

THE LOG

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Ladies' Night Out



Don't miss the culinary event of the year! Hickory Ridge will show the Meryl Streep movie Julie & Julia at The Hawthorn Center on Friday, March 5, at 7:30pm.

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

VC²

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.

Watershed Info

Follow the latest developments and projects regarding our town's lakes and streams at the CA website, www.columbiawatershed.org. Educate yourself and discover opportunities for involvement.

Email Group

If you would like to be on our Hickory Ridge Email Group list, contact us via email or call. We send group members Village Board meeting minutes and agendas, police reports that involve incidents in our village, and current news items that miss newsletter deadlines. We DO NOT share your email address with anyone else.



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.



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*.

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, junkie, 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.

Bikes & Dogs

CA's 10th annual BikeAbout will be held Saturday, May 8. Registration will begin at 9am, and bikers will leave Town Center between 9:30 and 10:30am. You can preregister by visiting www.ColumbiaArchives.org. This year's 15-mile route will take riders through Town Center, Wile Lake, Oakland Mills, Long Reach and Owen Brown.

Dog lovers, plan to attend the 4th annual Dog Day Afternoon at Hopewell Park in Owen Brown on April 17 from 11am-2pm. For more information, call 410-715-3104.



Guidelines

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 proposed guideline states:

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.

Parking No-No

The Columbia Association would like to inform residents that overnight parking is not permitted in community center lots. In the aftermath of the recent snowstorms, CA's snow emergency personnel have done a tremendous job clearing roads, parking lot and sidewalk. With the possibility of more snowstorms, CA wants to ensure that all of its parking areas can be plowed and kept clear for users of the facilities.

CA Plows

After the February 6 snow barrage, County Executive Ken Ulman asked CA President Phil Nelson to have CA crews help plow county roads and postpone the plowing of CA paths and sidewalks. This cooperative plan sped the clearing of county roads but delayed the clearing of our paths. CA workers have now begun working on our paths and CA-abutting sidewalks. Please be patient.



Schedule

Mar 1 – Village Board meets at 7:30pm

Mar 2 – Deadline for Exterior Alteration Applications for March 17 RAC review

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Mar 3 – Resident Architectural Committee meets at Hawthorn Center at 7:30pm.

The following Exterior Alteration Applications will be reviewed at the March 3rd RAC meeting:

6796 Pyramid Way / addition, stormwater management system

Reader's Exchange

FOUND: wallet found at HR Village Center with name of James Phelps inside.

Call Karen at 410-531-6026. Have ID available.

REMOVE FROM SITTERS LIST: Jenna Bartels.

REMOVE FROM SHOVELERS LIST:

Stephen Creasy, Fagan brothers, O'Brien's

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 Meehan	CC	443-472-3854
Matthew Nakagama	H	301-596-7007