



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Village Board Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2024, at 7:30 pm

MEETING RECORDING:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ycX8zyAyT3YNS71h6OfnIISHRW4G-IN9afVPN7NTNt_2PwtZKged2mhxP1AVE5j3.jSZ2cgy-kGkebBd1

Members Present: Kristine Amari, Jared Ball, Steve Hannan, Michael Campbell and Skye Anderson. Samantha Link was absent with prior notice.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton

Guests: Approximately ten guests, both in-person and virtual.

Call to Order: 7:30pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Amari made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Campbell seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of September 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Anderson made a motion to approve the September 23, 2024, meeting minutes. Ms. Amari seconded. Mr. Ball recommended a word change. The meeting minutes were approved as amended and Mr. Campbell abstained.
3. **Board Update:** The Board members did not have updates.
4. **Resident Speak-Out:** No comments were made.
5. **CA Board of Directors Report—Skye Anderson:** Ms. Anderson provided information and more details on the Plein Air and CA Trunk or Treat event. She shared that the Columbia Art Center will be closing for renovations. She will be canceling her office hours for the next two weeks so families can attend Halloween at the Hickory Ridge Village Center and vote in the upcoming election.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Donation Requests: Wilde Lake MS PTSA and Bryant Woods ES PTA:** The Board discussed donation requests from Wilde Lake MS and Bryant Woods, increasing and approving \$1500 for each. Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve a \$1500 for each school. Dr Ball seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Columbia Association Update; Dannika Rynes, Senior Manager of Media Relations & Communications.** Ms. Rynes provided updates on recent and upcoming events, including Halloween activities, a coat drive, the renovation of the Supreme Sports Club and Festive Fridays. She shared about the new monument for military veterans and their families, currently under construction at the lakefront. She discussed the transition to a new customer management system, aiming to improve the user experience.
 - c. **The Hawthorn Center Improvements:** Ms. Mayton discussed the addition of a patio by the Little Free Library in front of The Hawthorn Center, including two benches. In addition, the hill to the right of the Hawthorn Center will be lowered—increasing visibility to both the pool and parking lot.
 - d. **Appoint Community Engagement Committee Members: Paul Armstrong, Lynn Hannan, Simona Puiu, Brian England and Viviana Lindo:** Ms. Amari made a motion to reappoint Mr.

Armstrong, Ms. Hannan, Ms. Puiu, Mr. England and Ms. Lindo to the Community Engagement Committee. Mr. Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. **Leadership Howard County Program, FY26:** Ms. Anderson discussed the Leadership Howard County program, a 10-month leadership development program for up-and-coming leaders in Howard County. She recommended sending Ms. Mayton, Village Manager, through the program. The Board discussed and will decide at the next Board meeting.

7. Old Business:

- a. **CA Management Agreements:** Ms. Mayton shared that all the Boards approved the CA Management Agreement and that it was sent to CA for review.

8. **Manager Report-Laura Mayton:** Ms. Mayton mentioned that she is advertising for election committee members. She invited the Board to attend the happy hour at Ranazul hosted by the Community Engagement Committee. She discussed several upcoming events such as Halloween at the Hickory Ridge Village Center, Paint n' Sip and Calligraphy nights.

9. Action Items:

- a. The Board will consider sending Ms. Mayton through Leadership Howard County and decide at the next meeting.
- b. Ms. Mayton will advertise for election committee members.
- c. Ms. Mayton will finalize the donations for both Wilde Lake MS and Bryant Woods ES.

10. **Adjournment:** Ms. Amari made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Ball seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.



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DONATION REQUEST FORM

Date: 10/19/24

Name of Organization: Bryant Woods ES PTA

Contact Person: Heather Jessie

Address: 5450 Blue Heron Ln, Columbia MD 21044

Telephone: -

Email: fundraising@bwespta.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?

Teachers and Students

How many people?

300

What will the donation be used for?

Field trips

What is the total budgeted amount of the project?

1000.00

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

We have no other organizations at the moment giving. Primarily Fundraising.

