



**HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2026, at 7:30pm**

**Meeting recording:**

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Members Present: Kristine Amari, Mark Covington, Steve Hannan, Mike McGarity, Mariah Robertson and Skye Anderson.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton

Guests: 22 attendees

Call to Order: 7:32pm

1. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the agenda and Dr. Robertson seconded. Ms. Anderson asked to move Chris Clem from CA to #3 on the agenda. Dr. Robertson seconded. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of March 9, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes: Ms. Anderson made a motion to approve the March 9, 2026, meeting minutes. Ms. Amari seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Chris Clem, Manager of Open Space Operations, Columbia Association Report: Mr. Clem shared recent and upcoming CA programs and projects. Several residents asked questions about pathway and tot lots and Mr. Clem shared updates.
4. Board Update: Dr. Robertson stated that footage of the recent police shooting a Patuxent Commons was released. She recommended that the Board consider ways to engage with Patuxent Commons. Dr. McGarity shared recent updates and improvements made by Kimco to Hickory Ridge Village Center at the Village's request.
5. Resident Speak-Out: Ms. Grier asked if there has been any progress getting traffic controls at Martin Road and Half Crown Court. Ms. Mayton stated that the request has been on the list of budget items sent to the County Executive, and she will reach out to the County Executive's office to find out the status.
6. CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson: Ms. Anderson shared some upcoming events. She stated that CA's permanent band shell at Lake Kittamaqundi is almost complete. She also mentioned that the Lake Elkhorn pollinator garden is nearly complete. Ms. Anderson discussed the splashpad proposal by CA staff and clarified misconceptions.
7. New Business:
  - a. Donation Requests – Atholton HS PTSA, Swansfield ES PTS, Harper's Choice MS PTA, Wilde Lake HS PTSA, Wilde Lake MS PTA, Columbia Housing Center, Downtown Columbia Arts Commission and Grassroots Crisis Center: Ms. Mayton shared the donations made previously and the FY26 budget for donations. Dr. Robertson recommended distributing donation dollars equally among the organizations. Dr. Robertson made a motion to donate \$820 to each of the organizations above and donate an

additional \$320 to Clemens Crossing ES PTA and CEI/Freetown Farm. Ms. Amari seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business: None

9. Manager Report—Laura Mayton: Ms. Mayton reminded residents to participate in the upcoming Annual Meeting/Election by voting via absentee ballot or on Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9:00am – 12:00pm at The Hawthorn Center. She also stated that the Community Celebration will be held at The Hawthorn Center on Friday, April 24, 2026, 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

10. Action Items:

- a. Ms. Mayton will reach out to the County Executive's office about the intersection of Martin Road and Half Crown Court.

11. Closed Session: per Maryland HOA Act Section 11B-111 (4)(i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel. Dr. Robertson made a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Covington seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into closed session at 8:34pm. Those present were Kristine Amari, Mark Covington, Micajah McGarity and Mariah Robertson and staff member Laura Mayton. At 8:47pm, Mr. Covington made a motion to reopen the meeting and Dr. Robertson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment: Dr. Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Covington seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

## DONATIONS TO DATE

*Elementary Schools serving Hickory Ridge: Clemens Crossing, Swansfield, Bryant Woods*

*Middle Schools serving Hickory Ridge: Wilde Lake, Harper's Choice*

*High Schools serving Hickory Ridge: Atholton, Wilde Lake*

Proposed donations for April 13, 2026, meeting:

Atholton HS PTSA  
 Swansfield ES PTA  
 Harper's Choice MS PTA  
 Wilde Lake MS Performing Arts (PTA previously received \$1000)  
 Wilde Lake HS PTSA  
 Columbia Housing Center  
 Downtown Columbia Arts Commission

### DONATIONS FY26

1.12	CEI/Freetown Farm	500.00
1.12	Clemens Crossing PTA	500.00
10.13	Wilde Lake Middle School	1000.00
		<b>2000.00 (Budget = \$9000)</b>

### DONATIONS FY25

04.14	Columbia Housing Center	250.00
04.14	CHS Sundevils	500.00
04.14	CEI	500.00
04.14	Harper's Choice MS PTA	650.00
04.14	Clemens Crossing PTA	650.00
04.14	Atholton HS PTSA	650.00
04.14	Swansfield ES PTA	650.00
04.14	Wilde Lake HS PTSA	650.00
01.27	Wilde Lake Middle School Boosters	1000.00
01.27	Village at Howard	500.00
10.28	Bryant Woods ES	1500.00
10.28	Wilde Lake MS PTSA	1500.00
09.09	Clemens Crossing Cyclones	1000.00
07.08	Hickory Ridge Scholarship at HCC	1000.00
		<b>\$11,000.00 (Budget = \$11,000)</b>

