



# The Log

## September 5, 2024

*What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!*  
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### Store Your Trash and Recycling Containers Out of Sight

Friendly reminder: Trash and recyclables may not be put out before 6:00 pm the night prior to pick up. Please store the bins between collection days in the garage or on the side of the house in order to minimize visibility from the street.

No refuse or bulk materials may accumulate on any lot and no items may be disposed of on Columbia Association Open Space.

Information about recycling, trash collection, and bulk item collection can be obtained by calling Howard County at 410-313-6444 [or here.](#)

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### Block Party Grants for Hickory Ridge Residents

We'll help you party with your neighbors this year! Our Block Party Grant program offers qualifying parties a \$100 Giant gift card for party expenses. Applications are available [on the website](#) or at The Hawthorn Center. Please email [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org) for more information.

September is a beautiful month to have a block party!

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### Hickory Ridge Happy Hour

Connect with fellow residents! Join the Community Engagement Committee for snacks, drinks and good conversation. If you are new to the Village, get the Welcome packet and learn about all the fun events in Hickory Ridge.

Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
6:00 - 7:30pm  
Asian Palace, 10801 Hickory Ridge Road

**[Please RSVP here.](#)**

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## September is National Preparedness Month

Preparing for emergencies and disasters can keep families and the community safe. Take a look at HoCo's [Emergency Preparedness page](#) to see how you can be prepared!

### Hickory Ridge Community Association's **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Please email [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org) to RSVP



Scan the QR code to learn more!

Sept.  
3rd

#### **FLEA MARKET & WINTER ARTISAN MARKET**

Call the office at 410-730-7327 to reserve & pay for your flea market space(s). \$10 for 1, \$15 for 2, \$20 for 3. The Flea Market is October 19th from 9-11am. Email to receive a Winter Artisan Market application. The Market is November 10th from 2-5pm.

Sept.  
16-17th

#### **STORY TIME "SHARKS" AT 9:30AM**

Designed for 0-5 year olds and an adult friend. Attendees will enjoy a story, crafts and treats at The Hawthorn Center. FREE to attend but please RSVP!

Sept.  
20th

#### **AXE THROWING, DINNER & DRINKS FROM 7-9PM**

Looking for a unique night out? Join us at The Hawthorn Center for axe throwing and dinner! \$20/person, 21+ only. Let the games begin!

Oct.  
5th

#### **BINGO & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 9-11AM**

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to share some laughs and a little bit of friendly competition to win prizes. Tickets are \$10 for 10 games of BINGO & continental breakfast. Pre-registration is required.

More  
Events!

- Flea Market, October 19th from 9-11am
- Story Time "Fall", October 21st and 22nd at 9:30am
- Halloween at The Hickory Ridge Village Center, October 29
- Calligraphy Class & Charcuterie, November 8th
- Winter Artisan Market, November 10th

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### **What Is Happening at the Corner of Cedar Lane and Freetown Road?**

The Patuxent Commons project concept was developed by the Howard County Autism Society to help address housing needs of adults with disabilities.



## What is the Patuxent Commons concept?

Patuxent Commons is an intentional, supportive community for people of all ages, abilities, and incomes planned for Hickory Ridge. It has four primary objectives:

1. Address housing instability faced by low-income adults with disabilities, older adults, and younger adults/families
2. Enhance social connectedness through building of relationships and community engagement, and reciprocal sharing of social support by neighbors
3. Use housing as a springboard to maximize individual potential and facilitate community integration for people of all ages, abilities and incomes
4. Pioneer a viable, innovative solution to the growing housing crisis facing adults with disabilities that can be adapted elsewhere in Maryland and serve as a model for similar housing developments throughout the United States.

For more information: <https://www.patuxentcommons.com/home>

*Merriweather Teen Night*  
 **KARAOKE PARTY**  
*Saturday, September 7th*  
**LIVE ONSTAGE KARAOKE**  
**JUST DANCE GUITAR HERO PHOTO BOOTH**  
**VIDEO GAME TRUCK TIKTOK DANCE STATION**  
**HENNA AND CARICATURE ARTISTS**  
**FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS KONA ICE TRUCK**  
**FREE! DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM**  
**PARENTS AND FAMILY WELCOME!**  
**RSVP AT**  
**MERRIWEATHERARTS.ORG/TEENS**



## Longfellow Garden Club

The Longfellow Garden Club invites everyone to come to their September 12th, 12-1:30pm program at the Hawthorn Center.



### **Garden Share and Tell**

Come share recent gardening successes and challenges and get answers to gardening questions. Bring plant cuttings, divisions, and seeds to talk about and share. Grow new friendships! Please bring a bag lunch. Light refreshments will be provided. Open and free to all gardeners and area residents. Please RSVP to 410-707-5909.

