



HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

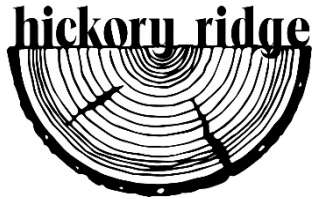
February 24, 2025 • 7:30pm

In person, at The Hawthorn Center with hybrid option

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 February 10, 2025, 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. Absentee Ballot – Postage-paid Return
7. Old Business:
 - A. Letter Supporting Kimco’s Hickory Ridge Village Center Signage Proposal
 - B. Columbia Association Building Rental Management Proposal Response
 - C. CA Management Agreements Update
8. Manager Report—Laura Mayton
9. Action Items
10. Adjournment



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Mr. Greg Reed and Ms. Abbey Oklak
Kimco Realty
500 North Broadway, Suite 210
Jericho, NY 11752

RE: Hickory Ridge Village Center Proposed Sign Plan

Ms. Oklak and Mr. Reed,

Thank you for sharing the proposed signage changes for the Hickory Ridge Village Center with the Hickory Ridge Village Board. We have a vested interest in a thriving and successful Village Center to serve our residents. In the past, the Hickory Ridge Village Center has had high vacancy, and we as a community are willing to support your efforts to lease the retail spaces to provide more services and amenities to the community.

The Hickory Ridge Village Center Community Plan (VCCP), adopted by the Village Board in December of 2011, specifically recommends enhanced signage at the center that is “of good design quality and appropriate scale.” Your proposed signage plan sets requirements for quality signage and limits the size of letters. Adding new vehicular direction signs and building signs will help implement action item five of our plan – “install more visible signage at the commercial area.” Additionally, we support signage, visible from the parking lots, for the tenants in the Village Green. This signage will make it easier for shoppers to find merchants and hopefully increase foot traffic in the Village Green. The proposed signage is also in line with the recommendations in the original VCCP and the March 2016 updates to the plan.

We support the new Hickory Village Center Sign Plan due to all the reasons listed above. Please let this letter serve as a record of our support with your application to The Architectural Review Committee.

Cordially,

Steve Hannan, Chair
Hickory Ridge Village Board



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Shawn MacInnes, President and CEO
Bill Santos, CA Board Chair
Columbia Association
6310 Hillside Court
Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Mr. MacInnes and Mr. Santos:

We are writing to express opposition to the Columbia Association (CA) Building Management Plan. The Villages are separate entities that operate independently of CA. Attempting to create a one-size-fits-all solution for Village building management and contract writing is unnecessary and cumbersome.

The Villages have been successfully renting and managing their facilities for 50 or more years without CA intervention, and this process should continue. The individualized attention and communication given to clients during the facility rental process contributes to successful outcomes for events and lighter usage costs for the buildings.

While creating an overarching process for contracting building usage could seem to streamline the process, the complications and difficulties created as a result of doing so would undermine the ability of the Villages to provide excellent customer service and ensure positive outcomes for events, as well as cause greater wear and tear on the buildings.

Sincerely,

Steve Hannan
Chair, Hickory Ridge Village Board

cc: CA Board of Directors



Manager's Report

February 24, 2025

1. Dates to Note:

- **February 25 & 26**, 9:30am, Storytime
- **February 27**, 7:30pm, Columbia Association Board meeting (hybrid)
- **March 5**, 7:30pm, RAC meeting (virtual)
- **March 8**, 7:00pm, Paint & Sip
- **March 10**, CANDIDATE PACKET DEADLINE AT 5:00pm
- **March 10**, 7:30pm, Board meeting (virtual)
- **March 11**, 6:00pm, Election Committee meeting (virtual)

2. Run for the Village Board or Columbia Council: Hickory Ridge needs energetic residents LIKE YOU to run for the five Village Board seats and Hickory Ridge's Columbia Association Council seat. The Annual Meeting/Election this year will be on Saturday, April 26th. Keep an eye out for your absentee ballot arriving in the mail in April with more information. Anyone interested in running for the Village Board or the Columbia Association Council must be a member of the Association (own or rent CA assessed property in the Village) and complete a candidate statement and other forms. The Village Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. The Columbia Association Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Click here for candidate information. Have questions? Call Laura at 410-730-7327 or email manager@hickoryridgevillage.org. Candidate's Handbook is here: <https://hickoryridgevillage.org/village-board/>

3. Community Volunteers:

- Mr. Armstrong attended the puzzle event and promoted the walks and the upcoming happy hour.
- Community Walks, Mondays at 10:00am, The Hawthorn Center
- Hickory Ridge Happy Hour, Tuesday, February 18, Asian Palace, RSVP required

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



5. 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.