

THE LOG

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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 meets 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*.

Family 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 5/\$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.



Tot Lot Closing

At its February 1st meeting, the Hickory Ridge Village Board voted to ask the Columbia Association to remove the Satinwood tot lot during the upcoming fiscal year, May 1-Apr 30. The board had included articles about possible tot lot closings in the last six newsletters and had asked residents for their input.

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.

Columbia Home Tour



On June 6 the Ten Villages of Columbia and the Columbia Archives will host its first annual **COLUMBIA HOME TOUR**. Participants for this exciting fundraiser will receive a tour booklet and embark on a self-conducted tour of five distinctive homes of different housing styles within the village in Columbia. In addition, The Other Barn will be showcased, offering refreshments. Ticket sales will begin on April 15.

Volunteers are needed! Act as host at the various homes along the tour. Shifts will be assigned between 11am-5pm. If interested, contact Carol Hobelmann at 410-730-3987.

Proceeds from this event will benefit "**ONE MONTH'S RENT INITIATIVE**," a local charity that pays one month's rent or security deposit for low-wage earners in our county who are threatened with losing their housing due to a personal, economic or medical crisis.

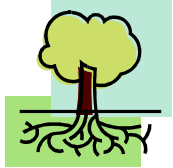
Watershed



When it rains or snow melts, water flows over driveways, sidewalks, and roads, picking up dirt, chemicals and other pollutants. This water is then diverted into storm sewers, where much of it is discharge – untreated – into Columbia's streams and lakes. Do your part to help the situation. Avoid applying harsh chemicals to mitigate ice. Only use de-icers that have eco-friendly labeling.

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.”** Participating on the panel will be Judge Alice P. Clark, Wylene Burch, Dorothy Moore, Diane Brown and program moderator Malynda Madzel. The Ellington-Adderley Jazz Ensemble will provide entertainment.

Ladies Night Out

Gather up your girlfriends and join us for a viewing of the movie *Julie and 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.

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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 by March 1st.

Atholton Play

Don't miss the Atholton H.S. production of "**How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying**," showing March 4-6 at 7:30pm and Sunday, March 7, at 3pm at the school. Check on their website for more information: www.atholtondrama.org.

Jazz Concert



The Oakland Mills "Jazz in the Mills" 2010 Concert Series debuts on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 5pm, featuring jazz vocalist Gail Marten. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The concert will be held at the Other Barn in Oakland Mills Village Center.

Flea Market



On Saturday, April 24, the annual Election Day Flea Market will be held in the front parking lot of The Hawthorn Center from 9am-1pm. Sell your antiques, junk, crafts or business products. We charge \$10 per parking slot or \$15 for a double slot. We advertise the Flea Market in *The Flier* classifieds on April 22nd.

Stop by our office in The Hawthorn Center to reserve your preferred space.

Reader's Exchange

FOR SALE: Rascal Autogo Foldable Mobility Scooter, gently used. Originally \$4,000, now \$1,500. Extra battery and auto rack. 410-995-4986.

REMOVE FROM BABYSITTER LIST: Anna Bartels.

FOUND: Rawlings left-handed 12" baseball fielder's glove at tot lot next to Hawthorn Park. Call 410-730-7327 during daytime hours.

WANTED: English Setter male to "befriend" our English Setter. Pick of litter. 410-992-6973

Schedule

Feb 15 – Village Office closed for holiday.

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Feb 16 – Deadline for Exterior Alteration Applications for March 1 RAC review

Feb 16 – Deadline for Feb 25 Log

Feb 17 – Resident Architectural Committee meets at Hawthorn Center at 7:30pm

The following Exterior Alteration Applications will be reviewed at Feb 17th RAC meeting:

6400 Bright Plume / fence

10342 Sixpence Circle / driveway

11815 Far Edge Path / bay windows

10374 Eclipse Way / garage doors

6000 Flywheel Court / deck, shingles

Guideline Change



The Resident Architectural Committee and Village Board have created a new guideline for Rain Barrels to be added to the Architectural Guidelines. The board will vote on the proposal at the end of March. The wording is:

An application is required for all rain barrels. Applications submitted to the committee must contain the following information:

- 1. A site plan showing the location of the rain barrels;*
- 2. Size/dimensions: height, diameter and capacity of the barrels;*
- 3. Style, color and material of the barrels, shown in the form of a picture, drawing or brochure;*
- 4. Number of barrels. Generally, we recommend that the number of rain barrels does not exceed the number of downspouts.*

Rain barrels should be maintained at all times and should be kept free of standing water on and around anything not used as part of the rain barrel system. Ensure that drainage/overflow/runoff is properly diverted and does not flow onto neighboring properties.