



The Log

May 2, 2024

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



Hickory Ridge Volunteer of the Year

Do you have a neighbor who has helped in the community, giving their time to help others? Nominate them for Volunteer of the Year! Many Hickory Ridge residents do work in and for the community, and they deserve recognition. The deadline to submit the form is May 13th.

Find the form and more information on the Community News page under Volunteer of the Year: <https://hickoryridgevillage.org/community-news/>



How Columbia Association Is Tackling Bamboo Removal

CA is committed to doing their part to tackle the issue of invasive bamboo. Every day, they're working in areas of CA's open space that are heavily infested with invasive plants to improve habitat and protect native plants. Currently, the team has inventoried more than 70 bamboo sites that occur in Open Space and they are prioritizing control work on about 15 of those this season.

At this time, CA is managing bamboo infestations that occur on CA Open Space property, and they do not provide direct control services on private property.

There are two main ways they handle bamboo removal:

- **Machine-assisted removal:** The preferred method is to run over the bamboo with a forestry mower. After the mower grinds it down, they till the soil to bring the roots to the surface to dry out and then manage the resprouts with herbicide. They also excavate and remove canes using heavy machinery.
- **Manual and chemical removal:** They can't always use machines (for instance, sometimes sewage lines are in the way). In these cases, they cut the bamboo flush to the ground, remove all the material, and spray it with herbicide when it regrows.

Both methods take 5-10 years of follow-up, so they greatly appreciate your patience as they work to decrease the impact of bamboo in Open Space.

For more information on how CA manages bamboo in Open Space or to review control options available to you, please reach out to CA's Conservation Landscape Specialist Eric Walker at eric.walker@columbiaassociation.org.



Left: Yellow-groove bamboo infestation in Hickory Ridge, February 2024. Right: The infestation was cut in March 2024 and treated with herbicide. Regrowth and sprouting will occur and herbicide will be applied to foliage. Controlling and suppressing growth each year can permanently remove bamboo, but it is a long process.



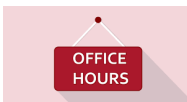
What Do These Organizations Do?

Javier, Joe, Mildred, Ray and Scott maintain the Open Space areas and Tot Lots in Hickory Ridge and Harper's Choice. In addition to regular upkeep, the Harper's Choice/Hickory Ridge crew takes pride in keeping the Columbia SportsPark and DogPark well-maintained for the community. Thank you for all you do, Ray, Javier, Joe, Mildred and Scott!



Who Do I Call?

Check out the [Useful Information page on the Hickory Ridge website](#). There are phone number and/or links to various resources.



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, 5-6pm.

Skye will not be holding SOHO on Friday, May 17th.

Complimentary postcards featuring the winning photographs highlighting Hickory Ridge from this year's Columbia Association village photo contest are available to pickup during regular business hours at The Hawthorn Center.



It's Time for Spring Cleaning!

Some common issues with homes in Hickory Ridge are:

- Discolored siding,
- Bulk items stored outside the home, and
- Trash and recycling bins not properly stowed in the garage or on the side of the home when it is not pick-up day.

Please make sure to clean the siding as needed, store items out-of-sight and stow your trash and recycling bins.

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



Bulk Trash Pickup

Large bulk trash, furniture and metal items can be collected curbside! No more hauling to the landfill. Call the County at 410-313-6444, press "0" to schedule a pickup; this is a **FREE** service.

Registration is Open!

Saturday, July 6th from 6-8pm at The Hawthorn Pool

FREE to attend

This event is only open to Hickory Ridge residents however you do not need a CA membership to attend.

Picnics are strongly encouraged

Pool games, Music from DJ ICE & a FREE treat from Sno Blast DMV

Please reach out to Emily at events@hickoryridgevillage.org for more information or questions!

Please register [here!!](#)



HICKORY RIDGE FAMILY POOL PARTY

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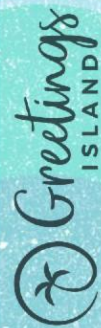
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Hickory Ridge Story Time: Flowers

May 6th and May 7th
9:30am
The Hawthorn Center

Flower Story Time will be blooming on May 6th and May 7th at 9:30am!
Designed for 0-5 year olds and an adult friend. Attendees will enjoy a story, crafts and treats. FREE to attend. Space is limited so please RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org



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Growing Herbs Year-Round, Inside and Out

Thursday, May 9th

Noon - 1:30 pm, Free

*Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring
Columbia, MD 21044*

Speaker: Ruth Vriend, Master Gardener

Learn how to grow, maintain, and harvest herbs year-round.

