

# The Log

## March 20, 2025

*What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!*  
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### Hickory Ridge Village Election Candidates

There are two candidates for one Columbia Council (CA Board of Directors) seat. Click [here](#) for more information on the Village Election.

- Skye Anderson
- Jared Ball

After the deadline for candidate applications on Monday, March 10, 2025, there were five candidates for five Village Board seats. The five candidates will be appointed to Village Board for the 2026 fiscal year, which runs May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026

### Hickory Ridge Village Board

- Kristine Amari
- Mark Covington
- Stephen Hannan
- Mike McGarity
- Mariah Robertson



### VOTE in the Hickory Ridge Village Election

The Village Election this year will be Saturday, April 26, 2025, 9am-12pm. Absentee ballot postcards will arrive in your mailbox in early April.

Here are your options for voting:

#### By Mail:

- Mail your absentee ballot postcard. Mailed absentee ballot postcards must be received by 5pm on Friday, April 25, 2025.

#### In Person:

- Drop-off your ballot postcard with Village Office staff at The Hawthorn Center at 6175 Sunny Spring:
  - Mondays-Thursdays, 9:30- 5pm
  - Fridays from 9:30-3:30pm
  - Friday, April 25th from 5:30-7:30pm
- Vote in person at The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring on Saturday, April 26th from 9-12pm

Any owner or renter of Columbia Association-assessed property in Hickory Ridge may vote in a Village Election. Only one vote is permitted for each property. However, in the case of a rental property, both the owner and the tenant may cast a ballot.

If you are not sure which Village you live in, please go to the [Find Your Village](#) page on the Columbia Association website. There you will find links to Village information and a search to determine the Village you live in.

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## Hickory Ridge Candidate Forums Scheduled for Columbia Council (CA Board of Directors) Seat

This year, there will be TWO Candidate Forums where Hickory Ridge residents can get to know the two candidates running for the Columbia Council (CA Board of Directors), Skye Anderson and Jared Ball.

The first Forum is scheduled for Monday, March 31st at 7:00pm, and it will be a scripted, virtual Forum. If you have questions you would like the candidates to answer, please email your questions to Laura at [manager@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org). The deadline to submit these questions is March 26th.

The second Forum is scheduled for Monday, April 7th at 7:00pm, and it will be in-person at The Hawthorn Center. Residents may sign up when they arrive in order ask candidates extemporaneous questions during the forum. As many resident questions as possible will be allowed within the allotted time period.

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## Resident Architectural Committee & Exterior Alterations

Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meeting agendas are available on the Hickory Ridge website. [Click here to view](#) upcoming agendas and meeting results.

Exterior Alterations Applications received by the village office by 5 pm on the submission deadline date will be reviewed on the corresponding RAC meeting date. [Click here for the meeting dates and deadlines.](#)

RAC meetings are held at 7:30 pm via Zoom. To join the meeting, go to the Village **calendar** and click on the meeting. You will find the invitation to the meeting in the **calendar event**. Though not mandatory, residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Applications may be delivered to:  
The Hickory Ridge Community Association 6175 Sunny Spring,  
Columbia, MD 21044

Or email: [applications@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:applications@hickoryridgevillage.org)

Questions? Please contact Tania Tavares, Covenant Advisor  
Phone: 410-730-7327

Email: [applications@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:applications@hickoryridgevillage.org)

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## Hickory Ridge Community Association Upcoming Meetings

**March 24:** Village Board Meeting, In-person at 7:30pm

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

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## Columbia Association Open Space Dashboard

Columbia Association (CA) Open Space project information is now available online via CA's Project & Access Dashboard. Visit [columbiaassociation.org/open-space/development/real-estate-services/](http://columbiaassociation.org/open-space/development/real-estate-services/) and click on the Dashboard. You can view various projects, access, and requests currently taking place on CA Open Space.

