



HICKORY RIDGE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 12, 2026 • 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 September 14, 2026, 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—Micajah McGarity
6. New Business:
 - A. CA Update, Chris Clem, Open Space Manager, Columbia Association
 - B. Donation Requests: Patuxent Commons, Atholton HS Girls Flag Football Team
 - C. Board Meeting Recordings
 - D. Howard County Budget Priorities
 - E. Columbia Association Budget Priorities
7. Old Business:
 - A. Amendment to Bylaws - Placeholder for discussion at a later date.
8. Manager Report—Laura Mayton
9. Action Items
10. Adjournment



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DONATION REQUEST FORM

Date: 9/22/2026
Name of Organization: Atholton Girl's Flag Football
Contact Person: Tamara Bishop (Parent) Angela Blose (VP- Boosters) Coach Gino
Address: 6520 Freetown Road Columbia, MD 21044
Telephone: (410) 979-6007
Email: bishop_t1@icloud.com

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?

Female students at Atholton High School- grades 9-12th

How many people?

30

What will the donation be used for?

Flag football uniforms- the newest high school in Howard County!

What is the total budgeted amount of the project?

\$800.00

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

Howard County School System, Under Armor

Please use another page for any additional information.

Amount requested: \$800.00



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CC: Moira Rooney

DONATION REQUEST FORM

Date: October 5th, 2026

Name of Organization: Patuxent Commons

Contact Person: Steven Isaacson

Address: 6441 Freetown Rd. Columbia, MD 21044

Telephone: 202-664-4089

Email: sisaacson@columbiapm.org

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?

Guests for the [REDACTED] Patuxent Commons 11am-1pm
1-Year Anniversary, including guest invited from the surrounding community.

How many people?

Approximately 60 ppl.

What will the donation be used for?

Payment and tip for Mas Charade (Vicki)
\$130/hr + \$40 tip

What is the total budgeted amount of the project?

\$ 300

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

Food, decorations, and other supplies will be provided by building management. This donation towards face-painting that is autism friendly and accessible will go a long way in ensuring the success of
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the 1-year anniversary event.

Amount requested: [REDACTED]

\$ 300



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Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Dear County Executive Ball:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on short, medium, and long-term priorities for communities in Howard County. We appreciate your efforts in the past year in accomplishing several items on our previous list. Below please find our updated list of priorities.

Short Term (one year, in order of priority):

1. Pedestrian crossings at intersections - While pedestrian crossings have been added in several areas, the Little Patuxent Parkway loop needs additional crosswalks for safety. There are several locations where pathways are on either side of the road with no crosswalk nearby. Also, at the south end of Martin Road near the county park, there is a crosswalk without curb cuts and no connection to the sidewalks. Please continue to evaluate village intersections and other pedestrian crossing areas to be in line with the "walkability/bikeability" of Columbia. (Transportation)
2. Prioritize a buy-back program in which residents and trade-in gas-powered landscaping equipment for monies to purchase battery-powered equivalent. (Sustainability)
3. **THIS WAS JUST COMPLETED**
4. Traffic study on Martin Road north and south of Halfcrown Court to determine the need for traffic calming/control in this area. (Transportation) **IS THIS IN PROGRESS?**
5. Road maintenance – Pothole filling should be tended to as soon as possible to avoid compounding the problems. (DPW)

Mid Term (next two years, in order of priority):

1. Facility Maintenance – Neighborhood schools, like Bryant Woods ES, require repairs/renovations to bring facilities up to good maintenance standards.
2. School Capacity Projects and– School capacity is an issue as our part of Columbia is set for significant new housing development. We want to ensure that we have adequate school capacity for our growing population. The HCPSS 2020 Feasibility Study recommends building a new elementary school in downtown Columbia as one of the next school construction projects. New school capacity at the elementary school level should be added to our area as soon as possible. (HCPSS)
3. Expansion/Improvements to our local public transportation options – Bus routes and maintenance of bus stops (improvements at some bus stops make them much more

usable and attractive), and further extension of Complete Streets Policy/Bikeway through adequate funding. (Transportation)

4. Cedar Lane and Hickory Ridge Road Bike Corridor– implement the Bicycle Master Plan which includes improvements to Cedar Lane from Route 32 to Harpers Farm Road and improved cycling accessibility from Hickory Ridge to downtown Columbia. (Transportation) **Public meeting on Thursday, October 15th, 5 – 7pm at The Hawthorn Center**
5. Climate Action Plan – Implement recommendations of work groups in a timely manner to meet benchmarks in climate action.

