfast, lunch and other refreshments to volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Annual Meeting/Election Day events, go to the [Volunteer Sign-up sheet.](#)



The Hickory Ridge Community Association Annual Meeting/Election

The Hickory Ridge Community Association Annual Meeting/Election begins on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 9:00 am with the collecting of votes. Vote collection ends at 12:00pm, at which time the Village Board will meet.

If the number of votes cast in this election are insufficient to constitute a quorum or if there is a tie in the race for a Village Board seat or the Columbia Council seat, a second election will be called in accordance with Section 11B-111(6)(i) of the Maryland Homeowners Association Act and Section 1.05 of the Association's By-Laws. If required, a second election will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Interested in running for the Village Board or Columbia Council? Check out the information on the [Hickory Ridge Village Board page](#) or [Columbia Association's information page](#).

Not sure which Village you are in? Check out Columbia Association's [Columbia Votes page](#) for more information!



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. Skye is at Mad City Coffee at the corner of Hickory Ridge Road and Cedar Lane on Fridays, 5:00 - 6:00pm.



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](#).



Celebrating Black History Month

Black History Month is a special time to commemorate and honor the contributions of the Black community. Here are some ways to celebrate:

[Howard County Library System](#) Black History Month series: From book club discussions to recipe exchanges, HCLS is hosting activities all month long to share and celebrate the stories of countless African-Americans who made a difference in our world.

Beyond the Blues Visual Arts Exhibit: From February 8 to March 2, Columbia Art Center will feature the work of 65 local artists inspired by African-American culture.

2nd Annual Black History Fest: The Harriet Tubman Cultural Center is hosting a free celebratory community event with fun activities, performances and exhibits on Saturday, February 24.



The Biology of Bears

Thursday, February 22nd at 7pm

**The Howard County Conservancy, Mt. Pleasant Location
10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD**

Join Howard County Conservancy and Maryland's Black Bear Biologist, Jonathan Trudeau, as he shares information on the history of bears in Maryland, how the population is managed, and what to do if you encounter a bear. \$5 per person // [REGISTER HERE!](#)



Forest Bathing

Saturday, March 2nd at 11am

**The Howard County Conservancy, Mt. Pleasant Location
10520 Old Frederick Road, Woodstock, MD**

FREE to Attend

Step into the world of healing at our forest bathing information session. The ancient Japanese practice of forest bathing has been shown to offer better sleep, stress relief and an immune system boost. We'll have a forest bathing presentation, some activities and question and answer time. If you have any questions, please email programs@howardnature.org. Teens welcome!

Regenerative Landscapes

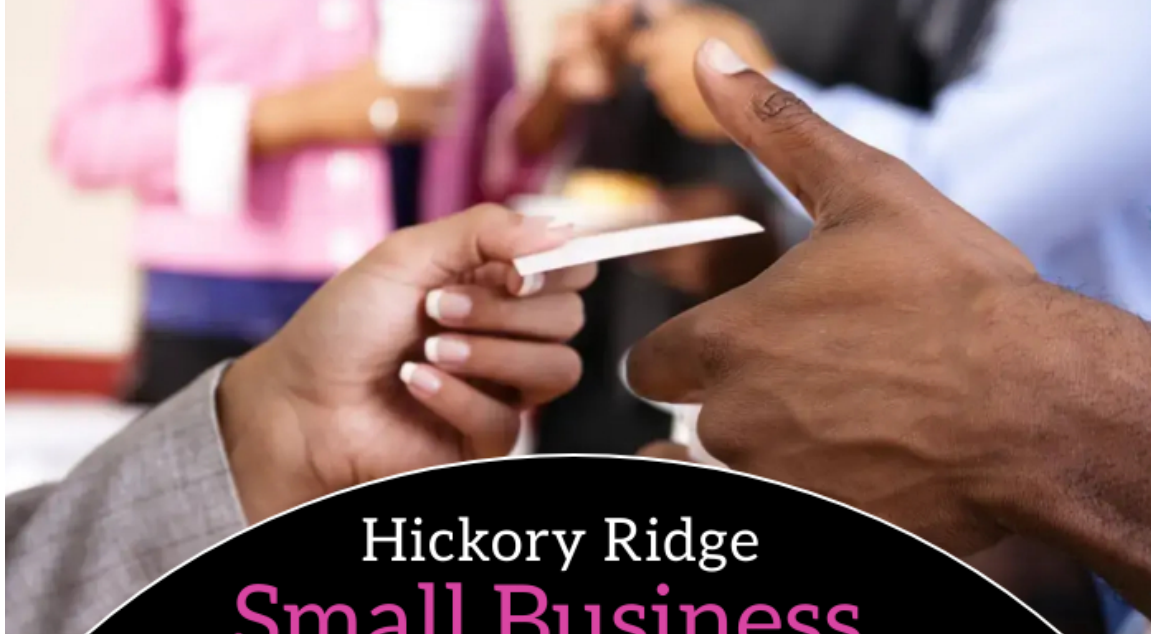
Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm

Zoom Discussion

FREE to Attend

Please join Dr. Sara Via, Professor & Climate Extension Specialist from The University of Maryland and members of the Watershed Advisory Committee to learn about climate sensitive alternatives to lawns! Please RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org

**Hickory Ridge small business owners and small business owners
who live in Hickory Ridge this event is for you!**



Hickory Ridge
Small Business
Networking Event

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Wednesday, February 28th at 9am

The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring

FREE to attend and continental breakfast
will be provided.

Hickory Ridge Village residents only

Please RSVP no later than Friday, February
23rd to events@hickoryridgevillage.org

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The Hickory Ridge Community Association

PRESENTS

RAINBOW STORY TIME

March 11th & March 12th at 9:30AM



The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring

Stories, Crafts & Snacks!
FREE to attend & all are welcome but
please RSVP to
events@hickoryridgevillage.org

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PAINT & SIP PARTY



FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH
7-9:30PM
(DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:30)
HAWTHORN CENTER
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Tickets are \$35-1st come, 1st serve as seating is limited.

**Painting will be of The Wishing Tree
(picture is top left of this flier)

Price Includes:

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All are welcome but must be 21 and over

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to pay & reserve your seat!

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LET'S GET WILD

Join The Hickory Ridge Community Association for

JUNGLE ANIMAL STORY TIME

April 8th & 9th at 9:30am

Treats, Stories & Crafts! FREE to attend and all are welcome!

**THE HAWTHORN CENTER
6175 SUNNY SPRING**

RSVP is Required

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For more information and to register, please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org

Neighborhood Cleanup --Everyone is Welcome
Supplies & Continental Breakfast Provided
Service Hours Available

Saturday, April 13 from 9:30-11am

Meet in Hawthorn Center Parking Lot



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
 - Sofia Blöse 410-707-0332
 - Christine Chen: NH8ChristineS@gmail.com
 - Carolina Stiefel: 443-467-5811
 - Sydney Daniel: danielsydney75@gmail.com
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Snow Shovelers in Hickory Ridge

If you live in Hickory Ridge and would like to be included in the snow shoveling list in the next e-issue of The Log, please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org. It's a great way to make some money and help out members of your community!

Snow Shovelers List:

- Dainelle Jones at 202-439-9671
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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.



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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Call whenever you need emergency emotional support or are worried about someone else. The 988 helpline is free and confidential.



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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!

February 21: RAC meeting at 7:30pm*

February 26: Board meeting at 7:30pm*

February 27: Election Committee meeting at 6pm*

[*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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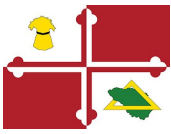
Open Space Questions or Concerns?

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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