### DONATIONS FY24

04.29	Columbia Festival of the Arts	2000.00
04.29	Columbia Community Care	2000.00
04.29	Club Wilde Lake (WLCA)	2000.00
04.08	Atholton HS PTSA	1000.00
04.08	Wilde Lake HS PTSA	1000.00
04.08	Harper's Choice MS PTA	1000.00

04.08	Clemens Crossing ES PTA	1000.00
04.08	Bryant Woods ES PTA	1000.00
04.08	Grassroots	5000.00
04.08	CEI	2000.00
07.24	CEI	1600.00
07.24	The Village in Howard	500.00
01.22	Swansfield ES PTA	1200.00
01.22	Wilde Lake MS Boosters	1000.00
01.22	Wilde Lake MS PTSA	1000.00
		<b>\$23,300.00</b> (Budget = \$16,000)

**DONATIONS FY23**

06.02	Swansfield ES PTA	500.00
11.28	Clemens Crossing ES PTA	572.68
12.13	Bryant Woods ES PTA	600.00
3.27	Swansfield ES PTA	1000.00
3.27	Wilde Lake HS PTSA	1000.00
3.27	Wilde Lake MS PTSA	1000.00
3.27	Grassroots	4000.00
3.27	Community Ecology Institute	4000.00
3.27	Columbia Community Care	4000.00
4.10	Atholton HS PTSA	1000.00
4.10	Columbia Festival of the Arts	4000.00
		<b>\$21,672.68</b>

**DONATIONS FY22**

9.13	Community Ecology Institute	2500
2.14	Wilde Lake HS PTSA	500
2.14	Atholton HS PTSA	500
3.14	Wilde Lake MS PTA	500
4.25	Bryant Woods ES PTA	200
4.25	Grassroots	4000
		<b>\$8200</b>

**DONATIONS FY21**

5.20	Gilchrist Hospice Center	250
11.20	WLHS Boosters	250
11.20	Grassroots	500
4.15	Clemens Crossing ES PTA	500
4.15	Grassroots	1000
4.15	Columbia Community Care	1000
4.20	Wilde Lake MS PTA	500
4.20	Harper's Choice MS PTA	500
4.26	Community Ecology Institute	1000
4.26	Wilde Lake MS PTA	500
4.26	Swansfield ES PTA	500

4.26	Harper's Choice MS	500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7000</b>

**DONATIONS FY20**

3.20	Bryant Woods ES PTA	250
3.20	Swansfield ES PTA	250
3.20	Running Brook ES Fall Festival	250
3.20	WLHS After Prom Party	500
2.20	WLHS It's Academic Team	250
11.19	Grassroots 50th Anniversary	500
11.19	WLMS Arts Boosters	250
9.19	WLHS Boosters	250
8.19	CCES Diversity Initiative	500
7.19	Community Foundation of HoCo (Jane Dembner)	150
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3150</b>

**DONATIONS FY19**

4.19	Community Ecology Institute	\$3000
3.19	WLHS-PTSA After Prom Party	500
2.19	AHS-PTSA After Prom Party	500
9.18	WLHS Boosters	500
5.18	WLHS Band Boosters	250
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4751</b>

**DONATIONS FY18**

4.18	WLHS It's Academic	\$ 400
3.18	AHS After Prom Party	500
11.17	AHS Music Boosters	100
11.17	RBES Artist-in-Residence Program	250
10.17	CCES-PTA Junior Achievement in a Day Program	250
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1500</b>



## Manager's Report April 13, 2026

### 1. Dates to Note:

- **April 15**, 7:30pm, RAC meeting, virtual
- **April 16**, e-issue of The Log newsletter
- **April 16**, 7:00pm, CARES meeting, virtual
- **April 25**, 12:00pm, Annual meeting of members
- **April 27**, 7:30pm, Board meeting

### 1. Annual Meeting/Election: Make sure you vote in the Election. Here are important dates:

- Thursday, April 16, 7:00pm, In-person Candidate Forum at The Hawthorn Center
  - Friday, April 24, 5:30 – 7:30pm, Community Celebration in The Hawthorn Center parking lot
  - Saturday, April 25, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Election Day, in-person voting at The Hawthorn Center
- Tour completed absentee ballots must be received at The Hawthorn Center by 5:00pm on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Or, attend the Community Celebration on Friday evening or Election Day on Saturday to vote.

### 2. Election Day Volunteers Needed: On Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 12:00pm, the Village needs volunteers to open absentee ballot envelopes. Openers will be provided and it should not take more than one hour. Go to the [Volunteer Sign Up page!](#)

### 3. Monday Community Walks: Walk the Hawthorn neighborhood paths with members of the community on Monday mornings. 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!

### 4. Upcoming Election Events:

- Second Candidate Forum, April 16, 2026, in-person at The Hawthorn Center, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Community Celebration, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Friday, April 24, , The Hawthorn Center
- Election Day, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Saturday, April 25, The Hawthorn Center,
- Annual Meeting of Members, 12:00pm, Saturday, April 25 at The Hawthorn Center

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



### 6. 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.