

The Log

May 1, 2025

What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!

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2025 Village Election Results

Election Day – April 26, 2025

Votes Cast:

Absentee ballots:	351
In Person:	51
Columbia Association:	85 (toward quorum only)
Total Votes Cast:	487

Columbia Council Representative:

Skye Anderson:	263 *
Jared Ball:	139
* Certified	

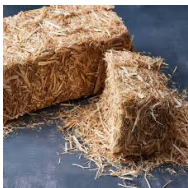
Village Board of Directors:

Because five candidates are running for five seats, the Village Board election is uncontested. The Village Board candidates will be appointed to the vacant Village Board seats for 2026 fiscal year, which runs May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026.

The Village Board appointees are:

- Kristine Amari *
- Mark Covington *
- Steve Hannan *
- Mike McGarity *
- Mariah Robertson *
- * Certified

These results were certified by the Election Committee Chair on April 26, 2025.


Don Warner, Election Committee Chair

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.

Hickory Ridge Community Association Upcoming Meetings

May 7: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

May 12: Board Meeting, 7:30pm*

May 21: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

May 26: Board Meeting canceled due to Memorial Day holiday

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



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

The Board approved donations to the following organizations:

- Grassroots Crisis Intervention (\$500)
- S.T.A.N.D. Mentorship (\$500)

A presentation was given by Dannika Rynes pertaining to The Columbia Association.

Rental rates for using The Hawthorn Center for parties and meetings will increase today, May 1st.

Because the race was uncontested (five candidates for five seats), the FY2026 Hickory Ridge Board Members were appointed.

- Kristine Amari
- Mark Covington
- Steve Hannan
- Micajah McGarity
- Mariah Robertson

The Board approved the Facility Management and Grant Agreements that dictate the terms of the relationship between CA and Hickory Ridge Community Association. These Agreements will be in force through FY2028.



Who Works in the Village Office?

You may wonder, who works in the Village office and what do they do? Over the next few issues of this newsletter, we will highlight a different staff member in the Village Office. This issue, we will highlight the Village Manager, Laura.

Village Manager: The Village Manager is the only full time employee, and she serves at the pleasure of the Village Board. The Village Manager has a lot of varied duties. You might find her putting together a budget, managing the Association's insurance policies, coordinating meetings or adding an article to the newsletter. The Village Manager supervises the operations of the Village and The Hawthorn Center, as well as the other employees of the Village. If you have questions for Laura, reach out to her at manager@hickoryridgevillage.org.

Other staff in the Village Office are:

- Covenant Advisor for applications and compliance

- Covenant Advisor for violations
- Event Coordinator
- Facility Manager
- Facility Assistants

Keep an eye on this space for information about the other staff members!



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.

**Registration to attend the
Hickory Ridge Family Pool Party
Opens TODAY!**



HICKORY RIDGE FAMILY POOL PARTY

Saturday, July 5th from 6-8pm at The Hawthorn Pool

FREE to attend

This event is only open to residents of Hickory Ridge
You do not need to have a CA membership to attend

Picnics are strongly encouraged

**MUSIC & A FREE TREAT
FROM I LOVE ME SOME SNOBALLS, SWEETS & TREATS**

Please RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org
Please include your mailing address and number attending.

Greetings
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Join The Hickory Ridge Community Association for

Books & Baked Goods

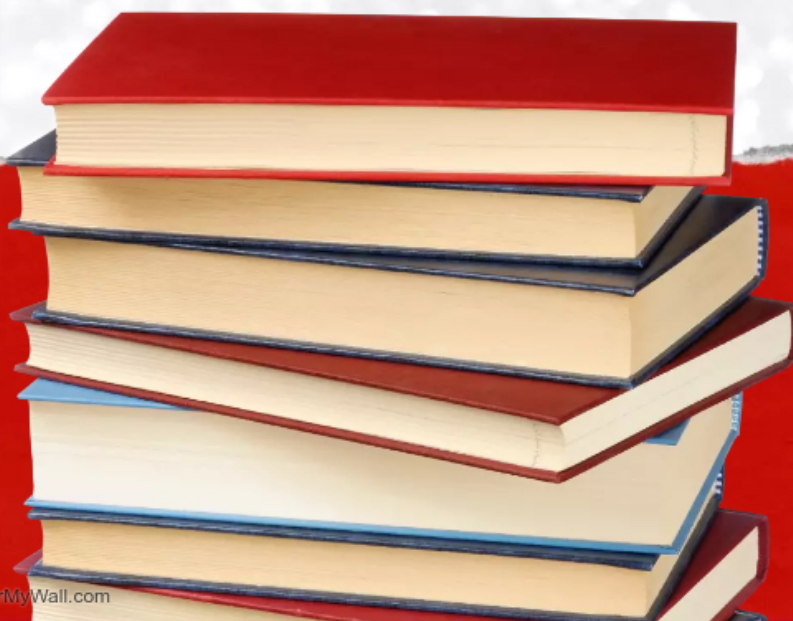
Do you want an excuse to do some low-pressure mingling and make some new book friends?

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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Abiding Savior Lutheran Church (ASLC) is hosting BINGO on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10:30 to 1:30!! Doors open at 10:30. BINGO starts promptly at 11:00. 10689 Owen Brown Road, Columbia, MD 21044. Plenty of parking!

Play card costs \$2.00 each! Door prizes, game prizes and a 50/50 raffle! Light fare food and drinks will be available during the event. This is a cash only event.

Proceeds from the raffle will be supporting the Lutheran World Relief 2025 Hunger Challenge, which will help save families from starvation and give children the chance to grow and thrive!





