



HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

July 13, 2026 • 7:30pm

In person, at The Hawthorn Center with hybrid option

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 June 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes
3. Icebreaker Activity for Board Members
4. Board Update
5. Resident Speak – Out: *two minutes per speaker to discuss items **NOT** on the agenda.*
6. CA Board of Directors Report—Micajah McGarity
7. New Business:
 - A. Donation Requests: Swansfield ES Blessings in a Backpack
 - B. Nominate Jimmy Mathis, Operation Supervisor, Bureau of Highways, for County Special Recognition Award
 - C. Amendment to Bylaws – Requirements for Board Membership
 - D. Review FY26 Q4 Financials
 - E. Honoring Emily Rieger
8. Old Business:
 - A. Patuxent Commons Outreach
9. Manager Report—Laura Mayton
10. Action Items
11. Adjournment



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DONATION REQUEST FORM

Date: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please answer the following questions:

The Hickory Ridge Board prefers that the donation be used primarily for Hickory Ridge residents.

Who will receive the service?

How many people?

What will the donation be used for?

What is the total budgeted amount of the project?

How are other funds being obtained? What other organizations have made or will be making donations?

Please use another page for any additional information.

Amount requested: _____



Give Hunger-Free Weekends to Kids at Swansfield Elementary

Dear community member, I want to tell you about the Blessings in a Backpack program serving Swansfield Elementary School on Cedar Lane in Columbia, MD. While 45% of its students receive free/reduced-price meals on school days, many of these kids have difficulty getting nutritious food at home on Saturdays and Sundays. **Since 2013, this program has provided a bag of food to go home on Friday with each Swansfield student who needs it.**

Join a Unique Community Partnership

Our program stands out thanks to a **partnership with a local senior living community, the Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant** in Ellicott City. Their residents pool unused dining service funds to purchase and donate nutritious, shelf-stable food items. Then a dedicated group of those residents pack food bags weekly for Swansfield students.

In addition to the contributions of the senior living community, our volunteers buy more food to round out the packed food bags each week, so that **each weekend a student gets eight food items: 2 protein, 2 fruit, 2 breakfast and 2 snack.**

Help Us Meet Our Shopping Costs

Currently, our community partnership gives hunger-free weekends to 117 students at Swansfield Elementary School. Food shopping will cost about \$13,000 in the 2026-2027 school year. There are two ways to help us financially:

Donate Online

<https://giving.blessingsinabackpack.org/organizations/swansfield-elementary-school>



Donate by Check

Make a check payable to: Blessings in a Backpack

Write in memo line: Swansfield Elementary in Columbia, MD

Mail to me: Bob DeBoy, 12011 Yellowbell Lane, Columbia, MD 21044

You can contact me at swansfieldblessings@gmail.com

To learn more about Swansfield Elementary, its student services and community partnerships, please visit https://www.hcpss.org/f/schools/profiles/prof_es_swansfield.pdf



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Brandee Ganz, Chief Administrative Officer
Felix Facchine, Chief of Staff
Howard County Administration
3430 Court House Dr
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear Ms. Ganz & Mr. Facchine,

Hickory Ridge Village residents are very conscious of the safety and beauty of our neighborhoods. They submit numerous ClickFixIt (TellHoCo) tickets each day requesting help from the county for various issues. Many of these tickets cite problems with trees that are the result of wind and storms but also are often simply due to the natural aging of the trees.

Members of the CARES Committee receive notification whenever TellHoCo tickets for our village are entered or updated. CARES tracks the tickets to understand what types of calls are being made, if there are environmental impacts and if resolutions are timely. We have noticed one Howard County employee who responds frequently to help keep our community safe and looking great.

Jimmy Mathis, an Operations Supervisor with the Howard County Department of Public Works, has been instrumental in helping resolve these issues. Hickory Ridge residents can count on Mr. Mathis to get an assessment of a street tree that appears to be dead or dying, ensure dead trees are removed and/or replaced and get tree stumps ground down. Mr. Mathis has also ensured that dozens, if not hundreds, of downed trees, fallen branches and limbs have been removed quickly. Often Jimmy enters tickets in the system himself based on his own discovery of tree issues when driving through our neighborhoods. All these efforts keep our sidewalks and streets clear and passable, and our Village continues to enjoy the beauty and shade the trees bring.

We believe Mr. Mathis deserves to be recognized and thanked by our Board and the county for his dedication to serving our residents so well and to keeping our Village in great shape.

Cordially,

Dr. Mariah Robertson, Board Chair
On Behalf of the Hickory Ridge Village Board

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws

Currently, candidates for the Board or the Columbia Council must prove residency at the time of their candidacy. If a candidate is elected to a seat and then moves out of the Village, the only way they can be removed from the Board or Columbia Council is through an affirmative vote of the Board of Directors.

