THE hickory ridge LOG

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Village Elections

Hickory Ridge Village Elections will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2020**. Residents will elect one member to serve on the CA Board of Directors and five to sit on the Hickory Ridge Village Board. CA's Board meets on Thursdays, and the Village Board meets on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Joining the Village Board is a great way to make a difference in your community. Interested candidates must submit a statement of 150 words or less to the Village Manager by 5pm on Wednesday, March 11. The statements will be published in a special election supplement of The Flier and in our village newsletter. All candidates must be members of the village association (own or rent CA-assessed property in Hickory Ridge). If you have questions about this process or about the responsibilities of the Village Board, please contact the Village Manager. We are looking for a few residents to help the village with its 2020 election on **Sat, April 25, 2020 9 am to 3 pm**. The time commitment is minimal. If you are willing to help or have questions, email manager@hickoryridgevillage.org or call the village office at 410-730-7327.

Half Day Craft Day

Howard County elementary schools close early on **Friday, February 14**, so come celebrate Valentine's Day at the Hawthorn Center! From **1-3 pm**, craft the afternoon away with a variety of valentine-themed projects, and leave with handmade creations to give to the ones you love. Treats and snacks included. Children must be accompanied by an adult (not a drop off program). $1 per child for Hickory Ridge residents living on CA-assessed property, $4 per child (max $10 per family) for others. Reservations are required as space is limited—visit our website or stop in to the village office.

Office Closed

The village office will be closed on **Monday, February 17, 2020** in observance of Presidents' day. If you have village business, please plan accordingly.

CA Solar Co-Op

If you've ever considered installing solar panels on your home and want to learn more, please consider joining us at a FREE information session scheduled for **Tuesday, February 11, 7-8 pm** at The Hawthorn Center. Learn about the basics of residential solar power, the installation process, financial considerations, and how you can receive an exclusive discount off the market price of your solar system through the Columbia Solar Cooperative. Columbia Association is excited to partner with Retrofit Baltimore, a program of the nonprofit Civic Works. RSVP at retrofitblatimore.com/rsvp-Columbia. For more details, please email info@retrofitbaltimore.org or call 410-929-6139.

Snow Shoveling

It's that time of year again and we want to make sure residents are prepared for the wintry precipitation. When snow falls, per Howard County Code, residents are responsible for clearing all sidewalks that abut their property within 48 hours after the snow has fallen. If you'd like to report a violation of this code, you may call the Howard County Police non-emergency number at 410-313-2200. For additional snow information, including our list of local folks you can call for snow removal, visit hickoryridgevillage.org. If you would like your name added to our snow shoveler list (teens welcome), please call the village office at 410 - 730-7327.

Shredding/eCycling

On **Saturday, April 25 (Village Election Day!) from 9am-Noon** we will have shredding and electronic recycling trucks in the parking lot of The Hawthorn Center. Residents may bring up to 3 bags or boxes of paper per household for shredding. (No business shredding, please.) This event is free for Hickory Ridge residents. If you live outside of Hickory Ridge or on an outparcel (no CPRA), you will be charged a $3 entrance fee. Please be prepared to show proof of address.

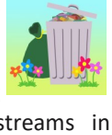
The Plastic Problem

Tired of using — and wasting — so much PLASTIC? Join us at The Hawthorn Center on **Thursday, Feb 27 at 7 pm** for a seminar with Pat Hersey, co-founder of Howard County's "Less Plastics Please," to get some perspective on the plastic problem and learn what individuals can do about it. FREE, but please bring a clean t-shirt (adult size) you no longer need. Registration appreciated: call the office or visit tinyurl.com/WACevents. Presented by the Hickory Ridge Watershed Advisory Committee.

Letter of Compliance

If you are putting your house on the market this spring, it is a good idea to request a Letter of Compliance from the village office well in advance of a pending settlement date. This letter is not required to sell your home, but it is a valuable tool for sellers. A Letter of Compliance verifies that your property is in compliance with Hickory Ridge Covenants. Any covenant violations on your property become the responsibility of the new owner when the property changes hands, so home buyers often request a Letter of Compliance from the seller as part of their purchase contract. Request forms are available on our website or at the village office.

Columbia Cleans



Help us keep Hickory Ridge looking beautiful by participating in Columbia Cleanup Day on **Saturday, March 21**. This year we'll be picking up trash around pathways and streams in Clary's Forest. Meet at the Clary's Forest Pool (11615 Little Patuxent Parkway) at **9:30 am.** We'll provide gloves, trash bags, snacks, and a thank you gift. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Open to all ages—this event is a great way to get the family involved in community service, and a perfect activity for scout troops. RSVP appreciated at tinyurl.com/WACevents.

(If you're bringing a group, please call the office or email events@hickoryridgevillage.org.)

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Schedule

Feb 14: Application deadline for the Mar 4 Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meeting
Feb 18: (Tuesday) Village Board meeting 7:30 pm
Feb 19: RAC Meeting 7:30 pm
Feb 20: Next issue of *The Log* E-newsletter

Open House

Join us at The Hawthorn Center for our third annual Community Open House on **Friday, April 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm**. Enjoy drinks, snacks and music while mingling with your neighbors and checking out all that your village has to offer. Beer and wine included! Families welcome. FREE for Hickory Ridge residents. No RSVP required.

A-OK Tutoring

A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring is actively seeking volunteers to serve as mentors and tutors for elementary and middle school youth in Howard County. They welcome people from all backgrounds and experiences to participate. An information session will be held at The Hawthorn Center on **Wednesday, Feb 12 at 10:30 am.** For details, email Susan@aokmentor.org.

Searching For Spring

Celebrate the arrival of Spring on **Saturday, March 28, 10-11:30 am** at the annual "Searching for Spring" event at the Columbia SportsPark. Children ages 2-8 will enjoy crafts, an egg hunt, and entertainment from Daisy the Clown. Free tickets are required for entry, and will be available at The Hawthorn Center **beginning February 28th.** This event is open to CA assessment-paying residents only. Presented by the ten Village Associations of Columbia.

Luck 'o the Irish Bingo

Our next family bingo night will take place on **Friday, March 13**, just in time for St. Patrick's Day! Bring your lucky charm and you may just find yourself with a pot of gold!. Doors open at 6:30; Bingo begins at 7. Free snacks, $1 drinks, and bingo cards 5/$1. Tons of fun for lads and lassies of all ages!

Story Hour

Our next Story Hour will take place on **Wed, March 4 at 10:30 am** at The Hawthorn Center. This FREE monthly event is a great opportunity to get the little ones out of the house and meet other people in your neighborhood. Coffee and kid-friendly snacks provided. No RSVP required; just show up ready for fun!

Casino Night at WLHS

WLHS Boosters will hold their 2020 Casino Night on **Friday, March 13** at Kahler Hall. Enjoy a catered dinner, open bar, music, raffles, silent auctions, casino gaming and more! This is a great way to celebrate the WLHS community while contributing to a great cause. Find more information and purchase tickets at http:/www.wlhsboosters.org/casino-night. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, so be sure to purchase soon!

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