

THE LOG

Hickory Ridge
The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:30am-5:00pm
Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm
June 5, 2025

Connect with us at
HickoryRidgeVillage.org
Phone: 410-730-7327



Welcome Village Board Members!

Kristine Amari, Mark Covington, Steve Hannan, Micajah McGarity and Mariah Robertson are the Village Board for the term, May 1, 2025—April 30, 2026. Skye Anderson is the Hickory Ridge Representative to the Columbia Council. We are fortunate to have these accomplished members of the community leading Hickory Ridge!

Contact the Village Board

Can't make it to a Board meeting on the second or fourth Monday of the month? No worries, you can reach the Board via email. Send the details in an email to board@hrvboard.org. You will reach all the members including the Columbia Association Council Representative. Information about Village Board meetings is on the website, hickoryridgevillage.org.

Lakefront Live

Get ready for a summer of fun and entertainment with Lakefront Live, brought to you by The Columbia Association. Lakefront Live offers free concerts, movies, and dancing under the People Tree for the community, all happening at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront! For more info, go to <https://columbiaassociation.org/lakefront-live/>

Hello, Neighbors!

Do you live in an apartment in The Bluffs, Clary's Crossing, Club Merion, Eagle Rock, The Eaves, Hickory Ridge Place, Poplar Glen or The Greens? Then you are a member of the Village of Hickory Ridge! We have a welcome bag with helpful information from the County and Hickory Ridge, plus a few treats from us that you are welcome to pickup. Stop by our office at The Hawthorn Center. We look forward to meeting you! *Scan the QR code to connect with all Village information.*



Upcoming Events

Please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org with questions or to register.

Family BINGO



Saturday, June 7th, 7:00pm

The Hawthorn Center

Come for a fun night of Family Bingo and support Grassroots Crisis Intervention by bringing nonperishable food donations! \$10 (Play 3 cards/game—play 10 games)

Registration and payment is required.

Family Pool Party



Saturday, July 5th from 6:00—8:00pm

The Hawthorn Pool

This event is FREE to attend and open to Hickory Ridge residents only. You do not need to have a CA pool membership to attend. Pool games, music and a FREE treat from I Loves Me Some Snowballs, Sweets and Treats. Picnics are strongly encouraged. **Registration is required; please include your mailing address and number attending.**

Ice Cream Story Time

Tuesday, July 22nd & Wednesday, July 23rd 9:30am at The Hawthorn Center

Designed for 0-5 year olds and an adult friend. Attendees will enjoy a story, crafts and treats. **FREE to attend but please register.**



Report Non-Emergency Issues

Have a problem on your street? Report water main breaks, broken street signs, potholes and more on Howard County's mobile app and website, Tell HoCo. Download the TellHoCo app on your phone or visit howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo.

Swim League Season Is Here!

The Columbia Neighborhood Swim League (CNSL) is a summer recreational swim league with 14 swim teams located throughout the Columbia, Ellicott City and Clarksville areas. CNSL is open to swimmers 18 years old or younger with all ability levels who meet the League Requirements. Registration is through the Columbia Neighborhood Swim League (CNSL) at the Columbia Association.

Block Party Grants

We'll help you party with your neighbors! Our Block Party Grants offer qualifying parties a \$100 Giant gift card for party expenses. Just set a date, invite all the neighbors on your street and have a blast! Applications are available at The Hawthorn Center, on our website or here: <https://linktr.ee/hickoryridgevillage>



Hickory Ridge Lists

Babysitter List—If you live in Hickory Ridge and you would like to be included on the Village list, please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org. The list will be in an upcoming issue of The Log.

Mowers List—If you mow grass and do light yard work, make sure you are on the Hickory Ridge list! The list will be in an upcoming issue of The Log. Email contact info and offered tasks to events@hickoryridgevillage.org.

