

Hickory Hillside* Hive!

January 2026 CA Report to the Village of Hickory Ridge

Because January was a fairly slow board month, I have appended something I think you will like. I refer to it as my “Are You an Achiever, an Over Achiever or an Under Achiever?” Enjoy! You will find it at the end of this report (one way to get you to at least scroll down, if not to read the whole thing!)

Meetings Attended

Regular CA Board meeting. 22 January – CA’s second Town Hall meeting. Primary topic: the budget.

Closed CA Board meeting. 8 January.

“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. I will be holding office hours right after Storytime at the Hawthorn Center on Wednesday, 11 February (10 am).

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

Looking Ahead to February

The next CA Board meeting will be on 12 February with at least one closed meeting that month. The board will vote on pursuing information about splashpad parks on 26 February

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?

(Found on a wall in the hallway of the Supreme Sports Club.)

People have different approaches to fitness. Some crave it; others dread it. Our lifestyles, abilities and personalities play a part in our experience with exercise. With so many activities to try, give yourself a chance to find your fun, get into your own groove, dance to your own song, move with your own muscles. It's your body. Make it last. Do your thing.

THE OVER-DOER	THE IDEAL-DOER	THE UNDER-DOER
This is my 2 nd time here. Today.	I try to make it here 4-5 times a week.	I almost forgot how to get here.
Parking? Not me. I ran here.	I leave my car at the far end of the lot for an extra walk.	That walk from the parking lot wore me out.
I own more work-out gear than street clothes.	I rotate through a few sets of work-out gear.	I had to borrow this outfit.
I tried lifting what that big guy left on the bar bell.	What guy? What weights? I do my own thing.	I couldn't remove what that big guy left on the bar bell.
If there's no puddle of sweat below me, I'm not working hard enough.	I drink enough water before working out and during so I am well hydrated and have something to sweat out.	I don't want to sweat in these borrowed clothes.
I could find my locker with my eyes closed.	If I have valuables I make use of a locker just to be safe.	There are lockers here?
They know my name at the front desk. I'm here more than some of them.	They know my name at the front desk. I recognize a few staff who work when I tend to come.	How'd they know my name at the front desk?
Grunting is my second language.	Mindful breathing and engagement of core muscles make for safe motions and good results.	Do I hear someone grunting?
My ear buds are permanently lodged in my ear canals.	I don't always wear earbuds; I like being social sometimes.	Where do I plug these in?
Oh, look at my bulky triceps in the mirror!	I monitor my form in the mirror for effectiveness and safety.	Who is that scrawny guy. Oh, hello!
Please call me a cab. I need a ride home.	That hour went by fast. Time for a little post-workout stretching before heading home for a healthy supper.	Well, that was a well-spent 15 minutes. Better head to the car now.