



The Log

October 2, 2025

What's happening in and around the Village of Hickory Ridge!
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Hickory Ridge Community Association Upcoming Meetings

October 13: Board Meeting, 7:30pm*

October 15: RAC Meeting, 7:30pm*

October 16: CARES Meeting, 7pm*

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



Hickory Ridge Block Party Grants: Two grants available!

Connect with your neighbors and celebrate your community! Organize a block party—simply choose a date, complete the application, and share your invitation with your neighbors.

As a bonus, you receive a \$100 Giant gift card to help cover party expenses!

Only two grants are available for CA-assessed addresses, and they're awarded on a first-come, first-served basis—so don't wait!

Apply here: <https://linktr.ee/hickoryridgevillage>



Movie Nights in Color Burst Park

Color Burst Park transforms into an outdoor theater in the fall! Pre-movie activities begin at 6PM, with the movie starting at 7:15PM.

[RSVP](#) for access to exclusive giveaways.

October 3: Lilo & Stitch (2025)

October 10: How to Train Your Dragon



Book Your Holiday Party at The Hawthorn Center!

It's three 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!!](#)

Calling All Local Artists & Makers!

Apply to be part of the Hickory Ridge Winter Artisan Market—a festive celebration of creativity and community! 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.

Apply today! Request an application to events@hickoryridgevillage.org—spaces are limited! Let's make this season shine with local talent! ☐☐

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

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Hickory Ridge Mondays Community Walk



Pets & Stroller Friendly! Free!



Every Monday,



10:00 AM



Meet at

**The Hawthorn Center,
6175 Sunny Spring**



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.

Afterward, linger for a complimentary cup of coffee and the chance to unwind with fellow walkers.

Let's build community, one step at a time!

Join The Hickory Ridge Community Association
in partnership with
Board & Brush, Columbia
for

Art and Apps

DIY Wood Signs

Friday, October 10th from 6:30-8:30pm

You'll leave with a personalized piece of home décor and
great memories. Bring a friend, enjoy the creative
atmosphere, and unleash your inner artist!
\$50 to participate (with NA drinks & Apps) 18+ to participate
Spots are limited.

To get started with the registration process, please
reach out to events@hickoryridgevillage.org

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County-Sponsored Fall Shredding Event: October 11th

Held on Saturday, October 11th from 9am - 1pm (or until trucks are full)
at the following locations:

- North Laurel Community Center (9411 Whiskey Bottom Rd)
- Gary J. Arthur Community Center (2400 MD-97)
- Elkridge Landing Middle School (7085 Montgomery Rd)
- Long Gate Park & Ride (4951 Meadowbrook Ln)

Residents may bring up to three bags or boxes of paper to be shredded.
Although these events will have hours, shredding will be available until
trucks are full which may occur before designated ending times.

Join us for a Bushel of fun



Hickory Ridge Community Association

Apple Story Time

9:30am October 14th & 15th

Stories * Crafts * Snacks

The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring

FREE to attend but RSVP is requested

events@hickoryridgevillage.org

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Sustainable Floral Design: Longfellow Garden Club

Thursday, October 16th from 12-2pm at The Hawthorn Center

Join the Longfellow Garden Club for an inspiring journey into the world of sustainable floral design! Susie Middleton, an accredited Master Flower Show Judge, Landscape Design Consultant, Environmental and Gardening Consultant as well as a Master Gardener, will introduce you to more than 15 techniques that you can begin using right away, and she will create an arrangement using an easy to replicate design and technique that will be auctioned off at the end of the program.

This event is free and open to all! However, if you'd like to participate in the silent auction for Susie's beautiful arrangement, please bring extra cash or a check made payable to the Longfellow Garden Club.

You're invited to:

- Bring a guest
- Pack a bag lunch
- Enjoy complimentary light refreshments

Longfellow Garden Club looks forward to seeing you there!

Medication Disposal

Convenient Drive-Thru Event

Saturday October 25 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Safely dispose of:

- Prescription medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- Vitamins
- Pet medication
- Vapes without batteries
- Inhalers
- And more!

Not Accepting Sharps:
Needles, Syringes and EpiPens

HCDrugFree

Wilde Lake Village Center Parking Lot
5305 Village Center Drive, Columbia 21044



Teens: Earn Community Service Hours

Seeking student, adult, and medically-trained adults volunteers. Community service hours available for students. Spend some time making a difference in Howard County!

Medication Lockbox Giveaway!

We are giving away 100 Medication Lockboxes!
First come, first served.
Limit 1 per vehicle.



HCDrugFree.org

Provided by HC DrugFree, in partnership with the DEA, MD's Office of Overdose Response, Howard County Police and Health Department, HCPSS, MDH, and SAMHSA.