Letters of Compliance

If you are putting your house on the market this summer, please request a Letter of Compliance well in advance of a pending settlement date. This letter is a valuable tool for sellers because it verifies that your property is in compliance with the Hickory Ridge Covenants. Request forms are available in the Covenants section of our website and at the Village office.



Village Meetings

For more information, please visit the website.

June 9: Board Meeting, 7:30pm, virtual meeting

June 18: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm, virtual meeting

June 23: Board Meeting, 7:30pm, The Hawthorn Center

Tree of Heaven, A Devilish Invasive

Late spring is a great time to walk through the streets and pathways of Hickory Ridge and enjoy seeing all the plants that have come back to life. As much as we love trees, however, there is one tree we are not happy to see back—the Tree of Heaven. In this article, we'll explain why we don't like it, how you can identify it, and what to do about it if you find one on your property.

There are a few reasons we could list for not liking the Tree of Heaven, but perhaps the number one reason is it is a favorite food source for the Spotted Lanternfly. Remember them? Tree of Heaven is fast growing and will secrete a chemical to prevent native plants from growing near it. It stinks! Literally, it can smell like rotten peanut butter especially if you crush some of its leaves. Finally, it is hard to kill, especially if you are not familiar with it.

Tree of Heaven looks similar to a palm tree. The leaflets grow in pairs from a shoot that can get up to four feet long. The leaves are spear-shaped and have a smooth edge. By comparison, Eastern black walnut leaves look similar but have ragged, sawtooth-like edge. The leaves have a characteristic tooth or notch on one side near the base (see Figure 1). And if you see Spotted Lanternflies at any stage of life on the tree, it is very likely a Tree of Heaven.

Killing Tree of Heaven can be especially difficult. If you are unsuccessful in killing it, it will send runners up to 50 feet away and resurface. You might want a tree professional to handle this. Typically, herbicides like triclopyr or glyphosate will be required and cutting the tree down will need to be timed to mid to late summer when nutrients flow down from the leaves back to the roots.

The University of Maryland Extension Service has more information, including some helpful YouTube videos, at <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/tree-heaven/>.



Figure 1: Close up showing characteristic notch and spotted lanternflies.

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RAC Volunteers Needed

The Hickory Ridge Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meets virtually on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm. Volunteering on the RAC is a great way to get to know Hickory Ridge's neighborhoods and to connect with others in the community! Committee members review applications for architectural alterations, visit the properties to help determine the suitability of the alterations, and attend the RAC meetings. One to four property visits per meeting may be required. If you think you might be interested in volunteering for the Committee, contact Tania via email at applications@hickoryridgevillage.org.

Community Engagement

Join the Community Engagement volunteers! These volunteers lead the weekly Community Walks starting at The Hawthorn Center on Monday mornings at 10:00am. Walk, chat, meet some neighbors and learn more about the neighborhood! Stop back at The Hawthorn Center for a cup of coffee. The volunteers also offer periodic Happy Hours and educate residents about Columbia and the Village. Email community@hickoryridgevillage.org.

Neighborhood Liaisons

Do you know your neighbors? Would you like to be a point of contact for your block or street? Hickory Ridge is looking for residents who are interested in keeping their community in-the-know about what is going on in the Village. Contact Laura at 410-730-7327 or manager@hickoryridgevillage.org for more information.

Hickory Ridge Board, Committees, and Volunteers

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Village Office Services

- ⇒ Resale packets (also available on website)
- ⇒ Compliance requests
- ⇒ Covenant inquires
- ⇒ Exterior Alteration Applications
- ⇒ Copies
- ⇒ FAX
- ⇒ Notary Public (by appointment only)



The Hawthorn Center

Host a party, seminar, baby shower or other life celebration at The Hawthorn Center! Our well-appointed, contemporary setting is the perfect backdrop for any occasion. The Hawthorn Center can also accommodate weekday and evening meetings. Please consider The Hawthorn Center for your next social or business event!

TheHawthornCenter.org





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