

THE LOG

Hickory Ridge
The Hawthorn Center
6175 Sunny Spring

Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:30am-5:00pm
Friday, 9:30am-3:30pm
April 2, 2026

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



Annual Meeting/Election 2026

The Village Election this year will be Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9:00am—12:00pm. Absentee ballot postcards will arrive in your mailbox in early April.



At the conclusion of the Election at 12:00pm, the Annual Meeting will occur in The Hawthorn Center.

There are **two** candidates for **one** Columbia Council (CA Board of Directors) seat.

- **Skye Anderson**
- **Micajah “Mike” McGarity**

Meet The Candidates for the Columbia Council!

Meet the candidates for the representative to the Columbia Council!

Two Candidate Forums will be held:

- Virtual, scripted Candidate Forum, Wednesday, April 8th, 7:00pm (invitation on website)
- In-person Candidate Forum at The Hawthorn Center, Thursday, April 16th, 7:00pm

The Candidate Forums are your opportunity to hear what the candidates for the Columbia Council think about issues of concern in the Village and Columbia.

Options For Voting

Absentee Voting:

- Mailed absentee ballots must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, April 24, 2026.
- Drop-off your ballot at the Village Office at The Hawthorn Center at 6175 Sunny Spring during these times: Mondays-Thursdays, 9:30am—5:00pm, Fridays from 9:30am—3:30pm or Friday, April 24th from 5:30pm—7:30pm.



Vote in person:

Vote on Election Day, Saturday, April 25th from 9:00am—12:00pm at The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring.

Community Celebration

Join The Hickory Ridge Community Association staff, on Friday, April 24th from 5:30—7:30pm outside in the parking lot of The Hawthorn Center for an evening of fun, food & live music!



Food for purchase from DM Sliders, Taco Joint and Tasty Empanadas. All are welcome. Hickory Ridge CA-assessed residents, please bring your absentee ballot postcard to vote in this year's Village Election!

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 at the top of this newsletter or go to bit.ly/3GyJja5 to sign up today.

Election Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEER The Village needs volunteers for the Annual Meeting/Election on April 25, 2026!

On Election Day, check in voters and help with the vote count. Shifts are 90 minutes long and we will provide refreshments for volunteers.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the Candidate Forum on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00pm at The Hawthorn Center.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laura at manager@hickoryridgevillage.org or 410-730-7327.

Upcoming Events at The Hawthorn Center:

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

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

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

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.



Flower Story Time

April 21st & 22nd at 9:30am

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



Hickory Ridge is Hiring!

We are seeking a dynamic and organized **Events Coordinator** to support the planning, coordination, and execution of community programs and events. This part-time position offers up to 25 hours per week and is ideal for someone who enjoys working with people, managing details, and creating engaging community experiences.

Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate educational, recreational, and special events throughout the year
- Develop and distribute promotional content, including newsletters and social media updates
- Maintain strong relationships with community partners and participants

Qualifications:

- Strong organizational and multitasking skills
- Excellent communication skills

- Experience with event planning, program coordination, or community engagement preferred
- Ability to work occasional evenings and weekends as needed
- Proficiency with basic computer applications and social media platforms
- Ability to lift and move tables, chairs, and event materials as needed for room setup and breakdown

How to Apply:

Please submit your resume and a brief cover letter outlining your interest and relevant experience to Laura Mayton at manager@hickoryridgevillage.org

CARES Corner

Reusable Shopping Bags

Have you ever wondered if the county's nickel fee for using plastic bags has been effective? A study was done by the Sierra Club and the Less Plastic Please organization showing that plastic bag usage among shoppers dropped from 75.7% in 2019 to 40.3% in 2023, a decline of nearly half from levels seen before the plastic bag fee took effect. The number of plastic bags used continues to decrease as shoppers choose paper bags or bring their own reusable bags for their purchases. Since Howard County established the practice over \$3 million has been deposited in a special Disposable Plastics Reduction Fund (not the general fund). One of the approved uses of the fund is to provide reusable bags "predominantly to vulnerable individuals." Since the beginning of the program, Howard County has provided 25,536 reusable grocery bags to Howard County residents. In addition the money funds other environmental projects in the community. For a detailed list see: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/finance/resource/fy25-annual-bag-fee-report>.



If you do not yet own reusable bags, consider the following before you choose one: The bag should be durable, have comfortable handles, have a sturdy flat base and be easy to pack and unpack. A study from last year lists a few of the reasons why: <https://www.seriousseats.com/best-reusable-grocery-bags-8600152>.

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Thank You!



All of the volunteers who give time to our Village to keep it functioning deserve our thanks! The Village cannot do all it does without them!

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 Village! 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!

Spring Flea Market

For those of you who participate in our Flea Market, we will no be having one this spring. A Fall Flea Market could be in the works, though! Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates.

Hickory Ridge Board, Committees, and Volunteers

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Village Office Services

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



The Hawthorn Center

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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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The Hawthorn Center
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