



# The Log

March 6, 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.

**CANDIDATE DOCUMENTS DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 AT 5:00PM.**

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](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org) or call 410-730-7327.

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



## **Village Board Meeting Highlights, 2/24/2025**

Chair Steve Hannan, Vice Chair Kristine Amari, members Jared Ball, Michael Campbell and Samantha Link met on Monday, February 24th.

On Monday night, the Village Board did the following:

- Approved paid postage for returning absentee ballots in the mail.
- Approved sending a letter to Columbia Association stating their opposition to the plan for CA to manage contracts for rentals of The Hawthorn Center and accept payment for rentals of The Hawthorn Center.

- Approved a letter of support to Kimco for additional signage for merchants at the Village Center, per the Village Center Community Plan. Kimco will use this letter when applying to Howard Hughes for architectural approval of the proposed changes.

The Board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 10th has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24th at 7:30pm.

### **Run for the Village Board or Columbia Council seat for Hickory Ridge!**

More info on our website or email Laura at [manager@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:manager@hickoryridgevillage.org). Candidate documents are due on Monday, March 10th, no later than 5:00pm.

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



### **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 10:** Village Board Meeting, cancelled

**March 11:** Election Committee at 6:00pm\*

**March 19:** RAC Meeting at 7:30pm\*

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



### **Maryland Senior Olympics**

As part of the **National Senior Games**, there are many categories for active and sporty seniors to participate in the **Maryland State Senior Olympics trials**.

Whether you use the several Columbia Association gyms or the parks and pathways for your games and running, there is an event for you! Join the **Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee** meeting on Thursday, March 20th, to find out about the trials coming up at various locations around Maryland.

Contact your Village Committee Member, Celindah Grier, for more information. Text 301-602-7101

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## 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.

Jack Dolan: 248-792-1310  
David Garza: 347-574-2881  
Xavier Pabon: 667-229-9718

If you would like your name added to our list, please send an email to [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org) and provide your name, neighborhood, and contact information (phone number and/or email).

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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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## Longfellow Garden Club

Thursday, March 13th  
12-1:30pm  
Hawthorn Center

Presenter Master Gardener and V. P. MD Native Plant Society will explore the fascinating world of ferns with a special focus on native ferns of the Mid-Atlantic region.

Come meet warm people in the warm environment of the Hawthorn Center and get your green on in preparation for St. Patrick's Day and Spring!

Bring a bag lunch. Light refreshments provided. Open and free to all gardeners and area residents. Invite a guest!

Please RSVP to 410-707-5909

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## 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!

**YOUR PHOTO HERE**

**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.



# National Consumer Protection Week

March 2–8, 2025

[ftc.gov/ncpw](https://ftc.gov/ncpw) #NCPW2025



# Lively Arts for Little Ones

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## Tony M. Music

Friday, March 21  
10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

The Other Barn  
5851 Robert Oliver Place  
Columbia, MD

Tickets cost \$5 for everyone 2+ and are  
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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.  
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All authorized performance material are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)



# Ssslither

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to Hickory Ridge  
Story Time



FREE TO ATTEND:

GUESTS WILL ENJOY STORIES, CRAFTS & SNACKS

**March 25th & 26th at 9:30am**

**The Hawthorn Center**

RSVP to:

[events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org)



# COLUMBIA CLEANS Hickory Ridge



For more information and to register, please email [events@hickoryridgevillage.org](mailto:events@hickoryridgevillage.org)

Neighborhood Cleanup --Everyone is Welcome  
Supplies & Continental Breakfast Provided  
Service Hours Available

**Saturday, April 5th from 9:30-11am**  
**Meet in Hawthorn Center Parking Lot**  
**6175 Sunny Spring**



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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)



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

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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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Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton house

# Open Call

FOR ARTISTS

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
- 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
- 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>.



## 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.



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**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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### **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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## 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).

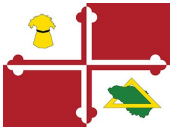
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## Crime Statistics Map of Howard County

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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## Never miss an edition of *The Log*

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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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[Skye Anderson](#)

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Charlotte Nisos, Bookkeeper  
Heather Harvanek, Facility Coordinator  
John Pongracz, Facility Assistant  
Ellen Gallagher Roberts, Facility Assistant  
Daniel Nairn, Facility Assistant  
Erica Carpio, Facility Assistant  
Tiwana & Ed Nicholson, Custodians

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