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**Saturday, March 27 – Columbia-Wide Clean Up Day**  
Community events encourage resident participation in local water restoration

The Columbia Association’s (CA) Watershed Advisory Committee has announced the dates for upcoming community events that will aid in protecting and restoring Columbia’s waters. The season-long schedule of events kicks off on Saturday, March 27 with all 10 Columbia Villages simultaneously celebrating Columbia-Wide Clean Up Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents of all ages—including individuals groups, scouts and those wishing to earn community service hours—are encouraged to sign up. This event is hosted by CA’s Watershed Advisory Committee, CA and the Villages of Columbia. Interested participants should contact their local village community center or call Sean Harbaugh at 410-381-3470. The meeting location and clean up area are detailed below.

<b>Village</b>	<b>Suggested Parking</b>	<b>Clean Up Area</b>
<b>Dorsey’s Search</b> 410-730-4005	Dorsey Hall Pool 4649 Columbia Road	CA and County open space behind the Dorsey Hall Pool and along the Plum Tree Branch and Red Hill Branch
<b>Harper’s Choice</b> 410-730-0770	Longfellow Pool 5257 Eliot’s Oak Road	Stream valley from Harper’s Farm Road through behind Hildebrand Court, Mystic Court and Killings Worth
<b>Hickory Ridge</b> 410-730-7327	Clary’s Forest Pool 11615 Little Patuxent Parkway	Open space play meadow in the interior of the Little Patuxent Parkway loop and path that runs parallel to Dark Fire.
<b>Kings Contrivance</b> 410-381-9600	Amherst House 7251 Eden Brook Lane	Open space and natural area behind the Amherst House and near Dickinson Pool
<b>Long Reach</b> 410-730-8113 301-596-3265	Locust Park Pool 8995 Lambskin Lane	Open space across from Locust Park Pool following stream to Route 175 underpass
<b>Oakland Mills</b> 410-730-4610 301-596-5237	Steven’s Forest Pool 6061 Stevens Forest Road	From Steven’s Forest Pool following the stream valley up to Good Lion, Macomber and Kilimanjaro
<b>Owen Brown</b> 410-381-0202	Lake Elkhorn – dock side parking lot Dockside Lane	Lake Elkhorn and the forebay area
<b>River Hill</b> 410-531-1749	River Hill Village Center - Claret Hall 6020 Daybreak Circle	Behind Gentle Call down past Ascending Moon Path
<b>Town Center</b> 410-730-4744	Historic Oakland 5430 Vantage Point Road	Wilde Creek stream valley from Little Patuxent Parkway to Lake Kittamaqundi
<b>Wilde Lake</b> 410-730-3987	Wilde Lake Barn 10027 Hyla Brook Road	Wilde Lake stream valley from Wilde Lake upstream to Faulkner Ridge Circle

CA Watershed Committee-sponsored events continue in April with a Tree Planting on Saturday, April 10, and a Rain Barrel Workshop on Saturday, April 24 (co-sponsored by Master Gardeners.) More information

on these events, as well as other non-CA-sponsored events that support watershed initiatives, is available at [ColumbiaWatershed.org](http://ColumbiaWatershed.org).

Throughout the year, CA's Watershed Advisory Committee sponsors various activities including tree plantings, hikes to monitor stream conditions, trash removal and other educational programs and events. To volunteer at these events, join the "Friends of the Columbia Watershed" group to actively support efforts to enhance Columbia's waters. As a member of this group you can choose the activities you want to participate and the extent of your service. All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Sylvia Huestis at 410-772-5795 or [edhuestis@verizon.net](mailto:edhuestis@verizon.net).

CA's Watershed Advisory Committee was formed in 2008, with a mission to participate in the creation and implementation of CA watershed plans, enhance public awareness and facilitate education. The Columbia Watershed Management Plan has been developed with two distinct approaches. The first is identifying and restoring the watershed infrastructure, performing intensive investigations to find pollution sources and designing restoration projects to reduce them. The second is educating and involving residents and property owners in watershed stewardship. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month and the meetings are open to the public. For more information on the Watershed Advisory Committee, please visit [ColumbiaWatershed.org](http://ColumbiaWatershed.org).

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