



The Log

April 17, 2025

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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:

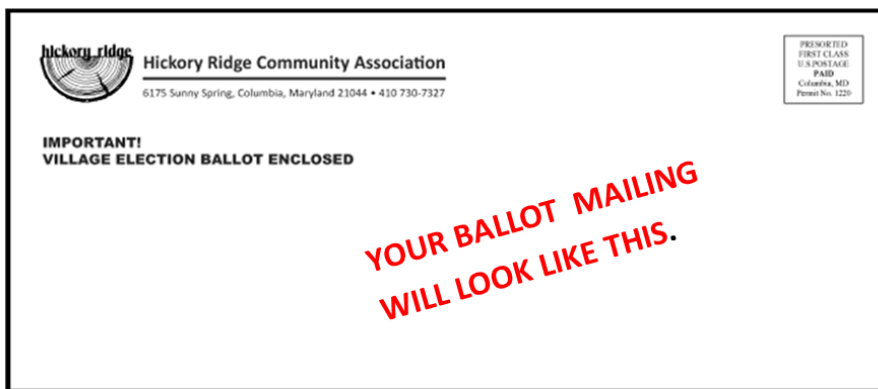
- Mail your absentee ballot postcard. Mailed absentee ballot postcards must be received by 5pm on Friday, April 25, 2025.

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.



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



Hickory Ridge Draft FY2026 Budget

The draft budget for fiscal year 2026, starting May 1, was approved by the Board on Monday, March 24, 2025. [It is available here to view](#). Send any comments to board@hrvboard.org. The Board will review comments at the meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 7:30pm.



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**

Questions? Please contact Tania Tavares, Covenant Advisor

Phone: 410-730-7327

Email: **applications@hickoryridgevillage.org**



Why are there barley straw bales in the pond between Bright Plume & Sunny Spring?

The bales are being used as a preventative measure for algae growth. Placing the straw into the water before any algae has started to appear is the best way to help prevent its formation.

Barley straw is often used as a natural water treatment method, especially in ponds and lakes, to help manage algae growth. When barley straw is added to water, it slowly decomposes and releases compounds that can inhibit the growth of algae. The breakdown process promotes the growth of beneficial microorganisms that compete with algae for nutrients, reducing algae blooms. Barley straw is considered an eco-friendly, non-toxic option for maintaining water quality and clarity in ponds and small lakes.



Columbia Cleans Hickory Ridge Thank YOU!

We'd like to express our sincere appreciation to the 60 volunteers who braved the dreary and drizzly conditions to participate in our Columbia Cleans: Hickory Ridge event on April 5th, which resulted in the collection of 26 bags of trash treasures!!!

Hickory Ridge Community Association Upcoming Meetings

April 25: Village Election, 9-12pm

April 28: Board Meeting, 7:30pm

May 7: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

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



At Monday's Hickory Ridge Village Board Meeting...

The Board approved donations to the following organizations:

- Atholton High School PTSA (\$650)
- Clemens Crossing Elementary School PTA (\$650)
- Columbia Housing Center (\$250)
- Community Ecology Institute (\$500)

- Harper's Choice Middle School PTA (\$650)
- Clary's Forest/Hawthorn/Swansfield Sundevils Swim Team (\$500)
- Swansfield Elementary School PTA (\$650)
- Wilde Lake High School PTSA (\$650)

Heard a presentation from Deborah Wessner on Climate Change issues in Hickory Ridge.

Heard a presentation from Celindah Grier from the Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee.



If A Tree Falls...

Maryland follows the Massachusetts fallen tree law, which explains who is responsible for a tree that falls on a neighbor's yard. A neighbor is not liable for a healthy tree falling down during a major storm event, even if it falls on someone else's property...On the other hand, if the neighbor's tree was diseased or decayed, was known to be at risk of falling and the neighbor ignored it, there could be negligence and liability. Either way, if you have homeowner's insurance, the insurance companies will sort out fault and blame.

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

***I Loves Me Some SnoBalls, Sweets and Treats**

***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

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Join The Hickory Ridge Community Association for

Books & Baked Goods

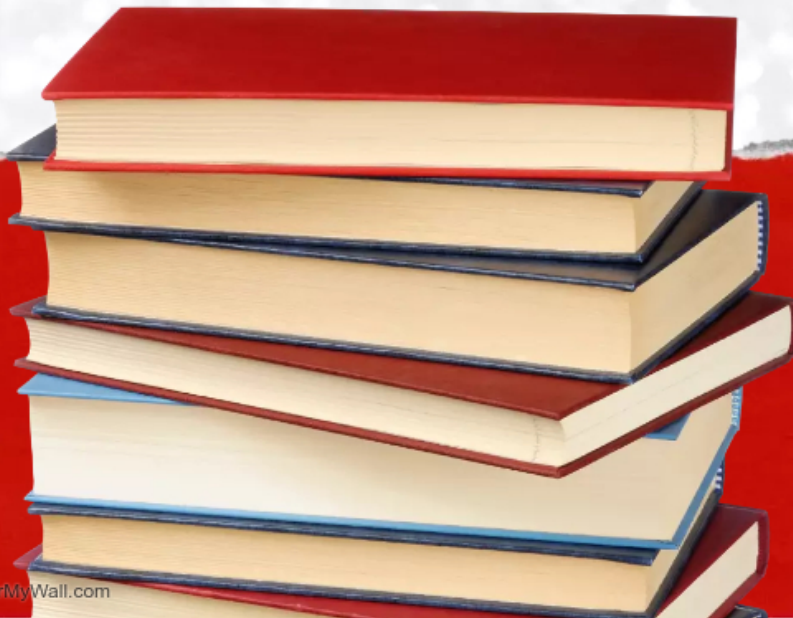
Do you want an excuse to do some low-pressure mingling and make some new book friends?

Come & enjoy baked goods, beverages, a book swap & community bonding!

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

**Saturday, May 3rd at 9am
The Hawthorn Center**

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



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SATURDAY, APRIL 26
8AM - 12NOON
(RAIN OR SHINE)

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Howard County Conservancy's Upcoming Events

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.



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/ and click on the Dashboard. You can view various projects, access, and requests currently taking place on CA Open Space.

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](#).



Feed the Green Bin!

If it grows, it goes!

 **Accepted**



Fruits & Vegetables



Meat, Fish, Egg Shells, Dairy



Bread, Pasta,
Rice, Baked Goods



Coffee Grounds & Tea Bags
no foil

Not Accepted



Fats, Oils,
Grease,
Liquids



Plastic Plates,
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



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



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.



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 Blose 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>.



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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

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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.



Rent The Hawthorn Center for your Event

Host your seminar, anniversary celebration, baby shower, or birthday party at The Hawthorn Center! Our richly appointed, contemporary atmosphere is the perfect backdrop for any occasion. We offer affordable rental space in a tasteful and convenient Columbia setting.

We hope you will consider The Hawthorn Center for your next event.
Contact us [here](#).



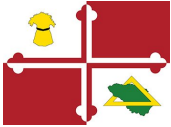
Open Space Questions or Concerns?

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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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am - 5pm

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