

The LogJune 19, 2025

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

Happening today!

The Hickory Ridge Village office is closed today in observation of the Juneteenth Federal holiday.



Hickory Ridge Community Association Upcoming Meetings

July 2: Snack Bag Stuffing, 7pm July 2: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

July 5: Family Pool Party, 6-8pm - Waitlist ONLY

July 14: Board Meeting, 7:30pm*

July 22 & 23: Story Time, 10:00am, please RSVP

*Zoom meeting, check website for details.



Hickory Ridge Block Party Grants

It's time to plan your Block Party in Hickory Ridge! Get together with you 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 here: https://linktr.ee/hickoryridgevillage



Hickory Ridge Happy Hour

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 6:00 PM Asian Palace, 10801 Hickory Ridge Road RSVP required.

Come join community volunteers for a fun evening filled with great company at Asian Palace! Meet some neighbors and learn more about Hickory Ridge. *This event is open to Hickory Ridge residents only.*

We can't wait to see you there! Please RSVP.



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, if you haven't already, meet the Event Coordinator, Emily Rieger. Emily works part-time, and she plans and executes the events for community members, like the Community Celebration, puzzle events, monthly story times and more!

Dear Community,

I rang in 2025 setting the intention of doing less and I fully admit that hasn't happened. My children are more involved than ever and more dinners than not each week are made thanks to one of the best inventions, the crock pot. But as I shuttle my kids to one activity to another, I am in awe by the opportunities that exist in the Village and beyond! There are endless possibilities of engagement, and I am so appreciative that we live in a community that provides opportunities for growth, budding friendships and self-discovery! So while I am exhausted, I am happy and fulfilled and can't wait to see what's happening next from cheering on my kids as they swim for the CHS Sundevils CA Neighborhood Swim League, enjoying time with my husband listening to live music at the Columbia Lakefront or bringing my family of 5 to the Hickory Ridge Family Pool Party hosted by yours truly. In the meantime, feel free to share any crockpot recipes you may have because I have a feeling it's going to be one of those nights.

With exhausted appreciation, Emily Rieger Events Coordinator

Other staff in the Village Office are:

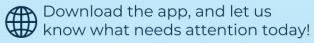
- Covenant Advisor for violations
- Facility Coordinator
- Facility Assistants
- Village Manager Laura
- Covenant Advisor, Compliance and Applications Tania

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



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.





www.howardcountymd.gov/tell-hoco



Lakefest this Weekend June 20-22--Downtown Columbia Lakefront

The Columbia Festival returns to the Downtown Columbia Lakefront with its FREE LakeFest Weekend featuring three days of live music, an invitational fine arts and crafts show, kids' entertainment and crafts, a variety of activities for all ages, and fabulous festival food fare.

A schedule of events and more information, visit **columbiafestival.org**.



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 tot lots, fun activities, pool information and more! Find out information about Open Space projects and download maps and other information.



Adult-Use Cannabis FAQs

Do you know that, while the use of cannabis is legal in the state of Maryland, **public use** of the substance is **prohibited**. It is also worth noting that consideration of neighbors and those nearby is recommended if you are smoking cannabis on private property. For more information see the cannabis facts below provided by Maryland State Government. Hickory Ridge has no part in the enforcement of any cannabis regulations. If you have concerns, call the Howard County Police non-emergency number at 410-313-2200.

I can't smoke in public?

Smoking cannabis (and hemp) is prohibited in any public place. This includes outdoor spaces and indoor spaces open to the public including parks, streets and sidewalks, bars and restaurants, public transportation (e.g, buses, vans, trains, taxicabs, limousines) and indoor places of employment. Because cannabis remains illegal at the federal level, you also may not possess cannabis on any federal property such as a national park.

Driving high can lead to a DUI?

Using cannabis while driving (by a driver or passenger) and impaired driving remains illegal under Maryland law. Law enforcement officers can make a cannabis DUI arrest if they observe impairment using a standard field sobriety testing (roadside test) method. Let's keep Maryland safe and plan ahead before using cannabis. Learn more with this **Driving fact sheet**.

I can't take it out of Maryland?

Cannabis remains illegal under federal law, and you may not carry or transport cannabis over state lines. It remains illegal to leave (or enter) Maryland with any cannabis products - medical or adult-use (non-medical) products. Mailing cannabis in or out of the State is illegal. https://cannabis.maryland.gov/pages/cannabisfag.aspx



CA Outdoor Pools: Now Open!

There are 23 outdoor pools in Columbia, three of which are in the Village of Hickory Ridge:

Clarys Forest Clemens Crossing Hawthorn

Pool membership information is available at **<u>columbiaassociation.org</u>**. If you are not a member, CA offers the programs below:

Second Sunday Swim

CA residents can visit CA's 23 outdoor pools for free on the second Sunday of each month: June 8, July 13, and Aug 10. Residents of CA-assessed property must have a Columbia Card to receive access. Cards can be obtained by contacting CA's Customer Care Team a t CMSC@ColumbiaAssociation.org or 410-730-1801. Address verification and dependent children's birth certificates are required. For more information, call 410-730-1801.

Columbia Card Free Passes

In addition, CA is offering each Columbia Cardholder household four (4) passes to use at any outdoor pool! Some restrictions apply. Passes can only be used Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays—one pass per person. You must bring your card. Columbia Cards cannot be issued

at the time of use.

