

Hickory Hillside* Hive!

May 2025 CA Report to the Village of Hickory Ridge

Meetings Attended

CA Board meetings – [agendas, board packets, meeting videos](#). [Registration for Resident Speakout](#) is always due COB the day before. This year, board members will not be asking questions of residents about their Speak-Outs. Meetings are in person and streamed in real time as well as taped.

8 May – Organizational meetings (4)

Collin Sullivan from Town Center is the new chair and Michael Golibersuch from Owen Brown is the new Vice.

I am on the June Board Operations Committee to set the agenda for the next quarter. This committee meets quarterly and we all take our turn sitting on this committee.

I am also on the Audit Committee again this year.

17 May - We had board training all day. Here is the [agenda](#).

29 May – regular CA board meeting. Here is the [agenda](#). We also had a closed meeting before the regularly scheduled meeting. We received presentations from the county and the state about sewer repair and stream projects in the near future. And finally we talked about 4 topics internal to the workings of the board.

Events Attended

10 May - 9th Annual “Books in Bloom” at Colorburst Park – not a CA event but CA helped sponsor it and had a very popular table where you could make your own bookmark!

Volunteer Opportunities

Here are some volunteer opportunities with CA you might be interested in:

<https://columbiaassociation.org/engage/volunteer/>

Adopt a Spot

Columbia Cleans Day (really fun!)

Pull and Plant

Stream Waders

Tree Planting

Weed Warriors

Columbia Art Center (Long Reach)

Columbia Maryland Archives (at HQ on Hillside)

And several committees

“Office Hours”

As the Hickory Ridge representative to the Columbia Council and a member of the CA Board of Directors, I am responsible for CA’s policies (along with my nine colleagues) while the village manager, Laura, and her staff handle the day-to-day operations of our village, as CA staff does for CA as a whole. I am also an ex-officio member of the

Hickory Ridge village board but have no vote (ex-officio merely means to come to a position by other means than the rest of the board – therefore, not by election)

I can be reached by contacting the village office at 410-730-7327 or by emailing Skye.Anderson@CA-Board.Org and I am happy to meet with you. A good place to meet is Mad City Coffee at Hickory Ridge Road and Cedar Lane. I also meet with people at the Wilde Lake Starbucks three to four times a week.

I am trying something new this year by posing a question or topic each month for residents to think about and send comments to either myself or Laura Mayton, our village manager at Manager@HickoryRidgeVillage.org. If you would like your comments to remain anonymous, please mark them as such. We will be collecting your ideas this month until 30 June - that will give me time to consolidate the comments before the first village board meeting in July. This month's question/topic has to do with the following which you may respond to as related to CA or Hickory Ridge:

What should CA be doing in a perfect world? (provide physical/mental health opportunities, spiritual, emotional, educational, social, . . .)

And to whom? (homeowners, renters, business owners/renters, people on outparcels, people outside Columbia but in Howard County, . . .)

Are you aware of CA's Five Pillars of Wellness (Physical, Social, Mental Wellbeing, Intellectual, Environmental Sustainability)?

Looking forward to your ideas!

Looking Ahead to June

[Lakefest](#) begins 20 June and I can't wait to see the painted umbrella competition again this year!

Remember, **We are all Hickory Ridge!**

*Hickory Hillside Hive: *Hickory* for Hickory Ridge Village, *Hillside* because CA Headquarters is located on Hillside Street (near the intersection of Stevens Forest Road and Broken Land), and *Hive* – just because. However, I am may change this to *It Takes a Village*. What do you think?