

THE LOG

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Election News



The village election will take place on Saturday, April 24. The poll will be open at The Hawthorn Center from 9am-3pm. Hickory Ridge has a race for Village Board this year. Five incumbents and one challenger will vie for the five seats on the Village Board. Our representative to the CA Board of Directors, Gregg Schwind, will run unopposed. In this newsletter, you will find the candidate statements and information on casting your vote.

Senior Lunch

Attend the Spring Senior Lunch at The Hawthorn Center on Thursday, May 20, at 11:30am. For a meager \$4 charge, we will provide a bountiful lunch and unique entertainment.



Hugo Keesing, a retired, popular University of MD American Studies teacher, will take us back to the 1940's with recordings of music, speeches and radio programs. He will recall events, issues, products, fads, people and styles that shaped our lives in the 40's. Call us at 410-730-7327 to reserve your seat.

GreenFest 2010

If you want to go greener, plan to attend the Howard County GreenFest on April 17th from 10am to 4pm at Howard Community College. The event offers a rainbarrel workshop, a bluebird box workshop, a tree planting event and lots of local vendors who will discuss environmentally friendly products and green alternatives. For more info see <http://www.co.ho.md.us/OES/GreenFest.htm>.



Egg Hunt & More

The annual Searching for Spring Egg Hunt for children 2-8 years will be held at the SportsPark on Saturday, April 10, from 10-11:30am. Call us to see if any FREE tickets are still available.



Sod Repair

If the sod on the grassy strip or county right-of-way bordering your property was torn up so badly by plows that the repair work is beyond your ability to handle, you can call Howard County Highways at 410-313-7450 to report the damage. An inspector will check all reported sites and make a prioritized list of repair work to be performed by the county.



If you are able to shovel, rake, and seed your own damaged grassy areas, please do the work yourself. Yes, you pay taxes; however, this historic snowfall has cost both the county and Columbia Association millions in unanticipated expenses. Just look around at the fallen county signs, shattered curbs and broken guardrails yet to be repaired. CA crews are still clearing and pruning damaged trees. We citizens help by doing what we can do.

Yard Debris

Effective today, April 1st, the county will again pick up yard debris at curbside. You can put out an unlimited amount of bagged leaves, grass clippings, pine cones, sweet gum balls, etc. They will also take limbs and branches that are tied in 4-ft long bundles and weighing no more than 40 lbs per bundle. You can also put branches and limbs in trash containers, but remember the weight restrictions. The trucks will not take tree stumps or hunks of sod!

You may not dump yard debris in the Open Space. The Open Space is for all of us to enjoy. It is not the neighborhood dump.

Softball Players

The Inter-Village Co-Rec Softball league is looking for players (ages 19 and older), especially couples and women, from all villages in Columbia. This is slow-pitch, non-competitive softball played on Sunday afternoons at Wilde Lake Middle School field from May to August. Athletic skill is not required! The aim is to have fun in a relaxed social setting.



Everyone plays. The registration fee is minimal. Contact Bill Jones at 410-499-9918 or billjones3@comcast.net, or visit www.cindylarue.com

Remember to VOTE

Saturday, April 24, is Village Election Day in all ten Columbia villages. The Village of Hickory Ridge will have its polling place as The Hawthorn Center on Sunny Spring from 9am to 3pm. Those who vote in person on the 24th will have the opportunity to take part in our traditional **Jelly Bean Count**. The best estimator takes home \$50.



According to our legal documents, only one vote per household may be cast. The same applies for renters: one vote per lease. Both owner and tenant may vote, however. If your name is not listed on our printout of property owners, please be prepared with identification that shows you live at an address in our village.

Absentee Ballots

We have attached a postcard-size absentee ballot to the copy of this newsletter that was inserted in the Columbia *Flier*. You may also visit the village office at 6175 Sunny Spring to pick up a printed copy of the newsletter. Use this ballot if you are unable to vote in person on April 24th. You can put a stamp on the card or insert it in a stamped envelope and mail it to us at the address on the Log's masthead. All absentee ballots must be received at the Village Office by 3pm on April 24th. **If** you wish to cast a secret absentee ballot, do the following:

- Mark your choice of candidates
- Do not fill out the name and address section
- Write "Secret Ballot" in that section
- Place that plain envelope in another envelope
- On the outer envelope **print** your name and address
- **SIGN** your name over the glued flap of the outer envelope
- Mail to Village Manager, 6175 Sunny Spring, 21044



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.



Election Flea Market

Don't miss the Annual Election Day Flea Market in the front parking lot of The Hawthorn Center on Election Day, April 24th. Sell your antiques, junkie, crafts or business products. We charge \$10 per parking slot or \$15 for a double slot. The Flea Market is advertised to run from 9am – 1pm. Offer the voters your best buys as they come to vote.



Stop by our office in The Hawthorn Center to reserve your preferred space. We will advertise the market again in our April 15th LOG and also in the April 22nd *Flier* classified section.