Plus, check out these free events open to the entire community:

- World's Largest Swim Lesson (Thursday, June 26). Join us at Faulkner Ridge Pool for this global event focused on drowning prevention and water safety. CA is proud to take part in this international effort—everyone is welcome to participate!
- Coral Reef Encounter (Saturday, July 19-Sunday, July 20).
 Snorkel through a colorful, immersive display and enjoy live music at Jeffers Hill Pool, open for ages five and older.



Summer Snack Bags

Columbia Community Care (CCC) is providing snack bags for children this summer!

With school out for the summer, many kids will not be receiving the school lunches available during the year. Depending on the supply, CCC will provide snack bags every Saturday at their distribution sites, June 28 -August 23 (except July 5).

Please help with this project if you can! You can deliver filled snack bags to the CCC pantry at Long Reach or deliver them directly to the distribution sites. Locations and drop off times noted below. Please email suecastonguay@gmail.com ahead of time with where/when you'd like to drop off your snack bags and the # of bags you will bring. There is limited storage space at the pantry, and we'll plan accordingly.

- Lunch Bag size bags
- Non-perishable, individually wrapped snacks, about 5-6 snacks
- Healthy snacks such as granola bars, nutrition bars, fruit cups, fruit snacks, goldfish, pretzels, cheez-its, cheese crackers, juice boxes, shelf stable milk, etc.
- Yes, a 'treat' is OK! We don't recommend chocolates, they might melt.
- Kids of all ages can participate in making snack bags. Older kids can help shop, fill bags, decorate, write messages on bags.
 Younger kids can decorate bags with markers, paint, stickers.
- CCC Pantry: Drop off Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00 2:00 pm and Saturdays 9:30 - 12:00 pm. 8775 Cloudleap Ct, Suite 107, Long Reach Village Center (back parking lot entrance behind the village center).
- CCC Distribution Sites: Drop off Saturdays 9:00 9:30 am. Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Long Reach Village Center, The Barn @ Oakland Mills.



Join us in supporting Columbia Community Care to provide much-needed food for children throughout the summer months.

Donate Pre-Packaged Snacks and/or Volunteer to Pack Snack Bags for Kids this Summer!

SNACK BAG STUFFING JULY 2ND FROM 6-7PM The Hawthorn Center

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org to volunteer to:

✓ Donate Pre-Packaged Snacks

☑ Pack Snack Bags for Kids this Summer!

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If you can donate any items, please use the link below to sign up! It won't be fun to stuff if we don't have any items!

Snack Bag Donation Sign Up



HCPSS Summer Meal Program

HCPSS will offer its free summer meal program weekdays June 23-Aug. 1 (except July 4) from 12:30-2 p.m. at locations across Howard County. Open to all HCPSS students and any children ages 18 and under, there are no applications, enrollment or fees to participate in this program, however children must be present to receive free meals. Free meals

also will be provided to all students participating in HCPSS summer programs.



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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/



EXPLORING Columbia on

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.

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THE HAWTHORN CENTER 6175 SUNNY SPRING

FREE TO ATTEND AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

BEST FOR KIDDOS 0-5 AND THEIR ADULT
FRIEND(S).

Please RSVP to: events@hickoryridgevillage.org

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TWO COLUMBIA FAVORITES, ONE NIGHT OF FREE FUN!



Start with Dancin' Under the People Tree led by CA fitness instructors, then enjoy a family-friendly movie under the stars hosted by Columbia's own Mr. B!



■読■ Fridays, June 6 - August 29 Dancing at 7pm Movies at Dusk (~8:15pm)



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- Co-Op Volunteer

Morning 4s

M/W/F 9:00-11:45am

- Must be 4 by 12/31/25
- · 16 Waitlist
- 2 Teamers:Co-Op Volunteer

Afternoon 4s

M/Tu/W/Th 12:30-3:15pm

- Must be 4 by 12/31/25
- 18 students max
- Co-op optional

Now offering LUNCH BUNCH option:

AM classes extend to 12:30 dismissal PM classes extend to 11:45 start

Spaces limited, offered on first come basis

Registration Hotline: 410-929-6730 / ecpvp1@gmail.com or visit our website!





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Resident Architectural Committee & Exterior Alterations

Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meeting agendas are available on the Hickory Ridge website. <u>Click here to view</u> 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



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: 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
- Daphne Richardson: 443-750-1151



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

Lithium-lon 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.



Columbia Association Open Space Dashboard

Columbia Association (CA) Open Space project information is now available online via CA's Project & Access Dashboard. Visit <u>columbiaassociation.org/open-space/development/real-estate-services/</u> 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**.



Who Do I Call?

Check out the <u>Useful Information page on the Hickory Ridge</u> <u>website</u>. There are phone number and/or links to various resources.

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 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

<u>Laurel MultiService Center*</u>
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* <u>here</u> Stay informed about the latest updates and essential information form 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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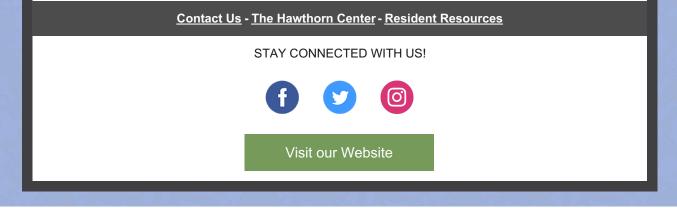
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