



HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

December 8, 2025 • 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

Residents may comment on agenda items when the item is introduced for up to two minutes.

Board members are happy to receive feedback via email at board@hrvboard.org.

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of November 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes
3. Board Update
4. Resident Speak – Out: *two minutes per speaker to discuss items **NOT** on the agenda.*
5. CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson
6. New Business:
 - A. Appoint Election Committee Members: Don Warner, Kathleen Hill and Nemo Lionikis
 - B. Proposed Projects for Cash Reserves Returned to CA
 - C. Proposed USPS Mailbox Grants
 - D. Proposed Special Events Fee Structure
7. Old Business:
 - A. Board Meeting Schedule
8. Manager Report—Laura Mayton
9. Action Items
10. Closed Session per Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111 (4) (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel.
11. Adjournment

CARES Recommendations for Excess Cash Reserves

with Columbia Association

The HRV CARES group has come up with some ideas to spend the ~50K that CA is holding for our Village. Details about the project are on the following pages. In brief, they have discussed:

1. Add a pollinator garden in the Clary's Forest loop area,
2. Add landscaping stones to the side of the pathway off of Watch Chain (CA tends to drive trucks into the Open Space here),
3. Replant the area by the Village office that was recently weeded by Weed Warriors (must verify that this location is on CA property),
4. Put toward the cost of additional shrubs for townhomes for next year's tree give away, and
5. Cover the cost of soil tests to be used as a give-away item at a landscaping seminar.

#1 - POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT IN HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE

The following documents an area of interest/concern in Hickory Ridge Village on CA Open Space where an environmental project could be considered

LOCATION

CA open space in Clary's Forest circle formed by Ltl Patuxent Pkwy. Plat 5903

PHOTOS (show area of concern or area where project could be considered)



General Area: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/r45P497UuefcXXzr9>

DESCRIPTION OF CONCERN OR ISSUE

There is a large open space by the paths in the circle. Part of this space is mowed, other is being overrun by invasive plants ((like Japanese Stilt Grass)

INDICATE HOW CONCERN OR ISSUE IMPACTS PEOPLE/ NEIGHBORHOOD/WILDLIFE

Invasive plants are choking off native plants and destroying habitats for local wild-life

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR OPTIONS TO FIX THIS WHAT WOULD THEY BE

Adding a pollinator garden with native plants in this area would beautify that area and attract needed pollinators.

As an added bonus, children at the nearby playground will be able to see an increased number of butterflies.

If signage is included the pollinator garden would let residents know what the native plants are and what insects will benefit from it.

POSSIBLE CONCERN WITH SUGGESTED IDEA

CA will need to undertake maintenance of the pollinator area so mowers don't accidentally destroy it.

SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET

Less than \$5000

#2 - POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT IN HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE

The following documents an area of interest/concern in Hickory Ridge Village on CA Open Space where an environmental project could be considered

LOCATION

Watch Chain Way and CA Path (Plat 6845)

PHOTOS (show area of concern or area where project could be considered)



DESCRIPTION OF CONCERN OR ISSUE

This is a high traffic area: CA/HoCo use this part of the path to bring trucks into the open space area. After work is completed, the area is seeded. However, grass doesn't grow well here due to both trucks and water flow caused by heavy rains.

INDICATE HOW CONCERN OR ISSUE IMPACTS PEOPLE/ NEIGHBORHOOD/WILDLIFE

In addition to being unsightly, this area continues to erode causing ruts and creating unsafe areas for the community to walk.

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR OPTIONS TO FIX THIS WHAT WOULD THEY BE

Instead of re-seeding the area repeatedly consider the use of landscape stones that will survive the truck traffic and will reduce the safety issue.

POSSIBLE CONCERN WITH SUGGESTED IDEA

CA should consider appropriate stone and a fill layer beneath that will allow water to be absorbed during rainfall. .

SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET

Less than \$2000

#4 - POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT IN HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE

The following documents an area of interest/concern in Hickory Ridge Village on CA Open Space where an environmental project could be considered

LOCATION

Hickory Ridge Village

DESCRIPTION OF CONCERN OR ISSUE

In 2025 CA donated 100 plants and 100 trees for us to give away to our residents. We hope they will do the same again in 2026. We are asking that they increase the number of native trees for our village by 25 and add 25 native shrubs.

INDICATE HOW CONCERN OR ISSUE IMPACTS PEOPLE/ NEIGHBORHOOD/WILDLIFE

Our village residents were pleased to sign up and show up to get trees, and we actually could have used more.

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR OPTIONS TO FIX THIS WHAT WOULD THEY BE

In addition to more trees we would like to have some shrubs to give out for residents who live in townhouses or condominiums, since their yard sizes may not support the planting of a tree.

POSSIBLE CONCERN WITH SUGGESTED IDEA

CA may need to explain to other villages why we will have a larger volume of native trees to offer to our residents.

SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET

Less than \$1000

#5 - POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT PROJECT IN HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE

The following documents an area of interest/concern in Hickory Ridge Village on CA Open Space where an environmental project could be considered

LOCATION

Hickory Ridge Village

DESCRIPTION OF CONCERN OR ISSUE

In past years CA offered free soil tests to residents in the hope that they would reduce the amount of fertilizers they applied to their lawns. Each test provided the resident with the details of the nutrients already in their lawn soil. Unfortunately the grant to provide the soil testing service was exhausted. .

INDICATE HOW CONCERN OR ISSUE IMPACTS PEOPLE/ NEIGHBORHOOD/WILDLIFE

Our village residents if they get such a test done are more likely to apply less fertilizer if their lawn are already rich in the nutrients needed.

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR OPTIONS TO FIX THIS WHAT WOULD THEY BE

The CARES team is intending to offer yard-scaping seminar in early spring and would like to again encourage our residents to reduce fertilization. We would like to offer free soil testing, on a limited basis, to our residents. CA has a better capability to procure these testing services at a low cost per unit. We would ask CA to procure 100 soil test kits through a reputable service and provide them to the village office where they can be distributed. We would also offer these tests to residents who attend the yard-scaping seminar.

POSSIBLE CONCERN WITH SUGGESTED IDEA

CA may need to explain to other villages why we will have soil testing available.

SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET

Less than \$1500

List of Streets in Hickory Ridge (Alphabetical Order)

