

December 2023 Report from The Hickory Hillside Hive

Happy New Year, Hickory Ridge! It's been quite a quiet month for the CA Board but there were plenty of events, committee meetings, and activities around the Columbia Association itself!

Office Hours (in good weather, I call these SOHO – Skye's Office Hours Outdoors, but in inclement I'm going to call them Coffee and Conversation because we chat at Mad City Coffee or Starbucks)

December, Fridays from 5-6 at [Mad City](#)* (except for December 15th)

January, Fridays from 5-6 at Mad City, with Jeremy Domm on the 12th

Coming, hopefully in January! Guest: Director of Communications and External Affairs for the Howard County Public Library System

[CA Work Session](#) – 14 Dec – currently working on next year's budget

CA Meetings

Audit Committee, Board Ops Committee (to set the agendas for the next quarter), a closed meeting (CEO search)

IAT Board meeting – cancelled (Inner Arbor Trust – the Chrysalis, the “green thing”)

January - 2 regular (Thursday , 7pm, hybrid), 1 closed meeting scheduled

Events

[Art Center](#) (Long Reach) reception

Nutcracker at the [Ice Rink](#) (Oakland Mills) presented by students of the Columbia Figure Skating Club

Festive Fridays – Three Friday evenings at the lakefront (Food, Fun, Free!)

Strategic Planning Public Survey – Everyone was encouraged to fill out this survey about what they think CA should focus on during the next five years. CA's strategic vision is to create and support solutions to meet the evolving needs of a dynamic and inclusive community. Every five years, the Board is charged with updating the organization's strategic plan. This plan is meant to define the organization's mission and vision and to identify high-level priorities, goals, and objectives for CA moving forward. This public survey has been developed to gather input from residents regarding the future strategic priorities of CA.

The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete. It will be open to the public through January 8, 2024.

Click [here](#) to take the survey.

All CA advisory committees have now been turned over to the staff from the Board

*Mad City is a coffee café at Cedar Lane and Hickory Ridge Road

And remember, **We Are All Hickory Ridge!**