

Hickory Hillside* Hive!

June 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.

5 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. Recording [here](#).

10 June - Audit Committee – part of this quarterly meeting is in closed session. We deal with finances and ethics: specifically, the financial reporting process, the system of internal control and the audit process. Recording [here](#).

26 June – Board Meeting. Of most importance were discussions of ethics policy changes (starting on page 15 of the board packet) and goals (page 29-31) for the organization. We also discussed renewing the practice of having the Community Foundation of Howard County (starting on page 10) disperse our grant money.

I encourage you to especially read the suggested topics for change regarding the ethics policy since some of these pertain to our village.

Events Attended

6 June – Lakefront – Collin Sullivan read a resolution against Gun Violence. The color of the organization is orange.

7 June – The ‘New’ Art Center reception in Long Reach at their remodeled facility – Poems about Paintings

10 June – [Lakefest](#) – I attended Friday evening at the Lakefront. Music, craftsmen, the annual umbrella painting competition (see photo, including one umbrella painted by a village resident)



Just For Fun

See the fun humungous painting on the wall of the Long Reach Tennis Club (see photo).



“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.

Looking Ahead to July

At the Lakefront, the Fourth of July. This is one event you won’t see me at. I don’t do fireworks: thanks to having spent several months in a combat zone (Afghanistan), I startle easily.

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?