Ashton Park Court	CC	Glass Tumbler Path	CC	Schoolmaster Place	CC
Avalanche Way	CF	Gold Needle Way	CF	Sebring Drive	CC
Bare Bush Path	CF	Gold Ribbon Way	CF	6094 - 6098	
Bare Sky Lane	CF	Golden Hook	H	Shadow Lane	CF
Barnwood Place	CF	Great Oak	CF	Shell Flower Lane	CF
Bird Song Pass	CF	Greatnews Lane	CC	Sixpence Circle	CC
Blue February Way	CF	Green Meadow Drive	CF	Skilift Court	CF
Blue Flag Way	CF	Green Shoot Lane	CF	Slalom Lane	CF
Blue Paper Trail	CF	Grey Star Way	CF	Sleepy Horse Lane	CF
Bluearrow Court	CC	Halfcrown Court	CC	Slender Sky	H
Bonnet Brim Course	CF	Harmel Drive	CF	Snow Crystal	H
Branch Beech	H	10900 - 10975		Snow Patch	CF
Brass Knob	CC	Harness Court	CF	Snowflake Court	CF
Bridgehead Court	CF	Harpoon Hill	CC	Snuffbox Terrace	CC
Bridlerein Terrace	H	Hawkeye Run	CC	Springing Step	CC
Bright Passage	CF	Hickory Ridge Road	CF	Star Edge Path	CF
Bright Plume	H	(EAST OF CEDAR LANE IS H)		Steamboat Landing	CC
Buckstone Court	CC	High Beam Court	H	Steel Rock Way	CF
Buglenote Way	CC	Iron Frame Way	CF	Sternwheel Place	CC
Buttonhole Court	CC	Kiteline Court	CC	Stonegate Lane	CF
Calico Court	CF	Lakewater Lane	CF	Summergrape Way	CC
Cardinal Lane	CC	Launcelot Lane	CC	Sun Circle Way	CF
6401 - 6444		Lightfall Court	CF	Sunny Spring	H
Center Stone Ring	H	Little Patuxent Parkway	CF	Sweet Land Way	CF
Cloudland Court	H	Little Sparrow Place	CF	Tailcoat Way	CC
College Square	H	Log Raft	CC	Topbranch Lane	CF
Cordage Walk	H	Lone Tree Court	CF	Triangle Drive	CF
Covington Road	CC	Loventree Road	CC	Triplefeather	CC
6078 - 6118		6074 - 6098		Trottingridge Way	CF
Cricket Pass	H	Martin Road	CC	Twinedew Place	CC
Crossbeam Circle	CC	Maypole Way	CC	Watch Chain Way	CF
Crystal Run	CF	Middlewater Court	CF	5900 – 6070, 6123 - 6136	
Currycomb Court	CC	Millet Seed Hill	CC	Wave Lap Way	CF
Dark Fire Way	CF	Misty Arch Run	H	White Cord Way	CF
Dovecote Drive	CC	Morningmist Lane	CF	Whitewasher Way	CC
Dry Leaf Path	CF	New Country Lane	CF	Wicker Basket Court	H
Dusty Glass Court	H	Oxhorn Court	CC	Wild Ginger Court	CF
East Wind Way	H	Peartree Way	CF	Winterlong Way	CF
Eclipse Way	CC	Plaited Reed	H	Yellow Rush Pass	CF
Far Edge Path	CF	Powder Run	CF	Yellowbell Lane	CF
Fence Post Court	CF	Pyramid Way	CC		
Ferryboat Circle	CC	Quarterstaff Road	CC		
Flywheel Circle	CF	Red Keel	CC		
Fortnight Court	CC	Red Stream Way	CF		
Frostwork Row	H	Resting Sea	H		
Gaslight Place	CF	Satan Wood Drive	H		

**126 streets, more
than one mailbox
on many of them**

Cluster Box Maintenance Procedures for Single Family Neighborhoods

When Columbia, MD, was developed, cluster box units were installed in single family detached home neighborhoods for mail delivery and since that time, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has maintained them. This pamphlet was created to help Columbia's residents understand and navigate USPS's process when seeking repairs and maintenance to damaged cluster mailbox units.

Should you require USPS maintenance, follow these steps:

- Location of the cluster box in need of repair or replacement.
 - Be sure to specifically identify the area as a single family neighborhood. Procedures differ for apartments and corporate cluster boxes.
- List the unit's 5-digit, USPS-marked, postal ID number. This is usually visible on the front or side of the body or pedestal
- Describe the issue with the cluster box and why it requires maintenance. Be sure to indicate any safety hazards.
- Contact your local Postmaster which can be found from this web address.
tools.usps.com/find-location.htm
- Request the Postmaster put in a service ticket using the information gathered above.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Q: *What if the USPS Employee says USPS does not repair or maintain cluster boxes?* Residents

A: should speak to the Postmaster directly in order to submit their request. Be sure to tell them the cluster box is located in a single family neighborhood. Cluster boxes in multifamily neighborhoods like apartments, condos, and townhouses may be privately owned.

Postal Operations Manual Chapter 6.32 and USPS Bulletins 22545 and 22571 establishes that USPS does, in fact, maintain cluster box units located in single family detached home neighborhoods and that they have specific procedures in place for repairing and replacing hazardous or damaged cluster box units.

