



The Log

May 15, 2025

What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!
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Welcome to the New Village Board!

The FY26 Village Board had their first meeting on Monday. They nominated **Stephen Hannan** as the Board Chair and **Mark Covington** as the Vice Chair. **Kristine Amari**, **Micajah McGarity** and **Mariah Robertson** are also serving on the Village Board through April 30, 2026. **Skye Anderson** was reelected as the representative to the Columbia Council for Hickory Ridge.

Thank you to all of you for volunteering to serve this year! If you have any questions for the Board members, feel free email them at board@hrvboard.org.

Hickory Ridge Community Association Upcoming Meetings

May 21: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

May 26: Board Meeting canceled due to Memorial Day holiday

June 4: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

June 9: Board Meeting, 7:30pm*

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



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 highlight our Covenant Advisor for applications and compliance, Tania Tavares.

Covenant Advisor for applications and compliance: Tania, one of the Covenant Advisors, works for the Village part-time. She coordinates with residents and the Resident Architectural Committee, facilitating the Exterior Alteration application process. Tania also verifies compliance of properties put up for sale in the Village, provided the owners request an inspection. Tania also helps out at Hickory Ridge events and with inquiries about rentals of The Hawthorn Center for social events. She is very knowledgeable about Columbia and Howard County, and she refers residents to the correct entity to get questions answered if she cannot

answer them. If you have questions for Tania, please reach out to her at applications@hickoryridgevillage.org.

Other staff in the Village Office are:

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

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



Columbia Association Mapping & Geographic Information Systems

Check out the new [Mapping & Geographic Information System \(GIS\) Resources page](#) for Columbia Association! You can download maps, discover interactive apps and use the information provided to explore the Columbia community. Find out lots, fun activities, pool information and more! Find out information about Open Space projects and download maps and other information.



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 Block Party Grants

It's time to plan your Block Party in Hickory Ridge! Get together with your neighbors and plan a party for everyone on your street. Pick a date, fill out the application and submit the invitation to your neighbors. Get a \$100 gift card to Giant to help with your party supplies!

Only 15 grants are available to CA assessed addresses. First come, first served. Find the application and more information here or in our bio: <https://linktr.ee/hickoryridgevillage>



Rent The Hawthorn Center for Your Next 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 setting. We hope you will consider The Hawthorn Center for your next event. For more information, go to our website: <https://hickoryridgevillage.org/rentals/>