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## Howard County Conservancy's Upcoming Events

- **Tracks and Traces: March 29, 10 a.m.**

Learn the telltale signs of Maryland's many mammals! Join us at the Conservancy's Belmont location for a free beginner-friendly lesson on the basics of tracking mammals. The class will be followed by a 1-mile hike in search of tracks on nearby Patapsco Valley State Park trails. Recommended for ages 9 and older. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration required.**

- **Birding workshop: April 5, 10 a.m.** Learn to use the Merlin Bird ID app to improve your identification of birds, by sight or sound! Join instructors from the Howard County Bird Club for a free two-hour workshop on how to use the Merlin smartphone app, plus a test run on the trails. Class size is limited and registration is **required.**

- **Hike to the River: April 12, 9-11:30 a.m.** Join Howard County Conservancy naturalists and members of the Mountain Club of Maryland on a free 2.5-hour, approximately 4-mile round trip hike across meadows, along treelines and through the woods from the Howard County Conservancy to the Patapsco River. **Registration required.**

- **Earth Day and anniversary open house: April 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Help the Howard County Conservancy celebrate 35 years of connecting people to nature with a free planet party and anniversary celebration. On April 26, join the Conservancy for anniversary cake and a special announcement at 10 a.m. Stay to celebrate the planet and the Conservancy until 2 p.m. with a tree planting, farmhouse and native garden tours, blacksmith demonstrations, a scavenger hunt, a story walk, animal encounters, food trucks, children's nature activities and Youth Climate Institute programs.

Please **register** for all events. There is limited space in the tree planting service project.

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### Reminder:

Please store your compost, trash and recycling containers in a location that is not easily seen and position them in an inconspicuous area of your property.

For information about recycling, trash collection, and bulk item collection, call Howard County at 410-313-6444 [or go here.](#)



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Grease,  
Liquids



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Cups, Cutlery



Facial Tissues,  
Diapers, Pet Waste,  
Plastic Bags



Grass, Leaves, Yard Trim,  
Cut Flowers  
*no dirt/soil*



Paper Products  
*napkins, plates, egg cartons,  
pizza boxes, toothpicks*

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**410-313-6444**

## Columbia Association Photo Contest

Show off your village pride, and your photo could be made into a postcard!

Columbia Association (CA) is looking for the most beautiful shots of your favorite spots. Submit your best pictures (limit two entries per person, please) with your social media handles.

The top photos will be printed onto postcards and made available at their respective village center. The contest runs through April 14, so click [here](#) to submit your photos!



## SNAP A PHOTO OF YOUR VILLAGE

and share it with us for a chance to be featured on a **community postcard!**

### SCAN HERE TO ENTER

Or email your name, village and photo to  
[Communications@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:Communications@columbiaassociation.org).  
*Contest runs through April 14.*





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## Columbia Cleans Hickory Ridge

**Saturday, April 5th  
9:30-11am  
Hawthorn Center**

Help clean up CA Open Space in the Hawthorn neighborhood. We all have a responsibility for keeping our precious natural areas litter free.

Hickory Ridge is proud to support Columbia Cleans Day, a longstanding tradition that gives everyone the opportunity to help the environment in their own backyard.

Everyone is welcome (individuals, families and groups) but registration is strongly recommended. Supplies & Continental Breakfast provided!

For more information or to register, please email [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org) with the number of people in your party by Wednesday, March 26th.



**YOU "DONUT"  
WANT TO MISS THIS**

# Donuts STORY TIME

**APRIL 22nd & 23rd @9:30AM  
The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring**

**Join The Hickory Ridge Community Association staff  
for a sweet celebration!**

**Attendees will enjoy crafts, stories & donuts!**

**FREE to attend and all are welcome. Best geared  
for 0-5 year olds and their adult friend(s).**

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



# Hickory Ridge Community Celebration



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUTSIDE WITH  
**FOOD TRUCKS & LIVE MUSIC**

The Hawthorn Center Parking Lot----6175 Sunny Spring

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH FROM 5:30-7:30PM**

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**\*Antojitos Express   \*Greek on the Go   \*Wanna Pizza This**

**\*Live Music by Paul Phillip Music**

All are welcome but Hickory Ridge residents, please bring your absentee postcard ballot to vote in this year's Village Election.

**Questions? Please email [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org)**

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## Lifeguards Needed

### Lifeguards Needed

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](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/tell-hoco)**

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Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton house

# Open Call

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2025 EXHIBITIONS

visit [www.wildelake.org/art-gallery](http://www.wildelake.org/art-gallery)



## 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](mailto: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](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
- Zandi Jera: sunsetjera@yahoo.com
- Shamiso Dzvairo: sunsetjera@yahoo.com
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- Daynisha Holloway: daynishah@yahoo.com

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### **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



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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

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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/>

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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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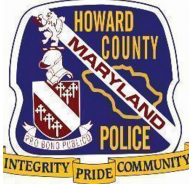
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## Open Space Questions or Concerns?

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).

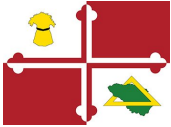
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## Crime Statistics Map of Howard County

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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