



The LOG Newsletter October 16, 2025

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

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Hickory Ridge Community Association Upcoming Meetings

October 16: CARES Meeting, 7:00pm*

October 27: Board Meeting, 7:30pm

November 5: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

[Meeting Information](#)



Join the Election Committee

Help Shape the Future of Hickory
Ridge!

We're looking for dedicated residents to volunteer on the Election Committee for the 2026 Annual Meeting & Election Day in the Village of Hickory Ridge.

Each April, our community elects Village Board Members and a Columbia Council Representative — and we need your help to ensure a fair and smooth election process!

As a Committee Member, You'll:

- Recommend election processes and improvements to the Board
- Help plan and moderate Candidate Nights
- Assist with voter check-in and vote counting on Election Day – April 25, 2026
- Ensure Election Rules & Procedures are followed

Requirements to Join:

- Be a member of The Hickory Ridge Community Association (must own or rent a Columbia Association-assessed property in Hickory Ridge)
- Be available to contribute ~15 hours of your time for meetings, Candidate Night, and Election Day
- Complete and submit the Volunteer Application form

Your participation is a great way to get involved, meet neighbors, and support local democracy!

Book Your Holiday Party!



It's a bit more than two months until Christmas!! Have you booked the date for your holiday party? The Hawthorn Center has Friday evenings, Saturday evenings and Sundays available for rent in December. We can accommodate up to 80 people. Submit an inquiry and start the process today!!

[Submit
Inquiry](#)

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.

[Useful Information](#)

JOIN US FOR HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S

FALL
FOR
ALL

An event for the whole family!

Friday,
October 17
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Howard Community College
Quad
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Columbia, MD 21044

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Learn more at
HowardCC.edu/FallForAll

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- FALL FESTIVITIES • FOOD
- GAMES • AND MORE!

With Howard County Public Schools off, it's the perfect day to enjoy fall festivities.

Learn about public safety!



**Columbia Strums & Drums Collaborative & Hickory Ridge Community Association**



**OPEN MIC**

Wednesday, October 29, 2025
6 – 9pm
Doors open at 5:30pm
A Voluntary \$5.00 donation is requested
The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring
Columbia, MD 21044

MIC & PA System / Steel /
Sheet Music & Tablet Stands Provided

Bottled water and assorted light snacks will be available for free

Open Mic Night at The Hawthorn Center: October 29th

Do you love live music? Join Columbia Strums & Drums Collaborative for an Open Mic Night at The Hawthorn Center on Wednesday, October 29th, 6:00 - 9:00pm.

[Check out the event information!](#)

Envisioning the Future of Columbia: Learn More About the New Town Task Force: MEETINGS & SURVEY



Join Howard County and its project consultant, JMT for two public meeting options to share your ideas on changes to New Town Zoning. New Town Zoning applies to all Columbia Association assessed properties. To attend, sign up on the New Town Task Force [website](#).

To fulfill the goals of HoCo By Design, a Task Force has been developed to identify potential zoning recommendations for Columbia within the New Town Zoning District. Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping the policies and design strategies that will guide the future of New Town Columbia by ensuring that community voices help inform decisions about housing, mobility, public spaces, and more. The feedback gathered will serve to aid in the development of recommendations by the New Town Task Force to the County.

TAKE THE SURVEY! Take the New Town Task Force survey to ensure your voice is heard!
*Survey closes on November 3rd at 11:59pm

**Cards & Community
NEEDED!**

Join us in spreading holiday cheer!
We are seeking donations of holiday cards and community members to sign up to attend Card Making!
Cards will be distributed to Grassroots Crisis Intervention & neighborhood senior centers.

Cards: Donate by October 31st
Card Making: November 6th, 6:30-7:30pm
The Hawthorn Center

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
Email events@hickoryridgevillage.org to volunteer to:
 **Donate holiday or blank cards**
sign up to attend card making

**Stock the Fridge
for
Hickory Ridge
Family BINGO Night**
Saturday, November 15th
Doors open at 7pm
1st Game starts at 7:15pm
GAMES-FUN-PRIZES
6175 Sunny Spring

10 GAMES – 3 CARDS PER GAME
\$10 ADMISSION
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org to reserve a seat!
Please bring at least 3 non-perishables to support Grassroots Crisis Intervention Services for a FREE 3-card Bingo packet!
Additional Bingo Packets can be purchased at the event for \$5
Snacks, sodas & bottled water will be provided.

**The Hickory Ridge Community Association's
Winter Artisan Market**

JOIN US!
**20+ LOCAL ARTISANS**
Beautifully handmade items featuring baked goods, clothing, home decor, jewelry and MORE!!

FREE ADMISSION
The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring
Columbia, MD 21044
Questions?
Please contact
events@hickoryridgevillage.org
410-730-7327

NOVEMBER 16TH 2PM-5PM

Join us in spreading holiday cheer! We are seeking donations of holiday cards & volunteers to

Join us on November 15th at 7pm for a night of excitement, prizes, and community fun!

