

THE LOG

Hickory Ridge
The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:30am-5:00pm
Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm
February 5, 2026

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



Annual Meeting/Election 2026

Hickory Ridge needs energetic residents like you to run for the five Village Board seats and Hickory Ridge's Columbia Council seat. The Annual Meeting/Election this year will be on Saturday, April 25th. Keep an eye out for your absentee ballot arriving in the mail in April with more information. Anyone interested in running for the Village Board or the Columbia Association Council must be a member of the Association (own or rent CA assessed property in the Village) and complete a candidate statement and other forms.



The Village Board meets on the second and, if needed, the fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. The Columbia Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Candidate information is available on the website. Interested in learning more about running for the Village Board or Columbia Council? Please reach out to Laura at 410-730-7327 or manager@hickoryridgevillage.org.

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 online at CA's Project Dashboard: <https://columbiaassociation.org/open-space/development/mapping-gis-resources/>

Happy Valentine's Day

This Valentine's Day, we're thankful for the people who make our community thrive. Wishing you a day filled with kindness and warmth.



Upcoming Events:

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

Love Monster Story Time February 10th & 11th at 9:30am

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 RSVP.

Adult LEGO Botanicals Night March 20th at 7:00pm

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21+ adults come unwind and get creative as you choose one of three LEGO Botanicals sets to build throughout the evening. Enjoy drinks and snacks while you build, connect, and relax. Cost is \$25 per person, and pre-registration is required. We'll be "building" community one brick at a time!

Columbia Cleans Hickory Ridge April 11th from 9:00-10:30am

The Hawthorn Center

Join us for a community clean-up of the CA Open Space in the Hawthorn neighborhood. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome! Registration is required. Service hours are available.

Family Bingo Night

April 18th at 7:00pm

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Enjoy 10 exciting games with three cards per game for just \$5 per person. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 PM, and the first game begins at 7:00 PM. Pre-registration is required, so please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org for more information and payment details.



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!

Hickory Ridge Lists

Snow Shoveling List—We are looking for people willing to shovel snow for neighbors (for a reasonable fee). If you are able to help shovel and would like your name added to our snow shoveler list, please email events@hickoryridgevillage.org and provide your name and phone number.

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 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.

Stay Social!

Want to know what's happening in Hickory Ridge? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @hickoryridgevillage To receive the e-newsletter issues of **The Log**, scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/3GyJja5 to sign up today.



CARES Corner

Thank You and **Congratulations** to our residents for keeping our neighborhoods safe and attractive!

The CARES Committee has been tracking your progress. Over the past three months, more than 90 tickets have been opened in the TellHoCo/ClickFixIt system for areas in Hickory Ridge. The tickets included areas where trash was noticed on roadside, traffic signals that were not working properly, trees and tree limbs had fallen blocking streets or sidewalks, potholes capable of causing vehicle damage had developed, and sewer/water issues. A few requests were for new crosswalks, traffic signals or street lights. All tickets were acknowledged by Howard County in one day. Most were either cleared by Howard County departments or referred to an appropriate agency (e.g. BGE, RTA, CA, etc.) to fix in days or weeks. In a few cases the issues were found to be on residential or HOA property, where the County does not have responsibility. In the cases requesting new traffic measures, traffic studies were performed by Howard County and the studies did not show adequate traffic to warrant additional measures.



Remember that you can report issues via TellHoCo from your computer or your cell phone (free app). Just search for TellHoCo! You can remain anonymous when reporting. Please take a few minutes if you notice something is broken or not working to let the County know so they can get it repaired quickly.

If you have questions for the CARES Committee, email them at cares@hickoryridgevillage.org. They will answer your question, and maybe write about the topic in an upcoming newsletter!

Celebrate Maryland Flowers

Thursday, February 12th, 12:00-2:00pm

The Hawthorn Center

Join the **Longfellow Garden Club** discovering native spring flowers that can transform your landscape. Learn how to grow them and explore why they're so special—and which pollinators depend on them. Please bring a bag lunch; light refreshments will be provided. Free to attend and open to all! RSVP to events@hickoryridgevillage.org.

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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.

Village Office Services

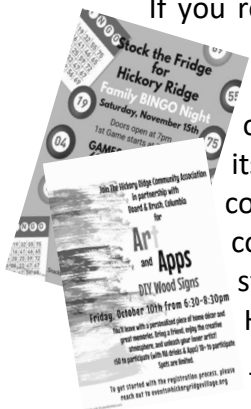
- ⇒ Resale packets (also available on website)
- ⇒ Compliance requests
- ⇒ Covenant inquiries
- ⇒ Exterior Alteration Applications
- ⇒ Copies
- ⇒ FAX
- ⇒ Notary Public (by appointment only)

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!

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!



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! For rates and more information, visit

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