A statement could be added to the Bylaws in this section:

The Hickory Ridge Community Association Bylaws currently state in Section 2.03.

“Election of Directors. Until the first annual meeting of members or until successors are duly elected and qualify, the Board shall consist of the persons named as such in the charter. At the first annual meeting of members and at each annual meeting thereafter, the members shall elect directors to hold office until the next succeeding annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualify. In order to qualify as a candidate for the Board of Directors (or the Representative to the Columbia Council) a candidate must be a member of the association and submit a candidate’s statement to the Village Manager by a deadline determined by the Board of Directors. That deadline date must be publicly announced at least six weeks prior to the annual meeting. No person who has an unresolved covenant violation that has been accepted for legal action by the Columbia Association’s Architectural Resource Committee (ARC) will be seated on the Board or have the right to cast a vote on issues brought before the Board. At any meeting of members, duly called and at which a quorum is present, the members may, by the affirmative vote of the members entitled to cast the majority of votes thereon, remove any director or directors from office and may elect a successor or successors to fill any resulting vacancies for the unexpired terms of removed directors. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, if, after the deadline date for candidate’s statements has closed, the number of candidates meeting the requirements set forth in Section 2.03 is less than or equal to the number of vacant director positions, the qualified nominees shall be deemed to have been elected by the members and the Board of Directors shall appoint such nominees to the available director positions for the term provided for in Article 8 of the Association’s Articles of Incorporation.” *Add the following: If a member of the Board of Directors gives up residence in Hickory Ridge during the term of office, the Director is no longer a member of the Association and such action causes the Director to vacate that office.*

A statement could also be added to this section:

The Hickory Ridge Community Association Bylaws currently state in Section 4.07.

“Removal. Any officer or agent of the Association may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Association will be served thereby.” Maybe add here instead: *If a member of the Board of Directors gives up residence in Hickory Ridge during the term of office, the Director is no longer a member of the Association, and such action removes the Director from that office.*

Village: Hickory Ridge
Fiscal Year: FY26
Quarter: 4
Date Prepared: 9-Jun-26

SUMMARY STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
May 1 - April 30

	Actual Quarter	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance	YTD Prior Year
<u>REVENUES</u>					
1 CA Annual Charge Share Grant	83,906	335,625	335,625	(0)	325,876
2 Lease & Rental	28,028	144,844	147,000	(2,156)	161,708
3 Tuition & Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0
4 Interest	329	1,120	180	940	135
5 Special Events	1,630	3,615	6,635	(3,021)	5,125
6 Fees	94	134	110	24	132
7 Miscellaneous	400	2,581	3,200	(619)	2,420
8 Gain/loss on Disposal of Asset	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue	<u>114,387</u>	<u>487,917</u>	<u>492,750</u>	<u>(4,833)</u>	<u>495,395</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
9 Staff Salaries	63,725	266,955	280,625	(13,670)	277,329
10 Janitorial Wages	0	0	0	0	0
11 Contract Labor	1,666	6,166	7,000	(834)	1,725
12 Payroll Benefits	6,332	24,009	21,500	2,509	22,492
13 Payroll Taxes	5,636	21,884	21,000	884	21,748
14 Janitorial Expense	6,232	28,269	30,900	(2,631)	28,964
15 Fees	4,217	27,137	25,300	1,837	14,281
16 Operating Expenses	3,138	12,257	9,750	2,507	13,293
17 Business Expenses	97	1,104	3,300	(2,196)	1,900
18 Insurance	1,171	14,350	11,000	3,350	10,414
19 Advertising	0	198	1,000	(803)	1,029
20 Newsletter	8,211	21,480	20,000	1,480	21,369
21 Other Printing	5,657	5,657	4,500	1,157	4,699
22 Donations/Contributions	7,200	9,200	9,000	200	12,100
23 Special Events	8,565	16,077	20,000	(3,923)	27,627
24 Taxes	0	1,691	1,600	91	2,465
25 Utilities	8,820	19,085	14,500	4,585	12,749
26 Repairs & Maintenance	2,035	7,369	6,640	729	9,382
27 Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3,054	5,645	3,000	2,645	1,583
28 Total Expenses Before Depreciation	<u>135,757</u>	<u>488,534</u>	<u>490,615</u>	<u>(2,081)</u>	<u>485,149</u>
29 Depreciation	<u>532</u>	<u>2,134</u>	<u>2,135</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>4,237</u>
30 Total Expenses	<u>136,290</u>	<u>490,668</u>	<u>492,750</u>	<u>(2,082)</u>	<u>489,386</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>(21,903)</u>	<u>(2,751)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,751)</u>	<u>6,009</u>

