

Hickory Hillside* Hive!

July 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.

22 July - 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](#).

24 July – Board Meeting. Of most importance were the board approving the budget schedule, discussions of the ethics policy (modifications), goals and objectives, and board policies and governance documents.

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

Events Attended

15 July – Attended the signing of an MOU between the county and CA at Hopewell to cooperate on environmental issues



18 July - Went to Dancing Under the People Tree at The Lakefront but it turned out to be Aerobics Under the People Tree (see photo). Maybe I was too early?

23 July – Attended a briefing on Patuxent Commons which will be ready for move-in in October (across from the Giant)

I hope some of you were able to take in the Coral Reef Encounter at Jeffers Hill Pool, on 19-20 July- <https://www.coralreefencounter.org/>

“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 August

August is generally a slow month with no meetings for CA but plenty of activities at the Lakefront (like family movies and dancing).

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?

Other:

I attended the pre-sub meeting of proposed plans for the old Columbia Flier building on Little Patuxent Parkway (gym and social services offices) near the college.

I am late on this report due to being one-armed (broke my arm). I've had two surgeries with another to come so right now everything takes ten times as long.