Light refreshments

RSVP to Longfellow Garden Club host: 410-707-5909

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SATURDAY - MAY 11

7 P.M.

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SCAN ME

*Light food and refreshments
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Wilde Lake Main Street - Doors open at 6:30

Did you graduate from a Columbia high school in the 70s, 80s, or 90s? Have you been to Freetown Farm?

Join us for a Local Alumni Gathering June 2nd!

The Community Ecology Institute is hosting a gathering at Freetown Farm for graduates of Columbia high schools who still live in the area! We'd love to connect with local folks who grew up here in the 70s and 80s and introduce them to the ways CEI is carrying on the original spirit and values of Columbia. The gathering is planned for **Sunday June 2nd from 2-5 pm** and will include a 2:15 tour, refreshments, and time to catch up and relax together. [Register here](#) for this free event.



Community Ecology Institute



Summer Event Series

2024 Calendar

Dorsey's Search	River Hill	Wilde Lake	Harpers Choice	Kings Contrivance	Hickory Ridge
MOVIE NIGHT (WEDNESDAYS, ALL MOVIES BEGIN AT DUSK*)					
<small>*Around 8:30-8:59pm in early summer and 8-8:15pm in late summer</small>					
JULY 17TH Frozen	JULY 24TH Encanto	JULY 24TH Cars	JULY 24TH Coco	JULY 10TH Madagascar	JULY 10TH Moana
CONCERTS (THURSDAYS, 6-8 PM)					
JUNE 6TH David Bach Consort Jazz	JUNE 6TH Deni Starr Band Classic Rock	JUNE 13TH I&I Riddim Reggae	JUNE 13TH The McBooze Brothers Jazz	JUNE 20TH Damon Foreman & Blue Funk Jazz, Funk & Blues	JUNE 20TH Four Quarters Band R&B/Soul
SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 1-3PM Meet, Greet & Eat Festival	JUNE 27TH Bluetrain Bluegrass	JULY 11TH The McBooze Brothers Jazz	JULY 11TH Patty Reese Band Roots Rock	JULY 18TH Starvation Army Band Dixieland Jazz	JULY 18TH Gary & the Groove Goodtime Rock & Roll
JUNE 27TH Patsy's Honky Tonk & Twang Classic Country	JULY 25TH Rachel Hall Band Blues, Soul & Rock	AUGUST 15T Deni Starr Band Classic Rock	AUGUST 6TH CASIO Steel Drum Band Calypso/Reggae	AUGUST 7TH David Bach Consort Jazz	AUGUST 8TH Patsy's Honky Tonk & Twang Classic Country
JULY 25TH The Rockits Classic Rock	AUGUST 15TH Different Sisters Variety, Rock, Country	AUGUST 22ND CASIO Steel Drum Band Calypso/Reggae	AUGUST 22ND I&I Riddim Reggae	AUGUST 29TH Gary & the Groove Goodtime Rock & Roll	AUGUST 29TH The Rockits Classic Rock
AUGUST 15TH Bluetrain Bluegrass	SEPTEMBER 5TH Starvation Army Band Dixieland Jazz			SEPTEMBER 12TH Bluetrain Bluegrass	SEPTEMBER 12TH Four Quarters Band R&B/Soul

All movies are rated PG EXCEPT Cars is rated G.



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Hickory Ridge Story Time: Eagles

June 3rd and 4th
9:30am
The Hawthorn Center

Eagle Story Time will be soaring into summer on June 3rd and June 4th at 9:30am! Designed for 0-5 year olds and an adult friend. Attendees will enjoy a story, crafts and treats. FREE to attend. Space is limited so please RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org

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ages 14-21 in our new community
After School Opportunity Starting 4/9/24

KEY INFO:

- 10 WEEK PROGRAM**
- SEL Workshops**
- College & Career Readiness**
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER Y PROGRAMS**
- DINNER & SNACKS PROVIDED**



Important Details:

Location:

Slayton House
10400 Cross Fox Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

Days:

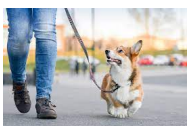
Tues & Thurs

Time:

3:00PM - 5:30PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Markita Sutton - Sr. Program Director
Email: markitasutton@ymaryland.org



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 wagdogwalkingservices@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. For more information: <https://wagdogwalkingservices.com/>.



Cub Scout Pack 720

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Who is eligible?

- You must be a Howard County homeowner
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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!

May 6: Community Engagement Committee at 7pm

May 13: Village Board at 7:30pm

May 15: 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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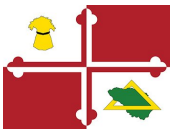
Open Space Questions or Concerns?

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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