Long Term (next 4 to 5 years, in order of priority):

1. Racial Equity – Hickory Ridge fully supports the mission of the Equity & Restorative Practices Unit. Please ensure that the recommended practices are observed by all County offices. County programs and policies should be evaluated through the lenses of their ability to close racial disparities and inequalities. Columbia should strive for racial equity in metrics such as home ownership, college attainment, and wealth. (DCRS)
2. Comprehensive traffic congestion and traffic safety – a thorough, comprehensive review of traffic congestion, safety, and travel patterns should be a priority on our major corridors: Cedar Lane, Broken Land Pkwy, Little Patuxent Parkway, and Hickory Ridge Road. These roads are only going to get more congested with the pending developments in and around Columbia. (Transportation)
3. Environmental – Increase tree canopy with tree planting in Howard County Open Space areas adjacent to Hickory Ridge. Continue and expand tree giveaways for residents to allow greater tree coverage in the County.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Cordially,

Mariah Robertson
Chair, Hickory Ridge Board of Directors

Hickory Ridge Area Transportation Studies Public Meeting

The Office of Transportation is holding a public meeting to discuss progress on two ongoing multimodal transportation projects in the Hickory Ridge Area:

- Hickory Ridge Road Pathway Design
- Cedar Lane Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Feasibility Study

Join us for the public meeting on **Thursday, October 15, 2026 between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM** to learn more and provide your feedback.

Meeting Details

- The public meeting will be held on October 15, 2026 between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
- Located at The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia, MD 21044. All are welcome!
- The meeting will be conducted in an open house format, with no formal presentation. County staff and project consultants will be present to answer questions and discuss the projects.
- A feedback survey will be available on the meeting webpage until Friday, October 30, 2026.
- If you have further questions, require reasonable accommodations to participate in this event, or need the contents of this flyer in an alternate format, please contact: transportation@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4312 (Voice/Relay) at least five (5) business days before the event.

Meeting Agenda/Projects

Hickory Ridge Pathway Design

- A project to design and construct pedestrian and bicycle connections along Hickory Ridge Road between Martin Road and Broken Land Parkway.
- Currently in the design phase, with latest designs to be presented at the public meeting, including:
 - Improved shared-use path connections between Martin Road, the existing Columbia Association pathway, and Broken Land Parkway.
 - Pedestrian crossings and signals added at the Hickory Ridge Rd/Broken Land Pkwy intersection.
 - Pedestrian crossings and signals added at the Hickory Ridge Rd/Martin Rd intersection.

Cedar Lane Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Feasibility Study

- A study to evaluate the feasibility of providing pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Cedar Lane. The study area includes Cedar Lane from Owen Brown Road to MD-32, continuing along Sanner Road to Creekside Road.
- The study will seek to implement the County's Complete Streets Design Manual.
- Multiple concept alternatives in development, each varying in proposed facilities and possible challenges.

For more information, view the meeting webpage by scanning the QR-code or by visiting the following link:
howardcountymd.gov/transportation/hickory-ridge-area-studies





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Columbia Association Board of Directors
6310 Hillside Court, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046

Dear Directors:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on budget priorities for Hickory Ridge in the Columbia Association FY28 budget. Here are some suggestions that Hickory Ridge would like you to consider as you review the priorities:

- Increase the Villages' assessment share by 13% to account for previously ignored cost of living increases.
- The Clemens Crossing pool splashpad project and locker room renovation has been deferred for several years. Please return this project to the capital budget for FY28.
- **DONE THIS YEAR**
- Place additional charging stations for electric cars at CA facilities.
- Reach out to new residents who are not new homeowners to welcome them to Columbia and make them aware that they are members of the community and Columbia Association.

