

The Log

November 7, 2024

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Store Your Trash and Recycling Containers Out of Sight

Friendly reminder: Please store trash and recycling bins 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](#).

Join the Election Committee!

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 2025 Annual Meeting/Election Day process for the Village of Hickory Ridge. Each April, the Village elects Village Board members and a Representative to the Columbia Council.

Volunteers on the Election Committee will make recommendations to the Board, help plan and moderate Candidate Nights, check in voters and help with the vote count at the Annual Meeting/Election Day on April 26, 2025. They also 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 Columbia Association assessed property in Hickory Ridge.
- Be able to contribute about 15 hours of your time for several meetings, Candidates Night and Election Day.
- Fill out the Volunteer Application form and return it to manager@hickoryridgevillage.org.

[The Volunteer Application form is on the website.](#)



Prepare For Success Thank You!

Thank you for all the donated school supplies. With your help, Prepare For Success (PFS) set a record by serving over 4,500 students in 51 HCPSS schools, along with several local non-profits and community fairs. PFS had more than 175 volunteers sorting and packing school supplies.

We thank you again for participating in this 23-year community tradition. You all made a difference in the lives of the students.

Changes at The Hawthorn Center!

The hill next to The Hawthorn Center is being removed to create a safe gathering space! Last fall, three trees on the steep side of the hill were severely damaged in a windstorm and had to be removed. This exposed a very steep slope down to the traffic area of the parking lot. Removing the hill will increase visibility of the pool and the parking lot next to the pool, make room for native trees and plants and increase safety in the area. The soil will be stored for CA to reuse on other projects, too!

New Seating for Little Free Library!

The Little Free Library at The Hawthorn Center has a new seating area! Come enjoy a book from the library yourself or with your kiddos! The beds around the new area have been landscaped with native plants and shrubs. Thank you to CA Open Space and Landscaping Services for the lovely improvements around The Hawthorn Center!



Fall Leaves: What should we do?

Do you know the most environmentally-friendly way to deal with leaves in your yard is to mow them?

If you don't mulch the leaves, please remember to dispose of your raked leaves properly. Leaves and yard waste can be recycled on your regular recycling pickup day. Here are some helpful tips and rules to keep in mind:

- Yard waste **MUST** be placed in paper bags or reusable containers. No plastic bags.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. It is a violation of the Howard County code.
- Do not dump your leaves and yard debris onto CA Open Space.
- Please place bags of yard waste at the curb after 6 pm the evening before your pickup day.

Thank you for keeping Hickory Ridge beautiful!



Join the Community Engagement Committee!

Would you like to get involved and meet neighbors? Join the Community Engagement Committee! This Committee's mission is to connect residents across the Village's neighborhoods by creating links that will increase communication in the Village.

The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm at The Hawthorn Center. Join them for their next meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024, to see what it's all about!



Join Us

Mondays Community Walk



www.hickoryridgevillage.com




Connect with neighbors, make new friends, and discover more about Hickory Ridge! This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone—of all ages and abilities—to meet members of the **Community Engagement Committee** while enjoying fresh air and great conversation.

After the walk, **we'll be serving coffee**, so stick around and enjoy a warm drink with your neighbors!

Let's build community, one step at a time!

 **Every Monday,**

 **10:00 AM**

 **Meet at**

**The Hawthorn Center,
6175 Sunny Spring**

FREE!

**Questions? Call
410-730-7327**



Pets welcome!



Tuesday, November 12 @5:30-7:00pm

HAPPY HOUR

@Rana Azul

Hickory Ridge Village Center
6420 Freetown Rd. Suite. 120



RSVP today –
Let's meet & talk!



Join us for drinks, appetizers, and an opportunity to discover everything Hickory Ridge has to offer. The Community Engagement Committee will be there to answer any questions you have and chat about all the great things happening in our neighborhood.

Did You Know...

Renters and Lessees Are Entitled to the Same Hickory Ridge Amenities as Homeowners?

Join us for drinks, appetizers and learn more about living in Hickory Ridge at our next New Resident Happy Hour on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 5:30 - 7:00pm.

RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/4eNGGAg>

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6420 Freetown Rd, Suite 120, Columbia, MD 21044



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Thanksgiving Centerpieces

Thursday, November 14

*Noon - 1:30 pm, \$5 material fee
(No fee for members)*

*Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring
Columbia, MD 21044*

Community Service Project
Make Two and Donate One

Bring a bag lunch - Light refreshments provided

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

PAINT & SIP PARTY



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
7-9:30PM
(DOORS WILL OPEN AT 6:30)
HAWTHORN CENTER
6175 SUNNY SPRING

Tickets are \$30 1st come, 1st serve as seating is limited.
**Painting will be of Holiday's In a Glass
(picture is top left of this flier)



Price Includes:
Painting Supplies, Small Bites & Refreshments
All are welcome but must be 21 and over

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& reserve your seat!

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Swansfield PTA is Hosting Family Bingo

On November 16th, the Swansfield Elementary School PTA will be hosting BINGO! This event is intended to bring together our diverse school community for an afternoon of fun.

We are looking for donations to be used for raffle or Bingo prizes and would greatly appreciate Hickory Ridge resident's support. Please reach out to membership@swansfieldpta.org with any questions you might have or if you are willing to donate to the event.

This event is open to Swansfield Elementary School families only.

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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.



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 or complete our [services request form](#) to let them know how they can help you accomplish your dream garden.



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
- 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
- Kasey LaWall: kelawall21@gmail.com
- Le'Mia Tyree: lemia.tyree@gmail.com
- Mia Fatuzzo: miaholdenfatuzzo@gmail.com
- Aisha Bamidele: aisha_bamidele@yahoo.com

Rebuilding Together Howard County

If you or someone you know is a low- or moderate-income homeowner needing essential repairs, Rebuilding Together Howard County is here for you!

With projects covering everything from roof replacements and plumbing repairs to electrical upgrades and accessibility features, Rebuilding Together is dedicated to ensuring safe, healthy homes for all.

Howard County Government is a proud partner and funder of Rebuilding Together, helping dozens of Howard County households every year. Learn more at <https://rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org>.



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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

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.



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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*

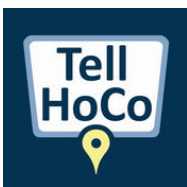
Wednesdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

*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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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!



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 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](#).

Upcoming Meetings

November 11: Village Board at 7:30pm*

November 20: 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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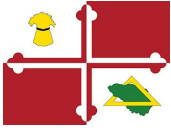
Open Space Questions or Concerns?

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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