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at our Winter Artisan Market happening on Sunday,

register and attend Card Making!	We'll play 10 games, with 3 cards per game, all for just \$5!	November 16th from 2-5pm at The Hawthorn Center.
Cards: Please drop off cards to the Hawthorn Center no later than October 31st.	Pre-registration is required, so be sure to sign up early!	The market will feature 20+ local vendors showcasing handmade goods, unique gifts, seasonal treats, and more!
Card Writing: Please register to volunteer for a holiday card-writing and decorating event on November 6th, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM	We'll have snacks, soda, and bottled water available to keep the energy up while you play. Bring your friends as all are welcome — it's going to be a great night!	Come support local makers, enjoy the festive atmosphere, and find one-of-a-kind items perfect for everyone on your list. Bring your friends and family for a cozy afternoon of community and creativity! Free to attend and all are welcome!



The Author Next Door at The Hawthorn Center!

November 12, 7:00pm
The Hawthorn Center in Hickory Ridge

An evening in which three Columbia writers talk about the writing life.

- The lineup:
- Howard County’s Poet Laureate, Truth Thomas;
 - LPR board member and novelist Alex Duvan;
 - Howard County’s new Youth Poet Laureate, Penelope Tofigh of River Hill High School.

There will be books for sale, but there is no admission charge. Authors will be available to sign copies.

Registration is not required, but those who register will receive a classic issue of the LPR at the event.

Sponsored by Howard County’s local literary magazine, the Little Patuxent Review.

[Register Here!](#)



WILDE LAKE CHILDREN'S NURSERY

FALL FESTIVAL + TRUNK-OR-TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025
11 AM - 1 PM*

*TRUNK-OR-TREAT 11 AM - 12 PM

ADMISSION: \$10 PER FAMILY

INCLUDES TRUNK-OR-TREAT, GAMES, FACE PAINTING,
CRAFTS, MUSIC, & DANCING!

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Community Toiletry & Household Essentials Drive through November 17th at The Hawthorn
Center, 6175 Sunny Spring



Help the YTC Teen Outreach Team Support Those in Need

COMMUNITY TOILETRY & HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS DRIVE

OCT 6-NOV 17

Donate new, full size toiletry and/or household essential items to support individuals and families in need living in Howard County and Columbia community.

COLLECTION LOCATIONS:

- The Barn (located in the Oakland Mills Village Center)
- Most of the 10 village centers

WE ARE SEEKING:

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash and soap
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Wipes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hand sanitizer
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry detergent, regular and sensitive skin
- Dish detergent



**Columbia
Association**

For more information, please call 410-992-3726
or email CATeens@ColumbiaAssociation.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, please remember to dispose of your raked leaves properly. Leaves and yard waste can be recycled on your regular recycling pickup day. Here are some helpful tips and rules to keep in mind:

- Yard waste **MUST** be placed in paper bags or reusable containers. No plastic bags.
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street. It is a violation of the Howard County code.
- Do not dump your leaves and yard debris onto CA Open Space.
- Please place bags of yard waste at the curb after 6 pm the evening before your pickup day.

Thank you for keeping Hickory Ridge beautiful!

Letter of Compliance

If you are putting your house on the market, request a Letter of Compliance well in advance of a 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 on the [Sellers and Buyers page](#) of our





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Columbia Association and Howard County



See Click Fix

See Click Fix is an interactive website for Howard County residents to report issues to the County. Issues include, but are not limited to, roadway issues, missing street signs or fallen street signs, street tree issues, potholes, cracked sidewalks, etc. **THIS IS NOT a site for 911 emergencies or police or fire issues.**

**See Click
Fix**



CA 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.

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.



HoCo Crime Statistics Map

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.](#)

**Crime Statistics
Map**



CA Community Programs

You've made Columbia your home. You're part of a unique and diverse community, and that certainly has its benefits. At Columbia Association, it's their mission to foster a unique sense of place and enhance the quality of life. Take a moment to explore some of their many options.

Community Programs

CLASSIFIED ADS

odometer), garage kept with like new tires and battery. This is a Class-3 e-bike, with a maximum pedal-assist speed of 28 mph and a maximum throttle-only speed of 20 mph. Original Retail: \$1,599. Asking \$850.00. Upway lists this bike for between \$999 and \$1,049. [Click here for more info or to contact seller](#).

HAVE AN ITEM YOU ARE TRYING TO SELL AND YOU LIVE IN HICKORY RIDGE? LIST IT HERE! CALL THE VILLAGE OFFICE OR EMAIL MANAGER@HICKORYRIDGEVILLAGE.ORG

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- ♦ *Free WiFi and Sound System*
- ♦ *Lobby and Kitchen*
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Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9:30am - 5pm, Fri 9:30am - 3:30pm

Hickory Ridge Community Association

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Village Services

- Rentals of The Hawthorn Center
- Covenant Enquiries
- Information & referral
- B/W and color Copies
- Notary Public - *Please call for an appointment.*
- Free classified newsletter ad
- Fax

- Special Events
- Story Times

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