



HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 23, 2024 • 7:30pm

In person, at The Hawthorn Center

Residents may comment on agenda items when the item is introduced for up to two minutes.

Board members are happy to receive feedback via email at board@hrvboard.org.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of September 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes
3. Board Update
4. Resident Speak – Out: *two minutes per speaker to discuss items **NOT** on the agenda.*
5. CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson
6. New Business:
 - A. Community Engagement Committee Mission and Goals – Update
 - B. FY24 4th Quarter Financials
 - C. Howard County Budget Priorities
 - D. CA Budget Priorities
7. Old Business:
 - A. CA Management Contract Negotiations
8. Manager Report—Laura Mayton
9. Action Items
10. Adjournment

Community Engagement Committee

Mission of the committee: to connect residents across the Village's neighborhoods by creating links that will increase communication in the Village.

Committee goals:

- Generate ideas for engaging residents in our Village.
- Identify people willing and interested in informing residents of their HOAs, apartment complexes or streets about Village activities.

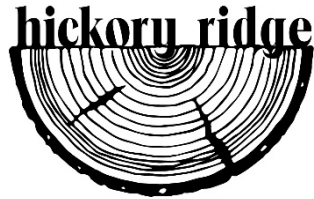
Village: HICKORY RIDGE
 Fiscal Year: FY25
 Quarter: 1
 Date Prepared: 13-Sep-24

SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
 May 1 - July 31

	<u>Actual Quarter</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>YTD Prior Year</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>					
1 CA Annual Charge Share	81,469	81,469	81,708	(239) Requires Comment	80,222
2 Lease & Rental	38,758	38,758	38,496	262	44,114
3 Tuition & Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0
4 Interest	34	34	24	10	35
5 Special Events	665	665	635	30	375
6 Fees	15	15	15	0	121
7 Miscellaneous	850	850	820	30	900
8 Gain/loss on Disposal of Asset	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	<u>121,791</u>	<u>121,791</u>	<u>121,698</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>125,766</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
9 Staff Salaries	64,576	64,576	65,000	(424)	59,658
10 Janitorial Wages	0	0	0	0	0
11 Contract Labor	0	0	0	0	0
12 Payroll Benefits	5,237	5,237	5,236	1	6,543
13 Payroll Taxes	3,815	3,815	3,900	(85)	4,856
14 Janitorial Expense	6,605	6,605	6,618	(13)	6,377
15 Fees	3,820	3,820	3,324	496	5,595
16 Operating Expenses	2,191	2,191	2,032	159	1,436
17 Business Expenses	495	495	420	75	790
18 Insurance	8,102	8,102	8,100	2	6,912
19 Advertising	0	0	0	0	0
20 Newsletter	4,074	4,074	4,100	(26)	3,839
21 Other Printing	0	0	0	0	0
22 Donations/Contributions	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	1,000
23 Special Events	5,609	5,609	5,700	(91)	4,261
24 Taxes	0	0	0	0	1,765
25 Utilities	2,527	2,527	2,650	(123)	2,664
26 Repairs & Maintenance	2,041	2,041	2,100	(59)	852
27 Furniture & Fixtures	823	823	850	(27)	0
28 Total Expenses Before Depreciation	<u>111,914</u>	<u>111,914</u>	<u>112,030</u>	<u>(116)</u>	<u>106,548</u>
29 Depreciation	1,359	1,359	1,359	0	1,947
30 Total Expenses	<u>113,272</u>	<u>113,272</u>	<u>113,389</u>	<u>(116)</u>	<u>108,495</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>8,518</u>	<u>8,518</u>	<u>8,309</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>17,271</u>

Variance Report

1 In previous years, CA has paid staff insurance fees in this category. I am waiting to hear back - the responsible staff member is on vacation.



Hickory Ridge Community Association

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September 23, 2024

Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on short, medium, and long-term priorities for communities in Howard County. We appreciate your efforts in the past year in accomplishing several items on our previous list. Below please find our updated list of priorities.

Short Term (one year):

1. Pedestrian crossings at intersections. While pedestrian crossings have been added in several areas, the Little Patuxent Parkway loop needs additional crosswalks for safety. There are several locations where pathways are on either side of the road with no crosswalk nearby. Also, at the south end of Martin Road near county park, there is a crosswalk without curb cuts and no connection to the sidewalks. Please continue to evaluate village intersections and other pedestrian crossing areas to be in line with the “walkability/bikeability” of Columbia. (Transportation)
2. Traffic study on Martin Road north and south of Halfcrown Court to determine the need for traffic calming/control in this area. (Transportation)
3. Speeding on Hickory Ridge Road between Cedar Lane and Little Patuxent Parkway loop. Please assess this area for speeding. (DPW)
4. Road maintenance – Pothole filling should be tended to as soon as possible to avoid compounding the problems. (DPW)
5. Some areas of Hickory Ridge have diseased or aging trees between the sidewalk and the street that need to be removed. (DPW)
6. Many trees between the sidewalk and street have been removed as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation and age. Replanting these trees in Hickory Ridge, where possible, would provide shade and add to our green Village. (DPW)
7. Sidewalk repair/replacement where needed. (DPW)
8. Refresh paint on Sunny Spring speed bumps and crosswalks. (DPW)