Cordially,

Mariah Robertson
Hickory Ridge Board Chair

Hickory Ridge Village Assessment Share Income from CA

FY20 – \$303,690

FY21 – eliminated due to circumstances

FY22 – \$303,204 0.16% decrease over FY20

FY23 – \$319,402 5.07% increase over FY22

FY24 – \$320,886 0.46% increase over FY23

FY25—\$325,876 1.53% increase over FY24

FY26—\$335,625 2.90% increase over FY25

Total increase in assessment share for Villages FY22 - 26 = 9.8%

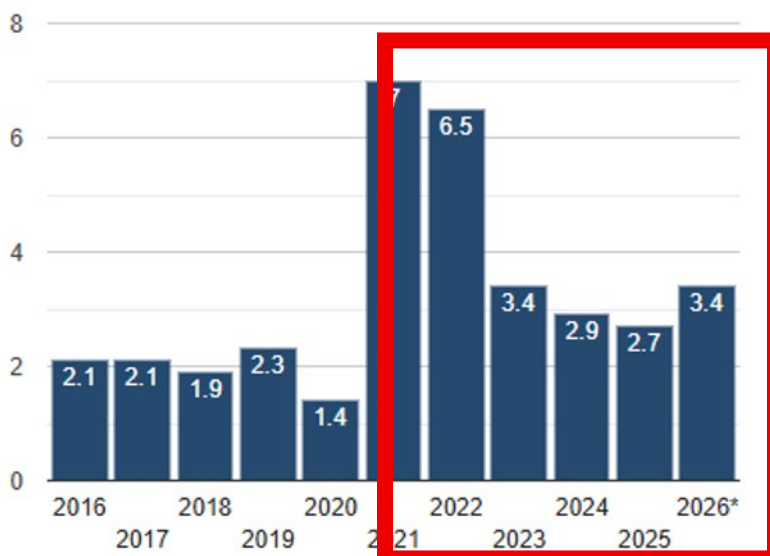
Total increase in inflation FY22 - 26 = 18.9%

The Villages' assessment share funding has been cut by 9.1%.

At a minimum, the assessment share should be increased by 13% for FY28.

While Villages are cutting community engagement events and struggling to meet increasing utility and upkeep expenses, CA has added \$3 million to their reserve account. In FY 27, CA allocated \$3,852,000 to the Villages for their share of the assessment. An increase of 13% for Village funding would amount to \$4,352,769, an increase of \$500,769. This increase would bring the Villages' assessment share in line with inflation.

Chart: United States Annual Inflation Rates (2016 to 2026)





Manager's Report October 12, 2026

1. Dates to Note:

- **October 15**, e-issue of The Log newsletter
- **October 15**, 7:00pm, CARES meeting, virtual
- **October 21**, 7:30pm, RAC meeting, virtual
- **October 28**, Treat Street sponsored by Kimco at the Hickory Ridge Village Center
- **November 3**, Notes for the Troops

2. **Block Party Grants:** Hickory Ridge successfully issued 15, \$150 Block Party grants this year! Fifteen streets had parties for all their neighbors, and Hickory Ridge contributed to the success of the events.

3. **Walktober Community Walk:** The Hickory Ridge Community Walkers are participating in Walktober. The walk is listed on [Howard County's Walktober page](#). 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!

4. **Join the Election Committee:** Help Shape the Future of Hickory Ridge! We're looking for dedicated residents to volunteer on the Election Committee for the 2026 Annual Meeting & Election Day in the Village of Hickory Ridge. Each April, our community elects Village Board Members and a Columbia Council Representative — and we need your help to ensure a fair and smooth election process. Requirements to Join: be a member of The Hickory Ridge Community Association (must own or rent a Columbia Association–assessed property in Hickory Ridge); be available to contribute ~15 hours of your time for meetings, Candidate Night, and Election Day; and complete and submit the Volunteer Application form found on the website. [Fill out a Volunteer Form today!](#)

5. **Hickory Ridge Area Transportation Studies Public Meeting:** Thursday, October 15, 5:00 – 7:00pm at The Hawthorn Center. The Office of Transportation is holding a public meeting to discuss progress on two ongoing multimodal transportation projects in the Hickory Ridge Area. Meeting Details: The meeting will be conducted in an open house format, with no formal presentation. County staff and project consultants will be present to answer questions and discuss the projects. A feedback survey will be available on the meeting webpage until Friday, October 30, 2026. If you have further questions, require reasonable accommodations to participate in this event, or need the contents of this flyer in an alternate format, please contact: transportation@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-4312 (Voice/Relay) at least five (5) business days before the event.

6. **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.

7. **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!

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



9. **Committee Reports:**

- **Resident Architectural Committee:** The RAC continues to review applications as usual, but the RAC needs 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.
- **Watershed Resident Advisory Committee (WRAP) at CA:** No updates for this meeting.