

The Log

January 2, 2025

What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!
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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.](#)



Join Us

Mondays Community Walk



www.hickoryridgevillage.com



Every Monday,
17 **10:00 AM**
Meet at
The Hawthorn Center,
6175 Sunny Spring

FREE!
Questions? Call
410-730-7327

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!



Pets welcome!



Longfellow Garden Club Invites You

January 9th from 12-1:30pm
Hawthorn Center

The Longfellow Garden Club invites everyone to come to their January program hosted at the Hawthorn Center.

Presenter Judy Fulton will discuss both sun-loving and shade-loving

native plants for a meeting topic to love. Grow new friendships!

Bring a bag lunch. Light refreshments provided. Open and free to all gardeners and area residents. You are more than welcome to bring a friend!

Please RSVP to 410-707-5909

The Hickory Ridge Community Association's

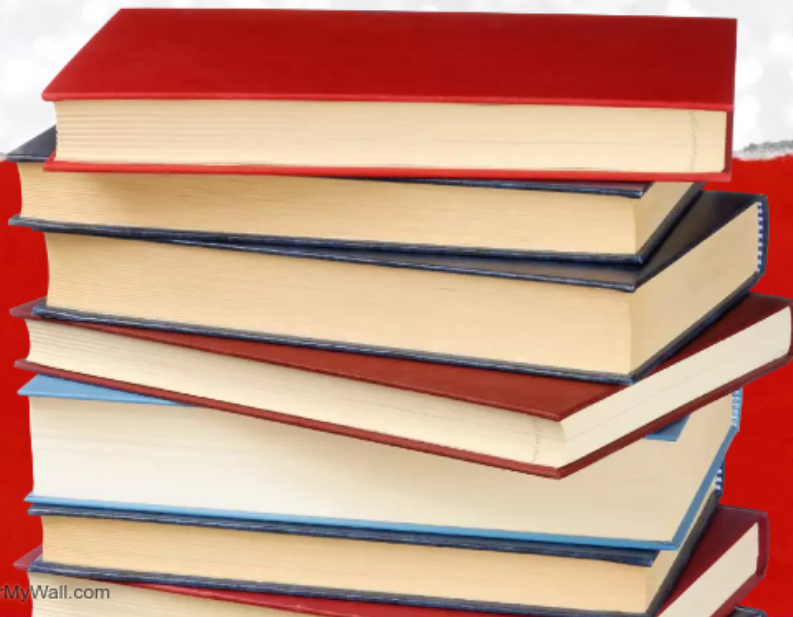
Book Swap

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

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

**Saturday, January 11th at 9:30am
The Hawthorn Center**

**FREE to attend--18+
Please RSVP to
events@hickoryridgevillage.org**



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The Hickory Ridge Community Association invites you
to a

GINGERBREAD STORY TIME

*Attendees will enjoy crafts,
stories and gingerbread treats!*



January 14th & 15th at 9:30am
The Hawthorn Center at 6175 Sunny Spring

Please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org to reserve your seat!
FREE to attend and everyone is welcome

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

Puzzle and Desserts

Saturday, February 1st 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!

Drinks and desserts will be provided

Please rsvp to
events@hickoryridgevillage.org
no later than January 10th.

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Flood Preparedness Seminar

Thursday, February 6th
7-9pm
Hawthorn Center

As the climate changes, rainstorms have become more intense, leading to flash flooding. Everyone is invited to attend a seminar about what you can do to protect your property in the event of serious flooding.

Conducted by Howard County's Office of Emergency Management, the seminar will be held from 7 to 9pm at The Hawthorn Center at 6175 Sunny Spring on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

We expect that this seminar may be able to answer questions you have about flooding and how you can be prepared. If you would like to attend,

please **RSVP** at 410-730-7327 or send an email to events@hickoryridgevillage.org.



Lifeguards Needed

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Columbia Association (CA) is looking for new lifeguards and pool managers in your community. CA team members enjoy flexible hours, a fun work environment, competitive pay (starting at \$16 an hour), and a free CA Fit&Play membership — including pools, gyms, and much more! The first step in the process is to apply [HERE](#).



Tell HoCo is a way for anyone in Howard County to report non-Emergency issues while on-the-go, such as potholes, damaged street signs, graffiti, street light issues, damaged trees, and more.



Calvin Ball
County Executive



Download the app, and let us know what needs attention today!

www.howardcountymd.gov/tell-hoco



How to Recycle Holiday Lights

Donate first! If you have working holiday lights, consider taking them to Goodwill or Salvation Army or posting them for free on [Freecycle](#), [Facebook Marketplace](#) or [Nextdoor](#).

Holiday lights should NOT go in your curbside recycling. These "tangles" get wrapped around recycling equipment and jam the screens at the processor. Please recycle your holiday lights correctly through these drop-off and mail-in programs.

Drop-off

The [Residents' Convenience Center](#) at Alpha Ridge Landfill recycles holiday lights and other electronics year-round.

Alpha Ridge Landfill
2350 Marriottsville Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104

[MOM's](#) holds an annual Holiday Lights Recycling Drive in the winter. They accept both working and non-working lights. Visit their [website](#) for more details.

MOM's
7351 Assateague Dr. #190
Jessup, MD 20794



Mail-in

[HolidayLEDS.com](#) offers a mail-in recycling program and offers a coupon for new lights! Box up your lights and send them to:

Holiday LEDs Recycling
W227 N6225 Sussex Road, Door #12
Sussex, WI 53089



Merry Mulch

Recycle Your Holiday Tree

December 26, 2024 - January 18, 2025

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

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)

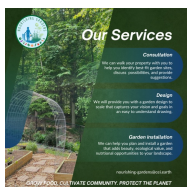
Woodbine

Western Regional Park (14800 Carrs Mill Road)



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
- Yocheved Englander: 443-574-5332



Snow Shovelers in Hickory Ridge

We are looking for people willing to shovel snow for neighbors (for a reasonable fee). If you are able to help shovel and would like your name added to our snow shoveler list, please call us at 410-730-7327 or email events@hickoryridgevillage.org and provide your name and phone number.

Snow Shoveler List

- David Garza: 347-574-2881
- Jack Dolan: 248-792-1310

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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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



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**](#)

Upcoming Meetings

January 13: Board Meeting at 7:30pm*

January 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**](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).



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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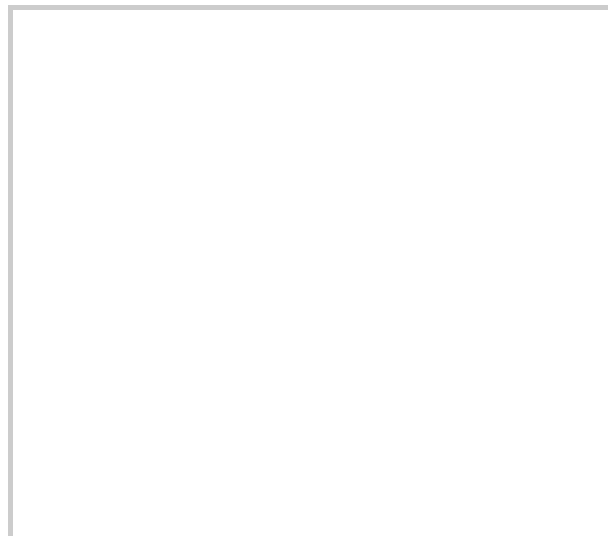


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