

Hickory Hillside* Hive!

September 2025 CA Report to the Village of Hickory Ridge

Meetings Attended

CA Board meetings – town hall on [11 September](#)

The first CA Board Meeting Town Hall was held at Slayton House, 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 by four staff members were followed by time to ask questions of senior people in CA. Then we adjourned to the lobby to meet in groups. Hopefully this will be the first of many.

Meeting of the Audit Committee, [24 September](#)

Regular CA Board meeting, [25 September](#). We discussed modifications to the ethics policy and started discussion the next budget.

Closed CA Board meeting, 18 September

Events Attended - none

“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. I am there several times a week – at all times from breakfast to 6pm (they close at 7) – just email me and we can set up a time.

Residents can also utilize the [CA Resident Speakout program](#) or send your comments directly to all board members [here](#).

Looking Ahead to October

New residents at Patuxent Commons (across from the Giant) will be beginning to move in. There will be a dedication at the Lakefront on 7 October at 9am. The next CA Board meeting will be on 23 October.

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

The CA Dog Park now has a third section – one for big dogs, one for little dogs (with a larger area than before) plus a new area that can be used for either size of dogs, in rotation. In addition, areas are being constructed with shade for the two-legged visitors.