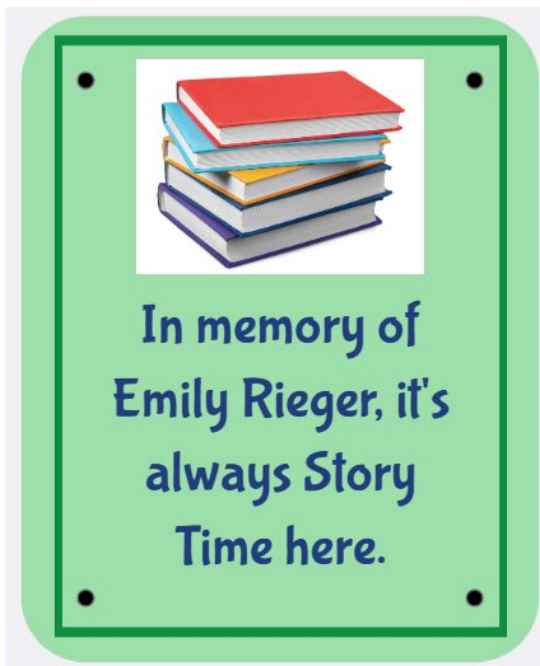


FY2026 4th QUARTER VARIANCE REPORT

4 Interest	The money market account was moved from Capital One to Fulton Bank and the current account offers a higher interest rate.
5 Special Events	Special events income is lower than expected due to offering budget-friendly events and charging participants less.
18 Operating Expenses	Costs for office and janitorial supplies have gone up. Credit card fees also fall in this category, and most payments for events and room rentals are now done with credit cards.
17 Business Expenses	Mileage was not as high as expected and business meal expenses were lower than budgeted. Expenses here were cut to manage higher expenses in other categories.
19 Advertising	Lease and rental income were very close to the budgeted amount, so advertising was not necessary.
21 Other Printing	This category is for the election mailing. Cost for the printing and compiling of the election mailing increased this year.
23 Utilities	The cost of energy delivery is nearly as much as the cost of energy. Heating and cooling the building was more expensive than anticipated.
27 Furniture & Fixtures	Several tables needed to be replaced in the second quarter because of damage resulting from rentals.

Ideas to Honor Emily

1. Story Time was Emily's most frequent event. We have the lovely patio and benches in front of The Hawthorn Center right next to the Little Free Library. Purchase a plaque that can be placed next to the Little Free Library that says, "In memory of Emily Rieger, every day is Story Time here." Emily's favorite animal was the penguin (she had a penguin at her wedding!), so we thought it would be nice to include a whimsical illustration with a penguin reading a book to small animals.
2. Have a community event to dedicate the plaque and honor Emily, with all community members invited.



This is a quick sample I threw together. Books are in place of the proposed illustration.

Size is 8" x 10"



Manager's Report July 13, 2026

1. Dates to Note:

- **July 15**, 7:30pm, RAC meeting, virtual
- **July 16**, e-issue of The Log newsletter
- **July 16**, 7:00pm, CARES meeting, virtual
- **August 24**, 5:30pm, Back to School Celebration!

- 2. Replacement of HRBR 11:** Due to weather delays, Columbia Association capital Improvements plans to replace the bridge HRBR11 beginning the week of July 20th, 2026, one week later than originally scheduled. Because there is no suitable location for a temporary bridge, they will need to close the path at the bridge site during construction. The replacement is expected to take one week, weather permitting. See map for the detour to avoid the bridge.



- 3. Join the Resident Architectural Committee:** Are you interested in the housing styles and architecture in Hickory Ridge? Join the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC)! The RAC reviews exterior alteration applications for homes in Hickory Ridge. Get to know community members and learn more about the Village you live in! The RAC meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in a virtual meeting at 7:30pm. In addition, RAC members visit 1 – 4 neighborhood properties in the week before the meeting as part of the application review process. Interested? Email Tania at applications@hickoryridgevillage.org.
- 4. Clary's Forest Loop Play Area Improvements:** In the center of the Clary's Forest Loop, there is a great, updated play area and basketball court. A pollinator garden is being installed in an adjacent field, and the paths leading from the sidewalk around the loop to the center have been repaved. Take a nice walk and check out all the improvements in this area!
- 5. Pollinator Garden Adjacent to the Hawthorn Pool Parking Lot:** Next to The Hawthorn Center, along the roadway leading to the Hawthorn Pool parking lot, CA has installed a huge pollinator garden. Come by and check it out – see butterflies, bees and other creatures enjoying the natural area with native plants. This garden is a lovely addition to the area around The Hawthorn Center.
- 6. Monday Community Walks:** Walk the Hawthorn neighborhood paths with members of the community on Monday mornings. Meet at The Hawthorn Center at 9:00am, 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!
- 7. Follow Hickory Ridge:** Find all the ways to connect with [Hickory Ridge here](#):



8. Committee Reports:

- **Resident Architectural Committee:** The RAC continues to review applications as usual, but the RAC is in need of new volunteer members! Email Tania at applications@hickoryridgevillage.org.
- **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.