

# THE LOG

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Hickory Ridge Village  
The Hawthorn Center

Phone: 410 730-7327  
6175 Sunny Spring

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30-5  
Saturday 9-noon

## Valentine Lunch



Celebrate Valentine's Day with us at The Hawthorn Center on Friday, February 12. Howard County schools have cooperated with us by canceling school that day!

The party begins at 12 noon with a pizza lunch, followed by entertainment. This year Daisy the Clown will delight us with her delightfully silly jokes and sight gags. Pre-schoolers and school-age children and their parents are welcome. Admission is \$3 per person for those living on Columbia assessment-paying property and \$4 for all others. Tickets are available The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring.

## Tot Lot Closing?



Presently Hickory Ridge has 21 tot lots. The Village Board has proposed having CA remove four of those due to inappropriate use or insufficient use. Those under consideration are:

- Lightfall (#18) for low usage;
- Buttonhole (#12) for loitering problems;
- Cricket Pass (#5) for proximity to the larger Golden Hook play area just one block south;
- Satinwood (#3) for loitering problems and proximity to Bright Plume tot lot one block south.

The Village Board wants your opinions. If you agree or disagree, please call the Village Office at 410-730-7327 or email us at [hrmanager@columbiavillages.org](mailto:hrmanager@columbiavillages.org). The Board will discuss this issue at its February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at The Hawthorn Center.

## Roots Event

The Villages of Columbia presents the fifth annual **“Roots of Howard County in Celebration of African American History”** on Sunday, February 21, 2010, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Historic Oakland Manor on Vantage Point Road. Admission is free. There is no snow date.

The program will feature a panel of **“Women of Distinction,”** musical entertainment and refreshments. Mark your calendars now and look for more detailed information in the February 11 Log.

## Elections

Saturday, March 13, at noon is the deadline for Candidate Statements for Village Elections. This year the city-wide village elections will take place on Saturday, April 24, at The Hawthorn Center.



Village residents will elect five members of the Village Board and one person to serve on the CA Board of Directors. Each position has a one-year term. The village Board meets on the first and Third Mondays of each month, and the CA Board on Thursdays.

If you are a resident of Hickory Ridge and wish to run for either office, submit to the Village Manager a statement of **NOT MORE THAN 150 WORDS** and a recent photo. Both will appear in an election supplement of *The Flier*.

# Home Tour

On June 6 the Ten Villages of Columbia and the Columbia Archives will host its first annual **COLUMBIA HOME TOUR**. This exciting fundraiser will consist of a self-conducted tour of



five homes of different housing styles within the village of Oakland Mills, Wilde Lake, Harper's Choice and Long Reach. In addition, The Other Barn will host a surprise attraction and offering light refreshments between 1pm and 4pm. Proceeds from this event will be donated to **"ONE MONTH'S RENT INITIATIVE."**

We are currently seeking volunteers to act as docents/hosts for each of the homes. We ask that volunteers be at least 21 years of age and a Columbia resident or employee. The touring hours will be 11am to 5 pm.

Please contact Carol Hobelmann at 410-730-3987 if you are interested in being part of this fantastic fundraising event. Help make a difference and be part of history in the making!

## Family Night Bingo



Hickory Ridge will hold another Family Night Bingo at The Hawthorn Center on Friday, March 19, from 7:30-9pm. Disposable bingo cards sell 6/\$1. Drinks are 75-cents. Snacks are FREE! Cash and prizes for every game! Save the date and bring the whole family for an evening of inexpensive family entertainment. For more information, call 410-730-7327.

## Ladies Night Out

Last year's Ladies Night Out featured the movie Mamma Mia! That showing proved to be such a hoot, that we have scheduled another great chick flick, Julie & Julia. Show time will be 7:30pm at The Hawthorn Center on Friday, March 5.



Save the date and call your friends. The ticket charge of \$10 will include wine, cheese and some Julia recipes. Call 410-730-7327 to reserve your seat.

## 2(VC)

Last year the Howard County Council passed a new zoning regulation regarding development plans for the Columbia village centers. Part of the bill allows for the formulation of a Village Center Community Plan that would be developed by the community and endorsed by the Village Board.



Toward that goal, the Village Board is looking for six village residents to serve on a Village Center Visualization Committee. This committee would gather information and survey other residents in order to determine what type of development in and immediately adjacent to our village center would be amenable to our association members.

If you would like to serve your community in this fashion, please send a letter of interest to the address on our mast head or email us at [hrmanager@columbiavillages.org](mailto:hrmanager@columbiavillages.org) by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Shovelers

The following is a list of village youth who are willing to shovel for you. If you would like your name added to our list, please call us at 410-730-7327 and give your name, street and phone number. Letters after each name refer to the neighborhood: (H) Hawthorn; (CF) Clary's Forest; (S) Sebring; and (CC) Clemens Crossing.



Chris Howard	H	443-545-5311
Jeremy Howard	H	443-545-5311
Matt David	S	410-740-0987
Jimmondrea Fleeks	CC	410-730-6968
Connor Meahan	CC	443-472-3854
Matthew Nakagama	H	301-596-7007

## Schedule

Feb 1 – Village Board meets at 7:30pm

Feb 2 - Deadline for Exterior Alteration Applications for Feb 17 RAC review

Feb 2 – Deadline for Feb 11 LOG newsletter

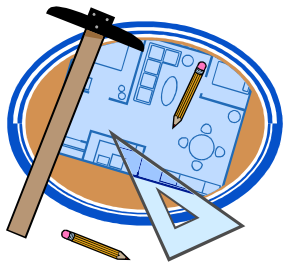
Feb 3 - Resident Architectural Committee meets at Hawthorn Center at 7:30pm.

The following Exterior Alteration Applications will be reviewed at the Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> RAC meeting:

6235 Bright Plume / shutters

11833 Blue February Way / French doors

## Planning Changes?

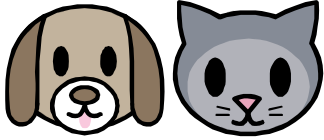


If you are considering changes to the exterior of your property (addition, deck, fence, shed, color changes, major landscaping, lighting, play equipment, windows, doors... to name a few examples) be sure to first submit an Exterior Alteration Application to the Village Office for Architectural Committee review. Applications forms are available at The Hawthorn Center or you can download a copy at our web site, [www.hickoryridgecommunityassociation.org](http://www.hickoryridgecommunityassociation.org).

If you have questions about the covenants, Architectural Guidelines or review process, call us during our regular daytime office hours at 410-730-7327.

# Litter Boxes

In order to be friendly to our Chesapeake Bay, dispose of your dog or cat feces by placing it in a dark plastic bag and sending it to the landfill. The dark color absorbs heat, speeding up decomposition and killing pathogens.



Many kitty litters are composed of clay-based silica, which is strip-mined, an environmentally destructive process. The best kitty litters for the environment are made of wheat, corn, ground corncobs, alfalfa or sawdust pellets. All of these are readily available at pet stores.

# B'Ball Poles

Howard County does not allow basketball poles and backboards on the county roadway or right-of-way. Recently, county workers removed several that were in the road or ROW's of Clary's Forest. During snowplow season, these poles create a hazard for both the neighborhoods and the plow truck drivers.

If you have a pole on the roadway or ROW, move it now or risk losing the equipment.

# Watershed

Representatives from the Columbia Watershed Advisory Committee will update the Village Board on the group's activities at the Feb. 1 meeting at The Hawthorn Center. The board meeting begins at 7:30pm, and this agenda item should start at approximately 7:40pm. If you are interested in the health of our lakes and streams, you will find this information helpful.