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.](#)

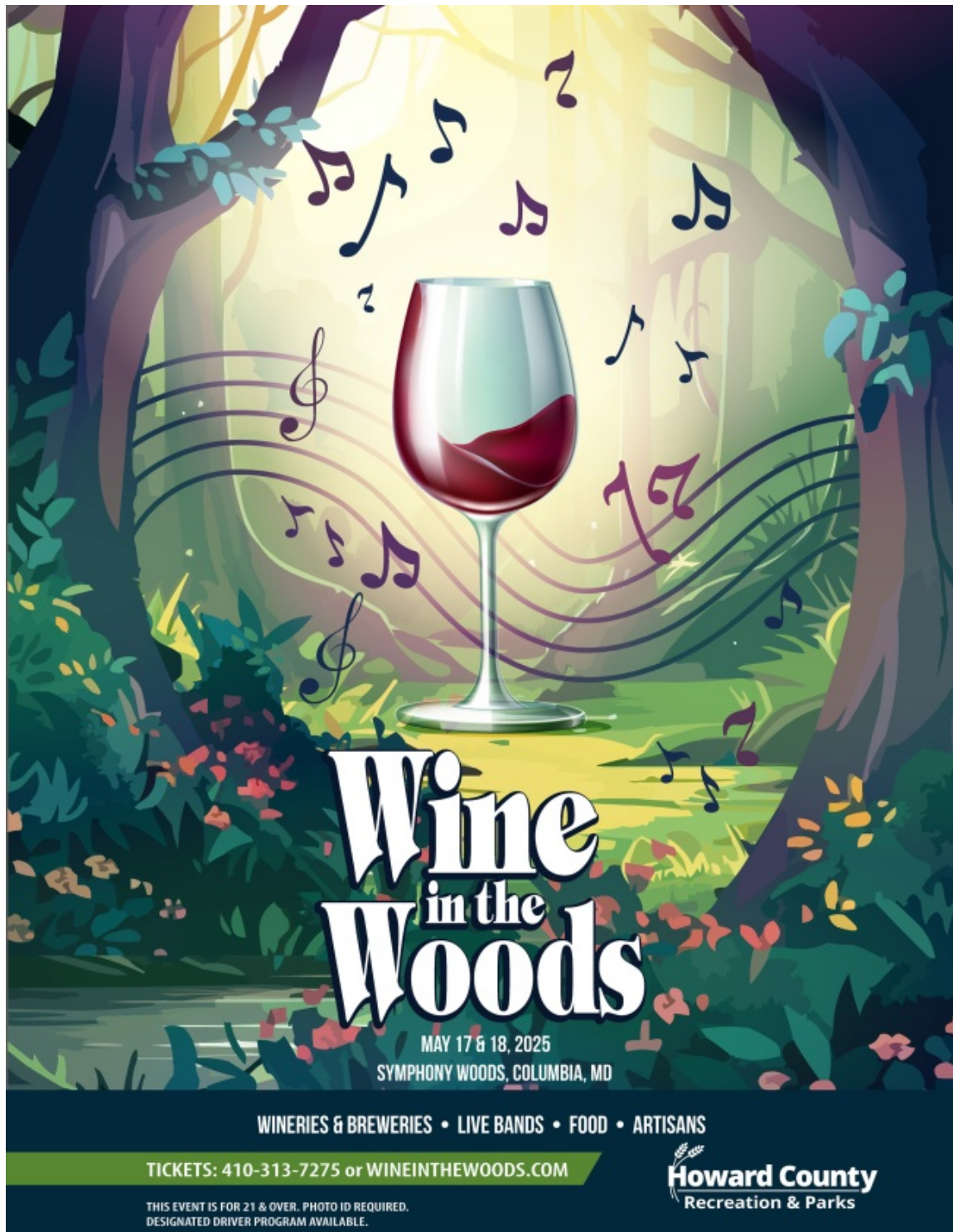
RAC meetings are held at 7:30 pm via Zoom. To join the meeting, go to

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

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a forest scene. In the center, a wine glass filled with red wine sits on a path. Musical notes and staff lines float around the glass, suggesting a musical theme. The background features large trees and lush greenery with colorful flowers. The title 'Wine in the Woods' is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font with a black outline. Below the title, the dates 'MAY 17 & 18, 2025' and the location 'SYMPHONY WOODS, COLUMBIA, MD' are listed. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'WINERIES & BREWERIES • LIVE BANDS • FOOD • ARTISANS'. Below this, a green banner provides ticket information: 'TICKETS: 410-313-7275 or WINEINTHEWOODS.COM'. At the very bottom, small text states 'THIS EVENT IS FOR 21 & OVER. PHOTO ID REQUIRED. DESIGNATED DRIVER PROGRAM AVAILABLE.' The Howard County Recreation & Parks logo is in the bottom right corner.

**Wine
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Howard County
Recreation & Parks



All Aboard The Hickory Ridge Train Story Time Express

May 20th & 21st



9:30AM

The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring

Attendees will enjoy crafts, stories & fun!

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

RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org



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Jump into Howard County Recreation and Parks Summer Camps. Their team works year-round to ensure that summer is packed with exciting new camps, while still offering your favorites.

Your little ones are sure to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Let them get up, get out, and get active this summer. Register today (and review the Howard County Camp Guide) at www.howardcountymd.gov/rap.



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

FeedTheGreenBin.org

410-313-6444

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.



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**](http://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
- Hermione Bransford: chelsinoelle@gmail.com

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/>



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](#).



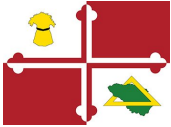
Open Space Questions or Concerns?

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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Emily Rieger, Events Coordinator
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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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