RUNNING BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPRING FAIR

**Saturday, May
17, 2025**

2pm - 5pm

The RBES Spring Fair is for
students grades 5 and under

Scan QR
code to
order your
ticket

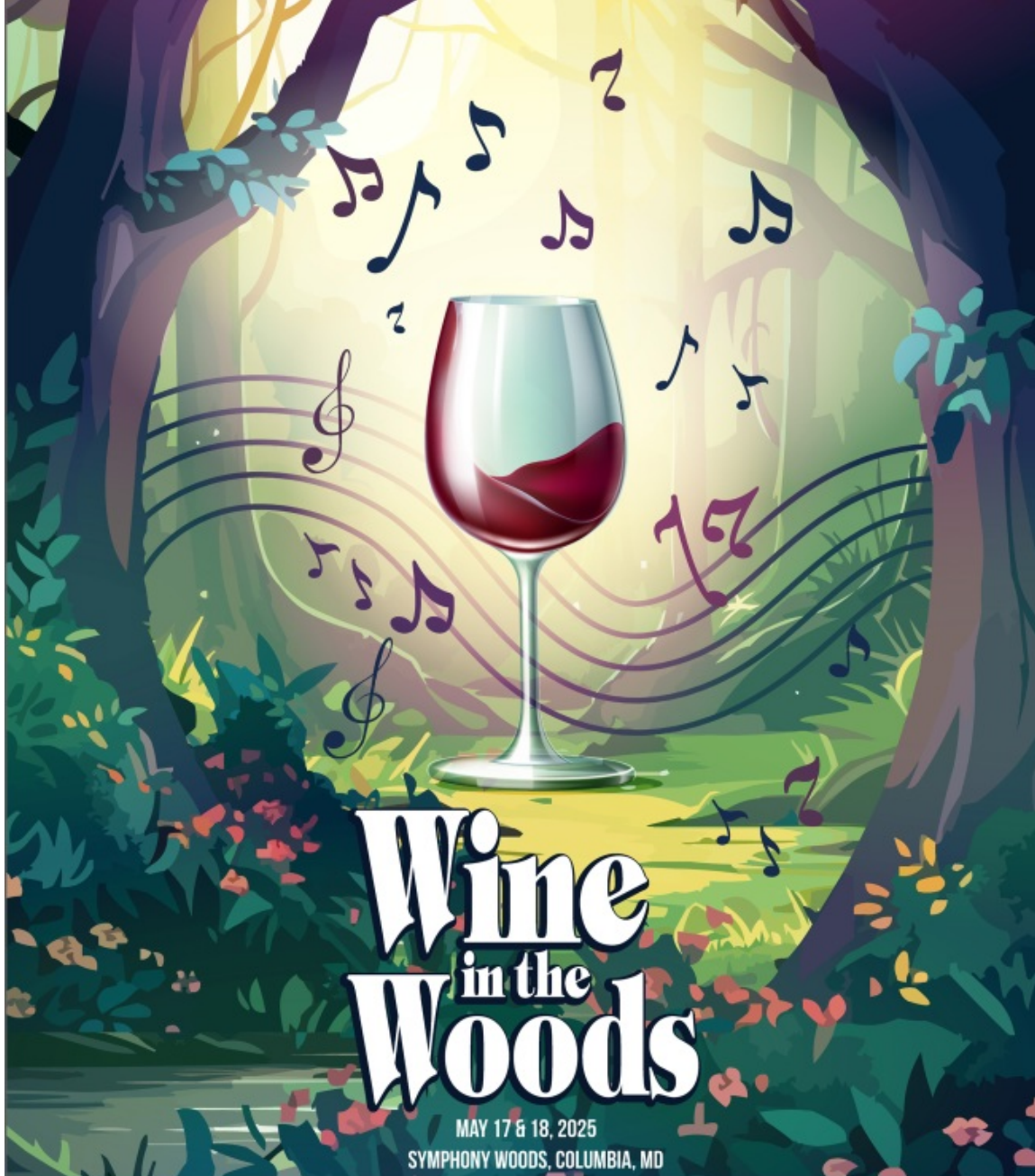


**Food Trucks, Music, Carnival Games,
Inflatables, Balloon Twisting,
airbrush tattoos, and more.**

Ticket price prior to 5/17: \$5 per child ages 4 and up

Ticket price on 5/17: \$7 per child ages 4 and up

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 **Howard County**
Recreation & Parks



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!



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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EXPLORING Columbia *on* FOOT

Take a walk around Open Space with award-winning author, Ned Tillman, and CA Sustainability Manager, Danielle Tyeryar and explore lakes, streams, woodlands, and wildlife!

Be sure to RSVP at
Sustainability@
ColumbiaAssociation.org.



May 29 • 10am-noon

Lake Kittamaqundi Meet at the Lakefront fountain

June 19 • 10am-noon

Lake Elkhorn Meet at the Dockside Lane Parking lot

September 11 • 10am-noon

Kings Contrivance Meet at Dickinson Pool

October 16 • 10am-noon

River Hill Meet outside Claret Hall

November 6

Rain Date/Alternate

Wear appropriate shoes, clothing, and bring water. Please RSVP so we can advise of changes.





RACE ON OVER

TO ENJOY A WHEELY AWESOME

Hickory Ridge Car Story Time

June



9:30AM

The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring

Attendees will enjoy crafts, stories and fun!

FREE to attend and all are welcome! Best for
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Please RSVP to
events@hickoryridgevillage.org



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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

Questions? Please contact Tania Tavares, Covenant Advisor
Phone: 410-730-7327
Email: applications@hickoryridgevillage.org



Lithium-ion batteries are especially susceptible to catching fire; recycle them safely

Lithium-Ion batteries and devices containing a lithium-ion battery are hazardous and have contributed to fires at Alpha Ridge Landfill and to curbside collection trucks. Keep workers safe by correct disposal. Lithium-ion batteries (found in items like smartphones, smartwatches, laptops, tablets, power tools, toys, and disposable vaping devices) should never be placed in the trash or curbside recycling. Instead, take them to the landfill's Household Hazardous Waste area on Saturdays, 8-4pm.

More about various types of battery disposal at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/bureau-environmental-services/resource/battery-recycling>. This link also provides a list of retailers that offer battery recycling.

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



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 Dzairo: 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: 301-275-4623
 - 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
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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>.



Reinvest * Renovate * Restore

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.



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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Daniel Nairn, Facility Assistant
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Village Services

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appointment.*
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Rentals of The Hawthorn Center
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