

Hickory Hillside* Hive!

February 2026 CA Report to the Village of Hickory Ridge

Meetings Attended

Some weeks we have no meetings while other weeks, like the last week in February, we have three!

Regular CA Board meetings. 12 and 26 February

The Board passed next year's budgets and heard a presentation on the Cradlerock Way Complete Street Improvement which is intended to slow traffic. Two easement requests passed (not in Hickory Ridge) and we also listened to a presentation on Lakefront improvements and long-term planning.

Closed CA Board meeting. 5 and 19 February.

Popular Issue, Controversial Issue?

An issue that Hickory Ridge people keep talking about is the possibility that one CA membership outdoor pool MAY be redesigned as a free park with a splashpad and other family friendly amenities. This was first presented at the [December meeting by Dan Burns](#) (starting at 2:19).

Meetings

The CA Board used to meet 20 times a year with only one meeting in November and one in December and no meetings in August. This year we are meeting less often and held two Town Hall Meetings about the budget. Being proposed for next year are even fewer, with keeping two Town Halls, one possibly being a regular board meeting and one possibly being a town hall similar to the ones our elected officials hold when they return to their districts.

“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 am thinking of holding Office Hours at Mad City on Saturday mornings at 10:30 starting sometime in April. 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 comments directly to all CA board members [here](#). An interesting tidbit is that for past CA Board meetings, we had fewer residents speak out than in the past.

Looking Ahead to March

The next CA Board meeting will be on 26 March with at least one closed meeting next month.

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?