

Hickory Hillside* Hive!

August 2025 CA Report to the Village of Hickory Ridge

Meetings Attended

CA Board meetings – none - CA generally does not schedule board meetings for August.

Events Attended

I was out of town for most of the month (returned with a broken arm which further hampered any participation) so did not attend any CA events other than the employee picnic: however, there were the usual summer events, mostly at The Lakefront.

“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 will again be starting Office Hours at Mad City because I love their bagels and sandwiches – just have to settle on the days and times.

Looking Ahead to September

Looking forward to the first CA Town Hall Meeting at Slayton House on 11 September, kicking off the FY27 budget process, among other topics. I first proposed town halls a couple of years ago: this one is not exactly what I hoped for but is a good start. Presentations will be followed by time to ask questions of senior people in CA. Hopefully this will be the first of many. Hope to see you there!

I will also be re-instituting Office Hours weekly at Mad City since I just rediscovered their bagels and breakfast sandwiches (all day). If you would like to meet with me, call the office to find out when or to contact me (410-730-7327).

Next month, new residents at Patuxent Commons (across from the Giant) should begin moving in.

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 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.