Please use another page for any additional information.

Amount requested: 1000.00



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WILDE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION

10481 Cross Fox Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

tigersharks.memberhub.com
Tax ID (EIN): 23-7077116

Dear Hickory Ridge Village Community Association,

The Wilde Lake Middle School (WLMS) Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is excited to invite you to become a business sponsor for our school.

WLMS is the local middle school many of the children in your area attend. Our school is a diverse school whose children benefit from extra initiatives such as scholarships, enrichment and cultural programs and positive behavior reinforcement events.

The PTSA relies on funds and partnerships with local businesses in our community to finance our activities and events throughout the year. We are embarking on our New Year fundraising efforts and the PTSA is actively looking for funds to expand the range of help and benefits it can give to the students.

Before the end of the school year the PTSA will purchase items, support our middle school's Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support program, support gift card drives for our families in need, provide supplies to the school community, contribute to a 6th and 7th grade social event, support 8th grade graduation festivities, subsidize student services support activities, and introduce a physical and mental wellness day program for the enjoyment and education of all our students.

Any amount of donation would help, but an amount between \$1000 and \$2000 could really have a powerful effect on our ability to enrich the lives of the students in our community.

The WLMS community will greatly appreciate any contribution that you could make to help us do our work in our community. Our small group of volunteers has worked tirelessly despite the numerous challenges that we have faced over the last several years to make the lives of the Wild Lake Middle School students a little brighter and we hope that we can count on the Hickory Ridge Community Association to help us with our mission.

If you are able to contribute, please make a direct donation to our website [Givebacks \(memberhub.com\)](https://memberhub.com), select the "Any Amount Donation" option. You can also mail a check payable to Wilde Lake PTSA to the address in the header of this letter. Our PTSA is a non-profit entity, and your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by law.

For additional information please contact me at Jacquiefive@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Bates

WLMS PTSA Sponsorship Chair

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SUPPORT OF ALL TEACHERS.

Wilde Lake Middle School
PTSA
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Manager's Report

October 28, 2024

1. Dates to Note:

- **October 29**, 5:30 – 7:00pm, Halloween at the Hickory Ridge Village Center
- **November 6**, 7:30pm, RAC meeting (virtual)
- **November 6 & 7**, 9:30am, Story Time
- **November 8**, 6:30pm, Calligraphy & Charcuterie
- **November 10**, 2:00 – 5:00pm, Winter Artisan Market
- **November 11**, 7:30pm, Board meeting (virtual)

2. Election Committee: We are looking for residents to help with the 2025 Annual Meeting/Election Day process. Each April, the Village elects Village Board members and a Representative to the Columbia Council. Volunteers on the Election Committee will make recommendations to the Board, help plan and moderate Candidate Nights, check in voters and help with the vote count at the Annual Meeting/Election Day on April 26, 2025. They also ensure that the Election Rules and Procedures are followed. The Volunteer Application form is on the website.

- To join the Election Committee, you must:
 - i. Be a member of the Hickory Ridge Community Association, which means you must own or rent a Columbia Association assessed property in Hickory Ridge.
 - ii. Be able to contribute about 15 hours of your time for several meetings, Candidates Night and Election Day.
 - iii. Fill out the Volunteer Application form and return it to manager@hickoryridgevillage.org.

3. Upcoming Events:

- Happy Hour with Community Engagement, Tuesday, November 12, 5:30 – 7:00pm
- Paint & Sip, Friday, November 15, 7:00pm

2. Interested in Joining the Community Engagement Committee? Attend a meeting on the first Monday of the month at The Hawthorn Center! The Committee meets regularly and is always looking for new, excited members! You must be a Hickory Ridge resident to join.

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



4. Committee Reports:

- **Resident Architectural Committee:** The RAC continues to review applications as usual.
- **Aging Well in Columbia Advisory Committee (AWCAC):** The AWCAC continues to meet but the committee has no report at this time.
- **Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC):** The WAC continues to meet but the committee has no report at this time.
- **Community Engagement Committee:** The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the conference room at The Hawthorn Center.