Columbia Strums & Drums Collaborative &
Hickory Ridge Community Association



OPEN MIC

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

6 - 9pm

Doors open at 5:30pm

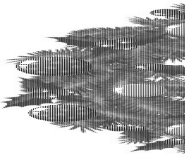
A Voluntary \$5.00 donation is requested

The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring
Columbia, MD 21044



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

Bottled water and assorted light snacks will be available for free



Holiday Bazaar at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Saturday, November 1st

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
10689 Owen Brown Road, Columbia

Proceeds will support the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and Abiding Savior ministries. Please contact the Abiding Savior office, aslc@abiding-savior.org, if you have any questions.



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**

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The Author Next Door at The Hawthorn Center!

Save the date:

Sponsored by [Little Patuxent Review](#)

Wednesday, November 12th

7:00 pm

The Hawthorn Center

FREE to attend

You may be aware that a famous writer like Michael Chabon grew up in Longfellow and that the best-selling novelist Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie spends half the year in Columbia, but do you know about the surprising number of local authors working in our community? The U.S. publishing ecosystem is a vast pyramid, with thousands of serious writers striving to have their work published every year. Howard County's literary magazine, the *Little Patuxent Review*, is a vital part of that

system.

The *Little Patuxent Review* is sponsoring an evening in which they'll interview four authors who live in Columbia. On Wednesday, November 12, in a highly interactive session, four of our local authors will talk about their work, their methods of publishing, and their ambitions.

All those signing up on Eventbrite will receive a new LPR "classic edition".



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.

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Join us for



CRABBY TALES & STORY TIME FUN!

November 18 & 19th
9:30am
6175 Sunny Spring

Stories, Crafts & Snacks
FREE to attend & all are welcome!

RSVP to
events@hickoryridgevillage.org

Hickory Ridge MINGLE



Gift & Greet

Sign up to purchase a small wrapped gift (valued \$5-\$10)
for a fellow resident and bring it to our festive
Holiday Party on December 13th from 7-9pm!

🎁 At the party, you'll exchange gifts, enjoy great
company, and make warm connections with your
neighbors. It's a fun, easy way to celebrate the season and
share a little cheer!

Sign up today at events@hickoryridgevillage.org to receive
an official Gift & Greet Questionnaire and be part of the
magic!

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Must be 18+ to participate



Want to make a real difference in your community?

Help shape programs, events and activities for your peers. Join the **Middle School Advisory Committee** (for middle schoolers) or **CA Teens** (for high schoolers). Share ideas, plan events and activities, be a leader and earn community service hours. This is your chance to be heard.

COMMITMENT: Monthly meetings + attendance at planned events

For more information or to join, call **410 992-3726**, email **CATeens@ColumbiaAssociation.org** or scan the code



Youth and Teen Center at The Barn,
5853 Robert Oliver Place in the Oakland Mills Village Center

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Contact: Debby (Deborah) Harm-Johnson

debby.harm-johnson@efexchangeyear.org

<https://efexchangeyear.org/iec/deborah-harm-johnson/>



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Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee (AWCAC)

Help Us Grow – Become a Member

The Committee has identified several projects to enliven and accommodate the needs of our senior residents. These projects require planning and research to develop presentations to the CA BOD and Senior Management.

We are actively recruiting new members. For more information, please

visit [AWCAC](#), attend our next meeting, or contact Celindah or Ginny directly.

Celindah Grier, Chair
301-602-7101, celindah.grier@gmail.com

Ginny Thomas, Recruitment Project
401-992-7984, ginny.thomas65@gmail.com

AWCAC Accessibility Subcommittee – CA Pathways Assessment Project

The AWCAC Accessibility Subcommittee has launched a “Walking the Pathways” project to assess whether hills, inclines, or other walking challenges may prevent senior residents and individuals with disabilities from fully enjoying the exceptional, free pathways provided by CA. As part of this project, we’re also noting the locations of benches or other rest facilities along the paths that could benefit walkers.

How you can help:

If you're out walking the paths, we invite you to help us collect useful information about any accessibility challenges or available rest spots. For more details or to get involved, please contact: Celindah Grier at 301-602-7101 or by email at celindah.grier@gmail.com



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.**



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, 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!



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



Petsitters in Hickory Ridge

If you live in Hickory Ridge, you pet sit and would like to be included in the pet sitter 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 pet sitting but are not vetted by this office.

Pet sitter List

- Amanda Kirkpatrick: "Loving Care When You're Not There": amandakirkpatrick1990@gmail.com
 - Vanessa Castro: Twopugz.dogcare@gmail.com
 - Beth Roberts: bcaitlyn1.8@gmail.com
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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
- Daphne Richardson: 443-750-1151

- Grace (Stevie) Brown: g.lombard2583@gmail.com



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.

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.

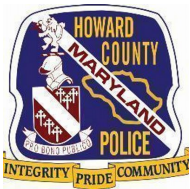


Open Space Questions or Concerns?

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.

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.



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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Village Services

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

Please note: fees may apply.

Contact Us - The Hawthorn Center - Resident Resources

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