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LEARN ABOUT THE LAKES, STREAMS, WOODLANDS AND WILDLIFE OF COLUMBIA



## EXPLORING Columbia *on* FOOT

Come join award-winning author, Ned Tillman, and CA Watershed Manager, John McCoy as they lead a series of FREE walks in CA Open Space.

Be sure to RSVP at [OpenSpace.ResourceRequests@ColumbiaAssociation.org](mailto:OpenSpace.ResourceRequests@ColumbiaAssociation.org).



**Wed, Sept 18 • 10am-noon**

**A Walk Through History: From Wilde Lake to Lake Kittamaqundi.** Meet at the old stone sheep barn, adjacent to the Lake off of Hyla Brook Drive.

**Wed, Oct 9 • 10am-noon**

**Lake Elkhorn: Discover What Makes Columbia Lakes Special.** Meet at the docks across Cradlerock Way from McDonald's in Owen Brown Village Center.

**Wed, Oct 23 • 10am-noon**

**Jeffers Hill: A Walk in the Woods.** Meet at the Jeffers Hill Pool parking lot near the building.

*Wear appropriate shoes, clothing, and bring water. Please RSVP so we can advise of changes.*



### 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.



## Freetown Farm Plant & Produce Sales

Join the staff at Freetown Farm every Saturday from 9am - 1pm at Freetown Farm (8000 Harriet Tubman Ln, Columbia), where they will have beautiful plants and farm fresh produce for sale throughout the summer!

Each week, Freetown Farm will have a different activity open to all visitors. So far, they've had a scavenger hunt, a lesson on seeds, a seed giveaway and flower pressing.

When you support CEI's Agroecology in Action program, it directly impacts their ability to provide more fresh, nutritious produce to those in need. Last year they were able to distribute 5,500 pounds of produce, which is the equivalent of ten school buses full of food!

If you're interested in learning more, please follow them on Facebook (**The Community Ecology Institute**) or Instagram (**@CommunityEcologyInstitute**).

*\*except for holiday closure Aug 31st*

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## Community Ecology Institute's Nourishing Gardens Program

CEI's Nourishing Gardens program offers a limited number of private services each year. Choose from consultation, design, installation, garden sitting, and more. Reach out to [Nourishing-Gardens@cei.earth](mailto:Nourishing-Gardens@cei.earth) or complete our [services request form](#) to let them know how they can help you accomplish your dream garden.

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# WILDE LAKE FALL FEST

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vibrant colors of  
autumn at  
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Businesses



**29**

**SEPTEMBER**

**WILDE LAKE PARK 11AM-3PM**

**#VibrantWildeLake**





# Lively Arts for Little Ones 2024-25 Concert Series

**October 25**  
Chris Campbell



**November 15**

Mr. Jon &  
Friends



**March 21**  
Tony M. Music



**April 11**

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Kindersinger



All performances begin at 10:30 a.m. at

**The Other Barn**  
**5851 Robert Oliver Place**

Tickets cost \$5 for everyone 2+ and are  
available on Eventbrite or at the door.

Geared for ages 2 to 5 years old.  
Must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Questions? Email [office@oaklandmills.org](mailto:office@oaklandmills.org) or call 410-730-4610. Sponsored by Oakland Mills Community Association.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kailynshaw@yahoo.com)
- Zandi Jera: [sunsetjera@yahoo.com](mailto:sunsetjera@yahoo.com)
- Shamiso Dzvairo: [sunsetjera@yahoo.com](mailto:sunsetjera@yahoo.com)
- Kristen Bowman: [kkbowman85@gmail.com](mailto: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
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- Kasey LaWall: kelawall21@gmail.com
- Le'Mia Tyree: lemia.tyree@gmail.com



## Reinvest \* Renovate \* Restore

### 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](mailto:tshelton@howardcountymd.gov) or (410) 313-6333

#### 988 Is Here to Help

Need immediate emotional support? Call 988 to connect to a counselor who can help. Their specialists provide confidential care 24/7. Because we all need help sometimes.

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





**Call 988 for emergency emotional support.**  
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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/>

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### **Swansfield PTA Welcomes You**

Families and community members, we need your support! The Swansfield PTA board has been busy planning an amazing year of activities! In order to make all these things happen, we need your support. Please join or renew your annual membership today!

**Swansfield PTA Membership**

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### **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. Contact Cubmaster Josh White at [jmwhite0610@gmail.com](mailto:jmwhite0610@gmail.com) to find out more!

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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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### 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 available in the Covenants section of our website and at the Village Office. Questions? Email [applications@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:applications@hickoryridgevillage.org).

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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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### Upcoming Meetings

- August 21: RAC Meeting at 7:30pm\*
- September 9: Village Board at 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?

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](mailto:Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org).

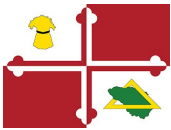
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## Crime Statistics Map of Howard County

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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## 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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**Hickory Ridge Community Association**  
410-730-7327  
The Hawthorn Center  
6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia MD 21044  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am - 5pm

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