

THE LOG

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Annual Report

Our fiscal year ended April 30, 2010. During that year, our village's **Representative to the Columbia Board of Directors** was Gregg Schwind. The members of our **Village Board of Directors** were:

Miles Coffman, Chair
Tom Louden, Vice-Chair
John Bailey
Linda Hitzelberger
Michelle Wood

Issues

The Village Board worked on the following issues this past fiscal year:

- Village Center Master Plan
- Downtown Planning
- Zonings Regulations re Beekeeping
- New election procedures
- Architectural Guideline changes
- Sunoco station's buffer trees
- Robinson Nature Center
- Membership in Tower Credit Union
- LOG distribution problems
- Tot lot closing and renovations
- Left-turn pavement markings at intersections

Covenant Work

This year the **Resident Architectural Committee** reviewed 196 Exterior Alteration Applications, approving 192 and denying 4. The RAC approved 7 with Fast Track. Serving on the RAC this past fiscal year was:

Dianne Earley, Chair
Linda Loesch, Vice-Chair
Debbie Cline
Susan Donahue
Barbara Kelly
Kathy Mardaga



Appeals are heard by the **Architectural Committee**, composed of three Village Board members and two RAC members. This past year Tom Louden chaired the AC, joined by Michelle Wood, John Bailey, Dianne Earley and Linda Loesch.

During this period, the RAC and the Village Board jointly updated the Architectural Guidelines. See the new Guidelines at www.hickoryridgecommunityassociation.org.

Special Events

Our Special Events Coordinator, Joan Lancos, planned the following events this past year:

Family Night Bingo (2)	Senior Lunches (2)
International Day	Adults Pool Party
Village Yard Sales	Wine Tasting
Landscaping Programs (3)	Volunteer Party
Holiday Craft Show	Ice Cream Socials (2)
Holiday Lights Tour	Black History Event
Dumpster Days	Searching for Spring Egg Hunt
Election Flea Market	Ladies Night Out

FY10 Budget

The village association brought in \$272,623 income. Expenses were \$280,601. Our income was down 10% from last year. Both rentals and interest on our accounts were down dramatically. The village reserve account (savings) totals \$30,219. \$189,862 of our income is our share of the CA special assessment that all Columbia residents pay yearly. Here is a breakdown of last year's actual budget:

Income

CA Assessment Share	\$189,862
Rentals	\$ 73,422
Interest	\$ 520
Special Events	\$ 2,007
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 6,812</u>
Total	\$272,623

Expenses:

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$184,349
Payroll Taxes	\$ 14,523
Janitorial Expenses	\$ 18,116
Operating Expenses	\$ 14,198
Taxes/Insurance	\$ 4,484
Advertising	\$ 2,485
Newsletter	\$ 16,886
Contributions	\$ 650
Special Events	\$ 6,248
Utilities	\$ 12,011
Maintenance	\$ 5,559
Furniture & Fixtures	<u>\$ 1,092</u>
Total	\$280,601

Services

Free Notary Public	Postage stamps
Free classified ads	Car seat loaner program
Faxing, photocopying	Mowers list
Babysitter list	Maps & schedules
Info regarding cul-de-sac beautification	

Adult Pool Party

Call in your reservation now for the August 4th Adults Only Pool Party from 6-8pm at the Hawthorn Pool. Sponsored by Hickory Ridge Village, this free event is held for Hickory Ridge residents only.



You will enjoy a refreshing dip in the beautiful Hawthorn Pool, followed by a delicious picnic dinner. Pool membership is not required.

Call 410-730-7327 to save your place!

Solar Info

Local solar expert Tim Grahl will present *Solar Made Simple* Wednesday, July 21st, at 7:30pm at The Hawthorn Center on Sunny Spring. The educational presentation will include a Q&A session and a light dinner. GroSolar (formerly Chesapeake Solar), the event sponsor, has been installing solar in Maryland for over ten years.



Space is limited. RSVP by calling 410-730-7327.

Yard Sale

The annual Village-Wide Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, September 26, 8am-noon. To participate, call us to be placed on our master list and stop by the Village Office to get a red ribbon to tie on your street-name sign. This will alert shoppers. We will advertise the sale in the Flier's classified section.



International Day



Columbia Association's International Day will enliven the downtown Lakefront on Saturday, July 24, from noon – 10pm. From 1-5pm there will be free children's activities. During the entire event you will enjoy continual entertainment from the stage.

Look for the Villages' booth and check out the give-aways.

Reader's Exchange

FOUND: hand-held Nintendo DS xl with case and games, on June 21 on Harmel Drive. Call Village Office at 410-730-7327 to describe and claim.

E-Mail List



If you want to be part of our list of residents receiving Village Board meeting minutes, agenda, local police reports, and other breaking news, contact us at hrmanager@columbiavillages.org. We will not share your address with others.

Schedule

July 19 – Village Board begins at **8pm instead of 7:30pm.**

July 20 – Deadline for Exterior Alteration Applications for Aug 4 review

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July 21 – Resident Architectural Committee meets at Hawthorn at 7:30pm

The following Exterior Alterations will be reviewed at the July 21st RAC meeting:

10935 Harmel Drive / fence gates

6093 Covington Road / garage door, front door, garage side door

6337 Frostwork Row / siding, roof

6469 Bright Plume / window

10652 High Beam Court / wrap wood trim, replace window, deck, gutters, and downspouts

10358 Whitewasher Way / oil tank

6015 Wild Ginger Court / shutters

10811 Topbranch Lane / split rail

10821 Bird Song Pass / deck

12105 Gray Star Way / landscaping

11733 Lone Tree Court / landscaping

10362-10374 College Square / landscaping

11734 Lone Tree Court / replace deck

Free Concerts

The Hickory Ridge Village Center Merchants Association will present Thursday evening concerts this summer from 6-8pm in the pit area in front of Subway.

July 29 Richard Walton Group

Aug 26 The Bay Jazz Project

Sept 23 BG & the Mojo Hands



The **Wednesday Lakefront Lunchtime Concerts** continue from noon-2pm at Lake Kittamaqundi.

July 7 Andrew McKnight

July 14 Matt Wigler Trio

July 21 David LaFleur (11am)

Rae Bernard Jazz (1:10)