CA Board Candidate

GREGG M. SCHWIND, 6123 Dry Leaf Path

For the past year I have served as Hickory Ridge's representative on the Columbia Council and the Columbia Association Board of Directors; before that, I served six years on the Village Board, the last two as Chair. The past year on the CA Board was characterized by working closely with our new president to move the organization forward in a time of great change. The Board has set out on a path of partnership with the County and the major downtown developer to follow through with a long-term vision for the center of Columbia, a vision characterized by environmental sustainability, alternative modes of transportation, and opportunities for businesses and residents alike to take advantage of a revitalized downtown that we can be proud of.

I will continue to bring a valuable, responsive, and experienced perspective to the Columbia Association, one that understands the role of a director and one that challenges the direction of the organization when necessary. Once again, I ask for your vote.

Village Board Candidates

The following six persons have submitted candidate statements for the five available positions on the Hickory Ridge Village Board. Their statements follow in random order. You will also see these statements with photographs in an Election Supplement in the April 15th *Flier*.

LINDA HITZELBERGER, 6277 Golden Hook

I am requesting your vote for reelection to the Hickory Ridge Board of Directors. I have served on the board for more than 15 years and would love the opportunity to serve again. You can count on me to be at the meetings informed and ready to do the job you entrusted to me. I am dedicated to my Village- pure and simple.

I hope that you come out to vote and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Thank you

TOM LOUDEN, 11776 Bright Passage

I have served the Village of Hickory Ridge as a member of its Board for the past ten years. Why do I seek this position year after year? Because I love my community and wish to continue doing my best to make Hickory Ridge Village and Columbia an even better place to live. Being retired for the past ten years has permitted me to deal with the many issues that require my time any time of the day.

I have served as Chairman of the Architectural Committee for a number of years now and have worked closely with the Residential Architectural Committee and other members of the Board to develop Guidelines and a resident-friendly philosophy on their enforcement without compromising the goals or intentions of our covenants.

MICHELLE WOOD, 6263 Golden Hook

Columbia is on the verge of major changes due to downtown development and village center revitalization. It is crucial that we continue our active role in these processes because they will directly impact the residents of Hickory Ridge. Redevelopment is going to have a major impact on Columbia: structurally, socially, and environmentally. I will do everything I can to ensure that the changes are both responsible and positive. I always welcome your input.

JOHN BAILEY, 12039 White Cord Way

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Hickory Ridge Village Board for the past two years, and I would be honored to continue to serve. As a life long resident of Howard County and an Atholton High School graduate, I have over 30 years background knowledge and experience on the issues facing the residents of Hickory Ridge and Howard County.

This has been an exciting year in the life of our community as vitalization plans for downtown Columbia were passed and are now going through the planning process. My concern will always be for Hickory Ridge and what is best for our residents and the long term impact of development on our community. Community service is a vital part of life in Hickory Ridge and I would be honored to continue to serve you on the Village Board. Thank you for your support.

TINA SINCLAIR SMITH, 10360 Quarterstaff Road

Columbia “pioneer”, resident in Clemens Crossing 21 years, where my husband and I raised our daughter and designed and built a home. Work and management experience: Howard County music educator 35 years; co-founder and director of nonprofit music school; board member, Howard County Arts Council; past president, Columbia Community Players; licensed real estate agent; professional home stager. Relocated in 1965 from Seattle for my Dad’s work, assisting Jim Rouse in forming of religious Interfaith Centers and low cost housing. I’ve seen Columbia grow from the ground up. I advocate protecting and promoting our Village’s great value, beauty and services, and assisting participation and communication amongst residents. I am passionate about Columbia values: education, the arts, resident governance, smart growth concepts, protection of the environment, and issues of fairness and equality. I’m a no-nonsense, hardworking team player.

MILES COFFMAN, 6231 Bright Plume

I seek your vote for re-election to the Village of Hickory Ridge Board of Directors. This past year the Hickory Ridge Village Board opposed zoning changes for surrounding out-parcels, worked to resolve traffic issues, and was the voice of the Village in the redevelopment of downtown. The Board also began to develop a master plan for the Hickory Ridge Village Center by forming a committee to do initial research. I look forward to continuing to work for the Citizens of the Village. Please vote.

Readers Exchange

FOR SALE: green Baby Jogger II jogging stroller, \$50. Call 410-531-9677.

ADD TO BABYSITTER LIST: Alyssa Gorham, Clemens Crossing, DOB 8/93, 850-375-8191. Danielle Ortmann, Clary's Forest, DOB 4/95, 410-740-4023.

Schedule

Apr 2 – The Village Office will close at 2pm.

Apr 5 – Village Board meets at Hawthorn Center at 7:30pm.

Apr 6 – Deadline for Exterior Alteration Applications for April 21 RAC review

Apr 6 – Deadline for the April 15th LOG

Apr 7 – The Resident Architectural Committee meets at 7:30pm.

The following Exterior Alteration Applications will be reviewed at the April 7 RAC meeting:

6130 Watch Chain Way / fire pit, patio, trellis, garage door window inserts

10688 High Beam Court / shed, French doors

11888 New Country Lane / deck, French door

6445 Snuffbox Terrace / window, deck, bump out

11926 Gold Needle Way / rain barrel

6601 Dovecote Drive / roof, gutters, downspouts, trim

5914 Iron Frame Way / deck

6489 Bright Plume / stain fence

12135 Red Stream Way / deck

11218 Pear Tree Way / roof

5913 Iron Frame Way / deck