

Hickory Hillside Hive!

May 2024 Report

Office Hours

Fridays from 5-6 at [Mad City](#)* (you don't have to make an appointment but it helps to ensure I haven't had to cancel it. I am considering moving the time to perhaps noon on Tuesdays but that will also be posted if it turns out to be more convenient for more people.)

Office Hours for 17 May were cancelled (due to a CA commitment).

CA Meetings

[Board meetings and work sessions](#)

Organizational meeting on 9 May (Bill Santos from Wilde Lake is the new board chair after two 5-5 votes) I am on the Risk Management Committee.

"Board" "Retreat" on 17-18 May (17 May was dinner and a competition. 18 May was a powerpoint lecture on boards and an exercise (fast paced!) on developing a strategic plan) All three parts were attended by board members and senior staff while 4 of the 10 village board chairs joined us for the exercise – the audio portion can be accessed at the above link as well. Board meeting on 23 May – this is the first meeting with the new format of no longer holding work sessions but incorporating them into voting meetings as New Business (votes will be taken at a later meeting under Old Business) Again we discussed the strategic plan and onboarding of the new CEO/President: Shawn MacInnes will join CA on 17 June.

Committee meetings – IAT Board meeting for May was cancelled. I was on this board last year and at the June meeting, my CA replacement should be onboard

Closed meetings – 1

Events – I attended [Books in Bloom](#), [Wine in the Woods](#), and the [World Languages Café](#) which is sponsored jointly by CA, the county senior centers, and the Howard County Public Library. The evening in May was held at the new 50+ Center in Owen Brown. Languages spoken included Spanish, Portuguese, English, German, Korean, French, ASL, Chinese, and others. This event usually alternates monthly between the Owen Brown location and the Miller Library. I attend this about once a year and sit at the French table only because they don't have a Pashtu table. Come practice your high school Spanish!

Just for fun: Check out minute 13:21 of the most recent board meeting to see the new home of the [Satan Wood](#) Drive sign that used to be in the Hawthorn/Hickory Ridge neighborhood of our village. It only took a few years to change the street name to Satin Wood!

Looking ahead to June:

[Maker Faire](#) at Symphony Woods and the Chrysalis on 1 June

Only one board meeting in June (27 June) but also a closed meeting, a Board Operations Committee (taped) meeting (6 June), and an event with the new CEO/President, village managers and some village board members.

The [painted umbrella competition at the Lakefront](#) (14-16 June).

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

And remember, **We are all Hickory Ridge!**