Q: *My cluster box is an eyesore, what can I do to get it replaced?*

A: Currently, USPS has stated they do not have the funding for aesthetic repairs or replacements. Instead, they are recommending aesthetic repairs that can be addressed by residents raising the necessary funds privately.

Q: *My request has been submitted, what happens next?*

A: The Postmaster will log the request, dispatch service personnel to investigate the cluster box according to the USPS Equipment Review Procedures, and then implement repairs (or replacement) as determined by the inspection.

Q: *What if USPS referred me to the Columbia Association when I spoke with them?*

A: CA has not now, or ever, been a part of the federal mail delivery service. CA does not own cluster mailbox equipment nor is it installed on CA property. In some multi-family neighborhoods, private HOAs may maintain the equipment, however that situation does not apply to single family neighborhoods.

Special Events Admissions by Village

Village	CA assessed	Outparcel
Dorsey's Search	No reply	No reply
Harper's Choice	Same fee for both	Same fee for both
Hickory Ridge	Same fee for both	Same fee for both
Kings Contrivance	Fee events, 10% discount Free events, same for both	Fee events, 10% more than CA Free events, same for both
Long Reach	Fee events, 10% discount Free events, same for both	Fee events, 10% more than CA Free events, same for both
Oakland Mills	Same fee for both	Same fee for both
Owen Brown	Same fee for both	Same fee for both
River Hill	Same fee for both	Same fee for both
Town Center	Same fee for both	Same fee for both
Wilde Lake	Same fee for both	Same fee for both



Manager's Report December 8, 2025

1. Dates to Note:

- **December 18**, e-issue of The Log newsletter
- **December 18**, 7:00pm, CARES meeting, virtual
- **December 24 – January 2**, Village office at The Hawthorn Center is closed for the holidays
- **January 1**, e-issue of The Log newsletter
- **January 12**, 7:30pm, Board meeting, virtual
- **January 15**, 7:00pm, CARES meeting, virtual
- **January 21**, 7:30pm, RAC meeting, virtual

2. Downtown Columbia – Warfield Neighborhood Final Development Plan: A pre-submission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Howard County Central Branch Library – CEN Studio, 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044, for the Warfield Neighborhood, located near 10025 Governor Warfield Parkway. The site is zoned NT, and the proposed project includes a maximum 400,000 SF Senior Living and Care Facility and a maximum 150 Age-Restricted Adult Housing Units. The type of initial plan submission to the Department of Planning and Zoning is a Final Development Plan. If you cannot attend but would like to be copied on the minutes of the meeting, please respond to Rashida.George@howardhughes.com.

3. Monday Community Walks: On Monday mornings, walk the Hawthorn neighborhood paths with members of the community. Meet at The Hawthorn Center at 10:00am, take a walk, and enjoy a coffee at The Hawthorn Center on us! Happening almost every Monday. Follow Hickory Ridge on Facebook or Instagram using the QR code below for weekly updates or email community@hickoryridgevillage.org for more information!

4. Howard County Police, Community Outreach & Pathways Division: Do you know that Howard County Police are rebuilding their Community Outreach & Pathways Division? If you have community or pathway concerns, you can call 410-313-2207 or email HCPDOutreach@howardcountymd.gov.

5. Open Space Issues: Report issues on CA Open Space via a form on their web site. Photos may be included. It is also helpful to note the location, if possible. Tot lots and bridges are marked with identification numbers. Visit CA's web site here: <https://columbiaassociation.org/open-space/contact-us/> To view current CA Open Space projects, visit <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/400d4f61a51e4db6acebe2daf5971244>

6. Follow Hickory Ridge: Find all the ways to connect with [Hickory Ridge here:](#)



7. Committee Reports:

- **Resident Architectural Committee:** The RAC continues to review applications as usual.
- **CARES Committee:** CARES meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. For meeting information, see the calendar on our website.
- **Aging Well in Columbia (AWC) at CA:** No updates for this meeting.