

THE LOG

Hickory Ridge
The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:30am-5:00pm
Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm
September 4, 2025

Connect with us at
[HickoryRidgeVillage.org](https://hickoryridgevillage.org)
Phone: 410-730-7327



Contact Your Village Board

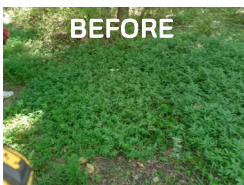
The Hickory Ridge Village Board plays a vital role in shaping our community by advocating for Village issues with Columbia Association and Howard County, making County and Columbia Association budget requests, and asking for community programs. The Board also works closely with The Columbia Association Council Representative to advocate for Hickory Ridge.



Can't attend a Board meeting in person?

Board meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. If you're unable to attend, you can still share your thoughts, concerns, or questions directly with the Board. Simply send an email to board@hrvboard.org — your message will be shared with all Board members, including the Columbia Association Council Representative. For meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, and more details, please visit our website. Your input matters — stay informed and involved!

Weed Warriors Working!



Last month, four Weed Warrior volunteers, also members of the Hickory Ridge Watershed Advisory Committee, worked to remove Wavyleaf Basketgrass from along the CA path behind The Hawthorn Center. The before and after pictures show the largest area they cleared. A big THANK YOU to the Weed Warriors for their hard

work and to the CA Open Space staff who picked up the bags of weed waste. The Weed Warriors are always looking for more volunteers. To learn more about the group, go to columbiaassociation.org and search for "Weed Warriors".



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>



Upcoming Events

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

Hickory Ridge Flea Market

Saturday, September 13th, 8:00-10:30am

The Hawthorn Center Parking Lot



Discover hidden treasures, great bargains, and one-of-a-kind finds at the Hickory Ridge Community Flea Market! Whether you're hunting for vintage goods, home décor, books, toys, or handmade crafts, there's something for everyone. It's a fun way to support

local vendors, meet neighbors, and enjoy a lively community atmosphere.

Bird Story Time

September 16 & 17 at 10:00am

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



Apple Story Time

October 14 & 15 at 10:00am

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

More Upcoming Events!

Winter Artisan Market

Calling All Local Artists & Makers!

We're looking for talented local artisans to showcase and sell their handcrafted goods at this popular holiday event. Whether you create jewelry, pottery, textiles, woodwork, holiday decor, or other unique handmade items, we want to feature *you*!

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with local shoppers, grow your audience, and be part of a cozy winter market experience.

Interested in being part of the event on November 16th from 2-5pm? Applications will be available starting **Monday, September 22nd**. To apply, please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org. Spaces are limited, so don't wait to secure your spot!

Get Creative with Board & Brush

Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of DIY wood sign making at our **Board & Brush Workshop** on **Thursday, October 10th from 6:30–8:30pm!** Whether you're crafty or a complete beginner, you'll leave with a personalized piece of home décor and some great memories. Bring a friend, enjoy the creative atmosphere, and unleash your inner artist! \$50 to participate (with drinks & snacks) and spots are limited. Email events@hickoryridgevillage.org soon to request your official sign-up form!

Monday Morning Walks

Looking for a healthy, social way to kick off your week? Join your neighbors for a **Monday Morning Community Walk at 10am in front of The Hawthorn Center**. It's a great opportunity to get some fresh air, enjoy the beautiful scenery, and connect with others in the neighborhood. All ages and paces are welcome — just bring your walking shoes and good vibes!



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, TellHoCo. Download the TellHoCo app on your phone or visit howardcountymd.gov/Tell-HoCo.



Keep Storm Drains Clear

Storm drains need to be clear to function and we can all help out!

1. Use a leaf rake to remove leaves from on top and sides of the storm drain entry points. Add them to your green bin for collection and composting.
2. If you see flooding in your streets due to clogged storm drains—try to pull the leaves onto the curb out of the way of the water.
3. If flooding is too great and you can not safely clear the drain, place a ticket in TellHoCo so the county can come out and clear the storm drain.

Hickory Ridge Lists

Dogsitters and Pet Walkers—We're trying something NEW! If you live in Hickory Ridge, you offer these services and you would like to be included on a Village list, please send your name, contact information and services you offer to events@hickoryridgevillage.org.

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.

Fall Leaves: What should we do?



Do you know the most environmentally-friendly way to deal with leaves in your yard is to mow them? If you don't mulch the leaves by mowing them, please dispose of your raked leaves properly.

Leaves and yard waste can be recycled on your regular recycling pickup day.

Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

- Yard waste **MUST** be placed in paper bags, your green bin or reusable containers. No plastic bags.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. It is a violation of the Howard County code.
- Please do not dump your leaves and yard debris onto CA Open Space.

Thank you for keeping Hickory Ridge beautiful!

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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.

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.

Advertise in this Newsletter!

You can advertise your business in The Log newsletter! The newsletter goes out on the first and third Thursdays of the month. In mailed, print issues like this one, a standard ad costs *ONLY* \$100 and your ad is seen by more than 4700 households in Hickory Ridge! For e-issues, the cost is \$30 and it goes out to a subscriber list of 2000. Both print issues and e-issues are posted on social media and our website, too! Email Laura at manager@hickoryridgevillage.org for more information!

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- ⇒ Compliance requests
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