

THE LOG

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Annual Report

Our fiscal year ended April 30, 2011. 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
- New election procedures
- Robinson Nature Center
- Dumpsters for Community Cleanups
- Cedar Lane sidewalks
- HCC's 10-yr Plan
- Beekeeping legislation
- Covenant Procedures
- Changes to Employee Manual

Covenant Work

This year the **Resident Architectural Committee** reviewed 176 Exterior Alteration Applications, approving 192 and denying 4. The RAC approved 7 with Fast Track. Serving on the RAC this past fiscal year were:



Dianne Earley, Chair
Linda Loesch, Vice-Chair
Debbie Cline
Susan Donahue
Kathy Mardaga
Deb Smith

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

During this period, the covenant advisor handled 147 new covenant violation cases. 43 were carried over into the new fiscal year that began on May 1.

The RAC reviewed 230 Exterior Alteration Applications.

FY11 Budget

The village association brought in \$292,709 income. Expenses were \$289,367. The village reserve account (savings) totals \$31,714. \$195,516 of our income is our share of the CA special assessment that all Columbia residents pay yearly. Here is a breakdown of the budget:

Income

CA Assessment Share	\$195,516
Rentals	\$ 86,650
Interest	\$ 460
Special Events	\$ 2,534
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 6,864</u>
 Total	 \$292,709

Expenses:

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$186,649
Payroll Taxes	\$ 15,214
Janitorial Expenses	\$ 20,265
Operating Expenses	\$ 14,753
Taxes/Insurance	\$ 5,104
Advertising	\$ 2,056
Newsletter	\$ 18,183
Contributions	\$ 850
Special Events	\$ 6,644
Utilities	\$ 12,451
Maintenance	\$ 4,627
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 989
Depreciation	<u>\$ 1,583</u>
 Total	 \$289,367

Special Events

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

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

Services

Free Notary Public	Postage stamps
Free classified ads	Car seat loans
Faxing, photocopying	Mowers list
Babysitter list	Maps & schedules
Info regarding Cul-de-sac	Beautification

Save the Date



The annual Adults Only Pool Picnic for Hickory Ridge residents will take place at the Hawthorn pool on Wednesday, August 3rd, from 6-8pm. Free swimming and a picnic dinner. Save the date now. Call us at 410-730-7327 by August 1st to reserve your place.

Retiring Soon

I became the Hickory Ridge Village Manager in January of 1980 and now plan to retire this October. You will find the advertisement for this position in today's Flier.



If you know someone who meets the requirements, enjoys people and likes multi-faceted work, send that person our way. The deadline for applications is July 27.

Summer Closing

The Village Office, located in The Hawthorn Center, will close the week of August 15th for renovations. There will be no staff on duty that week. As noted in the last LOG, the Resident Architectural Committee meeting on Aug. 17 has already been cancelled. Please plan ahead if you have village business or applications for RAC review.

Misc. Items

The county's Holiday Slide will be in effect the week of July 4th. Both trash and recycling pickups will slide forward one day.

If you have algae or mildew on your siding, remove it promptly. You can check at Home Depot or Lowe's for the best method. If you leave algae/mildew on aluminum or vinyl siding too long, it will stain the surface. Then you have an expensive fix!



Wild critters in your neighborhood? They are cute, but they are also wild. Don't leave out food for them. Although rats would like that!

Reader's Exchange

FOR SALE: beautiful brass Q-size bed, \$450. Call Stephanie or Dean at 410-531-7066.

FOR SALE: Duncan Phyfe DR furniture includes drop-leaf table, 2 leaves, 6 chairs, buffet & hutch. \$2,500 OBO. Call Julie at 410-715-1304

BikeAbout



The CA BikeAbout, originally set for April 30, has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3. The trip begins at the Downtown Lakefront anytime between 9:30 and 10:30am. The route will take riders through Town Center, Wilde Lake, Harper's Choice and our own Hickory Ridge.

For more details or to register visit Columbia.Archives@columbiaassociation.com.

Schedule

July 2-4 Village Office closed for holiday

July 5 Deadline for Exterior Alteration Applications for July 20 RAC review.

July 5 Deadline for July 14 LOG

July 6- Resident Architectural Committee meets at Hawthorn Center at 7:30pm.

The following Exterior Alteration Applications will be reviewed at the July 6th RAC meeting:

11523 Little Patuxent Parkway / shed

5910 Iron Fame Way / replace deck

12102 Red Stream Way / roof

6016 Cloudland Court / deck & patio

10309 Twinedew Place / siding & roof

10929 Little Sparrow Place / deck, fence, remove trees

11808 Bright Passage / window, siding

6033 Watch Chain Way / shed

11202 Pear Tree Way / roof, gutters

10375 Launcelot Lane/ replace driveway & walkway

12113 Blue Flag Way / shed

6606 Oxhorn Court / fr door, storm dr, shutters

11801 Winterlong Way / windows

11645 Sun Circle Way / solar panels

Yard Sales



Plan ahead. We will hold our annual Village-Wide Yard Sales on Saturday, Sept. 17. We will pay for the classified ad in *The Flier*, and you put out your sale items in your garage or front yard. Participants will tie red ribbons on their street-name signs to show that their street is part of the advertised sale. We will provide the ribbons. Call us at 410-730-7327 if you want to take part.