



## Hickory Ridge Community Association

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# FY18 Annual Report

Our fiscal year ended April 30, 2018. 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:

Michelle Wood, Chair  
Allison Sultan, Vice-Chair  
LaTonya Bland  
Lisa Dean  
Fred Johnston  
Noah Sutker, Student Member

## Village Board Projects

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

- Proposed redevelopment of Hickory Ridge Village Center by owner Kimco Realty. The Board provided a Community Response Statement to the Department of Planning and Zoning and testimony to the Planning Board
- Provided testimony regarding the proposed Brightview Senior Living on Martin Road
- Supported upgrades and county funding of community outreach by Howard County General Hospital
- Followed several other development projects in and around Hickory Ridge
- Provided testimony regarding the county Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance
- Completed changes to RAC/AC Guidelines
- Approved new Employee Handbook
- Updates to the Village Assessment Share Formula
- Discussed alternative uses of existing CA amenities within Hickory Ridge
- Organized meeting with Police Community Outreach Division
- Support of community programs by issuing grants to the *It's Academic* and After Prom Party at Wilde Lake High School, Clemens Crossing PTA, Running Brook PTA, and Atholton High School PTA.
- Hiring of new Events Coordinator
- Upgrades and interior maintenance of The Hawthorn Center to enhance rental income
- Sponsored Scout Pack 720
- Interfaced with Public Works on several issues
- Newsletter distribution changes

## Covenant Work

This year the **Resident Architectural Committee** reviewed 213 Exterior Alteration Applications, approving 191 through the regular process, and 22 via our Fast Track process. The RAC denied 6 applications. The following volunteers served on the RAC this past fiscal year:

Kathy Mardaga, Chair  
Linda Loesch, Vice-Chair  
Celindah Grier  
Barbara Condron  
Skye Anderson  
Bob Opatovsky  
Craig Benjamin

Appeals are heard by the **Architectural Committee**, composed of three Village Board members and two RAC members. Two appeals were heard in FY2018. This past year Fred Johnston chaired the AC, joined by Latonya Bland, Lisa Dean, Skye Anderson and Linda Loesch.

During this period, the Covenant Advisor handled 80 new covenant violation cases and resolved 52 covenant cases. In FY2018, 2 new cases were sent to Columbia Association for legal action, and 2 cases carried over into FY2019. The Association received 129 requests for a Letter of Compliance, and issued 100 Letters of Compliance.

## Special Events

Our Special Events Coordinator planned or participated in the following events in FY2018:

Family Bingo Nights (4)	50+ Lunches (2)	Wine Tasting
Family Pool Party	Village Yard Sale	Breakfast with Santa
Community Open House	Ice Cream Social	Bike with a Cop
Holiday Craft Show	Searching for Spring	Shred & E-cycle Events (2)
Ladies' Night Out	School's Out Lunch	Stream Cleanup (2)
Open Space Crew Lunch	Flea Market	Paint Night (2)
Village Elections		Card Making Event
End of Summer at Village Center		Halloween at Village Center

The Watershed Advisory Committee planned two seminars for the community and assisted with the city-wide Columbia Cleans event in FY2018. The WAC also received approval to stencil storm drains to promote awareness of Chesapeake Bay drainage. The following volunteers served on the WAC this past fiscal year: Deborah Wessner, Ellen Roberts, Lisa Young, Iris Mars, and Etrae Weinstein.

## Services

In FY2018, the village offered the following services:

Notary Public	Postage stamps	Laminating
Reader's Exchange Ads	Block Party Grants	Mowers List
Faxing & Copy Services	Maps & schedules	Cul-de-sac Grants
Snow Shovelers List	Soil sample drop-off site	
Scoop the Poop signs	Storm water assessments (WAC)	

## **FY18 Budget**

The village association brought in \$420,258 income. Expenses were \$408,372. The village operating reserve totals \$60,447. \$267,339 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	\$267,339
Rentals	\$132,991
Interest	\$ 127
Special Events	\$ 6,104
Fees	\$ 570
Miscellaneous	\$ 13,127
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$420,258</b>

### **Expenses:**

Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$233,992
Payroll Taxes	\$ 17,825
Contract Labor	\$ 0
Janitorial Expenses	\$ 30,780
Fees	\$ 16,054
Operating Expenses	\$ 18,056
Taxes/Insurance	\$ 10,122
Advertising	\$ 1,199
Newsletter	\$ 25,293
Donations	\$ 2,150
Special Events	\$ 16,179
Utilities	\$ 9,507
Maintenance	\$ 10,078
Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 11,742
Depreciation	\$ 5,395
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$408,372</b>