

THE LOG

Hickory Ridge
The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:30am-5:00pm
Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm
November 6, 2025

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



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:

- 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 found on the website.

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

Need to Contact the Board?

Reach out to Hickory Ridge Village Board members at board@hrvboard.org. The Board meets on the second and sometimes, fourth Mondays of the month. See the Village Board page on the website for more information. Village elections are scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2026. Get involved in your community. Run for the Village Board beginning March 2026!

Upcoming Events

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

Hickory Ridge Family Bingo

Saturday, November 15th, 7:00pm

Looking for a fun night out with the whole family? Don't miss **Family Bingo Night** – an exciting evening filled with laughter, friendly competition, and great prizes! **10 Games, 3 Cards Per Game & Only \$5 Per Person** (pre-registration required). **Snacks, soda, and bottled water provided!** Spaces are limited so grab your spot today and get ready to shout, "BINGO!" Register now at events@hickoryridgevillage.org and bring the whole crew for a night of unforgettable fun!



Winter Artisan Market

Sunday, November 16th from 2:00-5:00pm

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at our Winter Artisan Market — featuring 20+ local vendors showcasing handmade goods, unique gifts, seasonal treats, and more! 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!

Crabby Tales & Story Time Fun

November 18th & 19th at 9:30am



Join us for a *snappy* good time at Crab Storytime — a fun and engaging reading event perfect for little ones ages 0-5 years old and their adult friend(s) who love ocean adventures! We'll dive into charming crab-themed stories, songs, and activities that will spark imaginations and wiggle some claws. Attendees will enjoy a story, crafts and treats. FREE to attend but please RSVP.

Hickory Ridge Mingle: Gift & Greet

Saturday, December 13th from 7:00-9:00pm

Spread joy this season by taking part in our first annual Hickory Ridge Gift & Greet event! To participate, send an email to Emily at events@hickoryridgevillage.org, and you will receive an official Gift & Greet Questionnaire to fill out. Then, buy a gift (\$5—\$10) for a fellow resident using the information in their Questionnaire. Bring the wrapped gift to our festive Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13th. 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! Participation is limited to residents 18 years of age and older.



Hickory Ridge Happy Hour

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 6:00 PM
Asian Palace, 10801 Hickory Ridge Road
RSVP required—use the QR code to RSVP.



Come join community members 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!

Trash and Recycling Bins



Storing your trash and recycling bins inside your garage or carport is best, but a location on the side of your home that is less visible, if they are neatly stored, is also acceptable.

Bins should not be stored in front of your house. Townhouses should store bins in the back, if possible.

Open Space

If you have questions or concerns about Columbia Association (CA) Open Space, contact CA Open Space directly by calling 410-312-6330 or by emailing Open.Space@ColumbiaAssociation.org. 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.



Hickory Ridge Lists

Dogsitters and Pet Walkers—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 mulch them 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!

You Are a Member of Our Community! Join Us!

If you received this newsletter, you are a member of the Hickory Ridge Community! We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events or meetings. Hickory Ridge is at its best when members of the community connect and contribute to its success. The staff and volunteers in Hickory Ridge hope you join us soon!



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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

Would you like to help build a stronger, more connected community? Hickory Ridge is looking for friendly, engaged residents to serve as points of contact for their block or street. As a neighborhood liaison, you'll help keep your neighbors informed about what's happening in the Village and be a vital link in building community spirit. Interested? Please contact Laura at **410-730-7327** or manager@hickoryridgevillage.org to learn more!

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!

Hickory Ridge Board, Committees, and Volunteers

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Village Office Services

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



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