



The Log

February 20, 2025

What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!
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The Village Needs You! Run for the Village Board or the Columbia Association Council Seat!

Hickory Ridge needs energetic residents **LIKE YOU** to run for the five Village Board seats and Hickory Ridge's Columbia Association Council seat. The Annual Meeting/Election this year will be on Saturday, April 26th. Keep an eye out for your absentee ballot arriving in the mail in April with more information.

Anyone interested in running for the Village Board or the Columbia Association Council must be a member of the Association (own or rent CA assessed property in the Village) and complete a candidate statement and other forms.

The Village Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. The Columbia Association Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. [Click here for candidate information.](#)

Have questions? Email Laura at manager@hickoryridgevillage.org or call 410-730-7327.

[Find more information about the Village Board and the Candidate's Handbook here.](#)



Snow Reminders

When snow falls, residents are responsible for clearing all sidewalks that abut their property...even if the sidewalk is behind the back yard. The following is a list of local people who may be able to shovel for you.

Please note that Hickory Ridge Community Association does not endorse any person listed. You must contact the individual for availability and pricing.

David Garza: 347-574-2881

Jack Dolan: 248-792-1310

If you would like your name added to our list, please send an email to events@hickoryridgevillage.org and provide your name, neighborhood,



Village Board Meeting Highlights, 2/10/2025

Chair Steve Hannan, Vice Chair Kristine Amari, members Jared Ball, Michael Campbell and Samantha Link, along with CA Council member Skye Anderson, met virtually on Monday, February 10th.

They did the following:

- Agreed to support Kimco's proposal for more signage to support the merchants at the Hickory Ridge Village Center. A letter will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Agreed to advocate against Columbia Association's proposal to take over a portion of the rental agreement and payment process for the Villages. A letter will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Voted to continue with the mailed absentee ballot process for the upcoming Hickory Ridge election on April 26th. This vote was split, three in favor, two against.

At recent Board meetings, they approved donations to WLMS Boosters and The Village at Howard.

[For Board meeting agendas, materials, minutes and recordings, go here.](#)



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RAC Meeting Results February 5, 2025

Address	Alteration	Decision
6066 Watch Chain Way	Deck, walkway and retaining wall replacements	APPROVED
6787 Halfcrown Court	Major addition	APPROVED
6025 Wild Ginger Court	Replace deck w/patio	APPROVED
10346 Buglenote Way	Deck replacement	APPROVED



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**.



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!

Upcoming Meetings

February 24: Board Meeting at 7:30pm (Hybrid)

February 27: [Columbia Council at 7:30pm](#) (Hybrid)

March 5: RAC Meeting at 7:30pm*

March 11: Election Committee at 6:00pm*

[*Zoom meeting, check website for details.](#)

SPREAD A LITTLE LOVE STORY TIME

with

THE HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

February 25th & 26th

9:30am at The Hawthorn Center

Free to attend
guests will enjoy stories,
crafts & snacks!

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events@hickoryridgevillage.org



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- POWERS OF ATTORNEY AS DOCUMENTS THAT EMPOWER YOUR TRUSTED FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO MAKE DECISIONS WHEN YOU CANNOT AND HOW TO INCORPORATE THEM INTO YOUR LARGER ESTATE PLAN.

A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATION.

PRESENTER: MR. ANDREW SWANEKAMP, OWNER OF SWANEKAMP LEGAL, LLC

NEW DATE:

**Tuesday, March 4,
10:30-11:30 am,
at Amherst House.**

**Coffee and
pastries
will be
served.**

**Please call to register: (410) 381-9600 or e-mail:
events@villageof kc.org**

For additional information Call: (410) 381-9600



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.



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

www.howardcountymd.gov/tell-hoco

A Community of Families in Nature (CFIN) provides opportunities for families to come together in community in order to explore, learn, and play in nature.

Our Event Leaders plan engaging activities and collaborate with local partners; families just need to show up ready for a few hours outdoors.

We offer a Family Nature Club (best suited for families with kids ages 5-10, but all ages welcome) and a Nature Play-group called Seedlings, intended for ages 2-5 with a caregiver (younger siblings welcome). Our Family Nature Club holds two Sunday afternoon adventures a month. Our Seedlings programming takes place bi-weekly on Friday or Sunday mornings (can be combined for weekly programming). Most of our events take place within 15-20 minutes of downtown Columbia, including at our two properties: Freetown Farm and the Green Farmacy Garden.

Use this link to explore our work and current programs: **<https://www.communityecologyinstitute.org/cfin.html>**

PARENTS OF KIDS AGES 2-10!

Want to build healthy habits in 2025 and connect with your kids?



Research shows that spending time in nature:

- *strengthens family bonds.*
- *encourages healthy habits.*
- *increases focus and attention.*
- *promotes overall well-being.*
- *enhances communication and problem-solving skills.*
- *fosters a deep connection to the environment*



We Are: a Community of Families in Nature (CFIN)!

A Program of the Community Ecology Institute, a local environmentally based non-profit

For ten years we have been offering fun, facilitated nature-based events for families. Come join us--there's something for everyone in nature!

We offer the following programs:

Seedlings-Nature-based playgroup; 2-5 year olds, with a caregiver.

Family Nature Club - All ages welcome! Sunday afternoons.

Seasonal Community Events - Themed events for families with kids.

Late Winter/Spring Session: January - June

Summer Sampler: July - August

Late Summer/Autumn Session: September - November

Yearlong, Seasonal, and Individual Event Options Available

Prices start at \$10 per event/family!



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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
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- Aisha Bamidele: aisha_bamidele@yahoo.com
- Yocheved Englander: 443-574-5332

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>.



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

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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/>



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](#)



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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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