Mid Term (next two years):

1. Facility Maintenance – Neighborhood schools, like Bryant Woods ES, require repairs/renovations to bring facilities up to good maintenance standards.
2. Climate Action Plan – Implement recommendations of work groups in a timely manner to meet benchmarks in climate action.
3. Expansion/Improvements to our local public transportation options – Bus routes (and maintenance of bus stops), expanded bike sharing (perhaps at every village center, library), adoption of Complete Streets Policy/Bikeway funding. (Transportation)

4. Cedar Lane and Hickory Ridge Road Bike Corridor– implement the Bicycle Master Plan which includes improvements to Cedar Lane from Route 32 to Harpers Farm Road and improved cycling accessibility from Hickory Ridge to downtown Columbia. (Transportation)

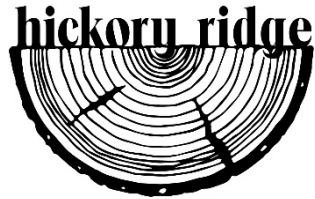
Long Term (next 4 to 5 years):

1. Racial Equity – Hickory Ridge fully supports the mission of the Equity & Restorative Practices Unit. Please ensure that the recommended practices are being observed by all County offices. Columbia should strive for racial equity in metrics such as home ownership, college attainment, and wealth. County programs and policies should be evaluated through the lenses of their ability to close racial disparities and inequalities. Columbia should strive for racial equity in metrics such as home ownership, college attainment, and wealth. (DCRS)
2. School Capacity Projects and– School capacity is an issue as our part of Columbia is set for significant new housing development. We are very excited about ensuring that more people have the opportunity to live in our wonderful community, but we want to ensure that we have adequate school capacity for our growing population. The HCPSS 2020 Feasibility Study recommends building a new elementary school in downtown Columbia as one of the next school construction projects. New school capacity at the elementary school level should be added to our area as soon as possible. (HCPSS)
3. Comprehensive traffic congestion and traffic safety – a thorough, comprehensive review of traffic congestion, safety, and travel patterns should be a priority on our major corridors: Cedar Lane, Broken Land Pkwy, Little Patuxent Parkway, and Hickory Ridge Road. These roads are only going to get more congested with the pending developments in and around Columbia. (Transportation)
4. Environmental – Increase tree canopy with tree planting in Howard County Open Space areas adjacent to Hickory Ridge.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Cordially,

Stephen Hannan
Chair, Hickory Ridge Board of Directors



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Columbia Association Board of Directors
6310 Hillside Court, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Directors:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on budget priorities for Hickory Ridge in the Columbia Association FY26 budget. Here are some suggestions that Hickory Ridge would like you to consider as you review the priorities.

- The Clemens Crossing pool splashpad project and locker room renovation has been deferred for several years. Please return this project to the capital budget for FY25.
- Update the large tot lot at the center of the Little Patuxent Parkway loop. This tot lot is in a densely populated area, and it gets a lot of use.
- Place additional charging stations for electric cars at CA facilities.
- Reach out to new residents who are not new homeowners to welcome them to Columbia and make them aware that they are members of the community and Columbia Association.

Cordially,

Stephen Hannan
Hickory Ridge Board Chair



Manager's Report

September 23, 2024

1. Dates to Note:

- **October 2, 7:30pm**, RAC meeting (virtual)
- **October 7, 7:00pm**, Community Engagement Committee (in-person)
- **October 14**, Board meeting (virtual)

2. Howard County Police: If you missed the presentation by the Howard County Police Officers at the last Board meeting, you could check out the resources available on their website. [Here, under "Quick Resources"](#) you will find Traffic Data Dashboard and Crime Data Dashboard. You may use both these tools to check specific areas and filter for different types of activity.

3. CA and County Budgets: Both Columbia Association and Howard County are accepting input on and suggestions for their FY26 budgets. For more information about [Columbia Association, go here](#). For [Howard County, go here](#).

4. Upcoming Events:

- Flea Market, Saturday, October 19, 9:00 – 11:00am
- Storytime, Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 23, 9:30am
- Halloween at the Hickory Ridge Village Center, Tuesday, October 29, 5:30 – 7:00pm
- Winter Artisan Market, Sunday, November 10, 2:00 – 5:00pm

2. Interested in Joining the Community Engagement Committee? Attend a meeting on the first Monday of the month at The Hawthorn Center! The Committee meets regularly and is always looking for new, excited members! You must be a Hickory Ridge resident to join.

3. Follow Hickory Ridge: Find all the ways to connect with [Hickory Ridge here](#):



4. Committee Reports:

- **Resident Architectural Committee:** The RAC continues to review applications as usual.
- **Aging Well in Columbia Advisory Committee (AWCAC):** The AWCAC continues to meet but the committee has no report at this time.
- **Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC):** The WAC continues to meet but the committee has no report at this time.
- **Community Engagement Committee:** The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the conference room at The Hawthorn Center.