

WILDE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Monday, April 13, 2026, 6:30 pm (Hybrid)

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

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Call to Order

*Approval of Agenda

*Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2026 meeting

*Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2025, September 8, 2025, November 3, 2025, December 1, 2025 and January 5, 2026

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT (3 minutes per person)

Update: Columbia Association, Robin Stimson, Community Engagement Manager *5 minutes*

Update: Howard County Police Liaison Eric England, Community Outreach and Pathways Section *5 minutes*

Update: WL Ad Hoc Committee, Andrea Thorin, WL Resident *5 minutes*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

*FY2026 Quarter 3 Financial Statement Revision

*FY2027 DRAFT

NEW BUSINESS

*Hiring of an Association Attorney

*Wilde Lake Middle School Performance Boosters Donation Request (Bronze)

*Running Brook Elementary School Donation Request for Always Reading

*Columbia Housing Center Donation Request for ColumbiaLiving.org

REPORTS:

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association BOD *5 minutes*

Committees *10 minutes*

- CARES
- Education

AC Liaison *5 minutes*

Executive Director/Village Manager *5 minutes*

Chair *5 minutes*

* **CLOSED SESSION:** Discuss matters pertaining to employees and personnel

ADJOURNMENT

*Indicates action Item

Mission Statement: *To organize and operate a nonprofit civic organization, exclusively for the promotion of the health, safety, common good and social welfare of the owners of property in, and the residents of, the Village of Wilde Lake.*



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting (Virtual) Minutes
March 16, 2026**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

Members Present: Brandon Cogdell, Felisa Garrett, Kevin McAliley (Chair), Larry Schoen, Francis Uy, Columbia Representative Bill Santos, and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr.

Call to Order 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the agenda

Motion: Mr. Schoen; Seconded: Ms. Garrett

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Schoen, and Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Motion Passed (5-0-0)

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve March Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, and Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Abstention: Larry (missed a portion of the meeting)

Result: Motion carried (4-0-1)

Resident Speakout

Liz Schoen – Wilde Lake community fund

Chris Tsien – Practices of previous board leadership.

Kat Uy – Student programs

FY2026 Quarter 1 and 2 Revised Statement of Financial Position

The statements were amended to reclassify a receivable and security deposit that were adjusted in FY25 Q4 (deferred revenue) and not carried forward when we filed the Q1 & Q2 reports. There were no changes to the Statements of Activities for either quarter.

Motion: To accept the revised statement of position for FY2026 Quarters 1 and 2.

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Schoen, and Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Result: Motion carried (5-0-0)

FY2026 Quarter 3 Financial Statement Review

- Total assets of \$369,397 as of January 31, 2026
- Positive variances in interest and miscellaneous income

- Negative variances related to insurance, taxes, and facility improvements
- Year-to-date performance ahead of budget by \$21,926

Motion: To accept the FY2026 Quarter 3 financial statements

Motion: Mr. Cogdell; Seconded: Mr. Uy

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Schoen, and Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Result: Motion carried (5-0-0)

Insurance and Legal Discussion

The Board discussed potential insurance implications related to legal matters, including possible changes to premiums or deductibles. Staff will continue monitoring and report as additional information becomes available from counsel and insurers.

Budget Discussion for FY2027

The Board discussed preliminary considerations for the FY2027 budget, including:

- Anticipated increased funding from the Columbia Association
- Rising utility and insurance costs
- Opportunities for revenue-generating events
- Donations to schools, nonprofits, and community organizations
- Support for Wilde Lake CARES
- Fund the Wilde Lake scholarship at Howard Community College (up to \$5,000)
- Staff compensation and retention
- Draft budget to be added to the Wilde Lake Community Association website

Columbia Association Representative to the Columbia Council

Mr. Santos reported on CA budget approval, long-term facility replacement planning for assets including the Running Brook Neighborhood Center within the next 30 years, and opportunities for sustainability initiatives and community input.

Village Manager Report

Ms. Cooper-Kerr discussed facility maintenance and capital planning, technology upgrades at Slayton House, programming and rentals, staff retention considerations, and ongoing community partnerships.

Chair Report

Mr. McAliley shared that the RAC is looking for volunteers to serve in the upcoming fiscal year. The application deadline for Village Board is March 18th at 5:00 pm. Thanked Ms. Cooper-Kerr and the Wilde Lake Community Association team. Extended thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Lopez for chairing the Election Committee. Presented an update on the Faulkner Ridge Regional Early Childhood Learning Center and Head Start where the last phase with the design was presented at the Planning Board this month. Rideout Heath in Wilde Lake will undergo redevelopment within the next two years by Enterprise Homes. Announced the pending closure of the Grocery Outlet and thanks Jay and Rizwana Mirza for bringing the store to the Wilde Lake community.

Education Committee Report

- Meeting held March 9
- Discussion included after school and spring break programming

- County funding extension requested
- Outreach planned to local schools

WL CARES Report

- Announced upcoming community cleanup on March 21st
- Report on environmental stewardship initiatives
- Requested continued Board support

Wilde Lake Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. McAliley thanked Andrea Thorin for her leadership of the volunteer committee working to research outstanding legal invoices and contracts ratified with an acting treasurer by the previous leadership. The Committee is charged with identifying outstanding information and providing a recommendation to the board for next steps.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Schoen and Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Result: Motion Passed (5-0-0)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2025**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

Members Present: Chair Katharine Rathbun, Vice Chair Francis Uy, Edward Richards, Brandon Cogdell, Kevin McAliley, Columbia Council Representative Bill Santos and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr

Call to Order 6:30 pm

*Approval of Agenda
Addition of Goals for Wilde Lake by Mr. Santos

MOTION: Approve agenda as amended.

Motion: Mr. Uy Seconded
Aye: Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy, Dr. Rathbun
Nay: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley
Abstain: none
Motion Carried (3-2-0)

MOTION: Move to a Closed Session for the following purposes:

- 1. Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel***
- 2. Consultation with counsel on legal matters***

Motion: Mr. Richards Seconded
Aye: Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy, Dr. Rathbun
Nay: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley
Abstain: none
Motion Carried (3-2-0)

The Board went into closed session at 6:22 pm

Members of the audience were asked to leave the room because the Board was in closed session. Several residents expressed concern for the lack of resident speakout at the beginning of the meeting which is customary. Some members of the Board demanded the closed session occur before resident speakout. The Howard County Police was called. The police spoke with board and community members and helped the two groups come to a resolution to allow resident speakout to occur before the board went to closed session.

MOTION: Dr. Rathbun asked for a motion to return to regular session and convene Resident Speak Out. This motion was made and seconded. All were in favor.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:08 pm

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT (3 minutes per person) unlimited time:

Liz Schoen – Hiring of law firm
Tina Horn – Governance Committee

Carol Ann Leal – Civility of the Board
Beverly Lucas – New resident
Susan Tucker – Civility of the Board and Village Manager
Susan Hellenbrand – Hiring of law firm
Bess Caplan – WL Cares Co-chair, former Village Board Member – yielded her time
Jillian Kerr – Civility of the Board and Village Manager
Gail Clark – Civility of the Board
Debbie Cappucitti – Civility of the Board
Leonard Clay – Village Manager
Larry Schoen – Minutes, Civility of the Board
Regina Clay – Village Manager
Kimberli Maultsby – Conduct of the Board and Governance Committee
Deidre Sykes – Village Manager
Lizz Hamman – Village Manager
Erika Chavarria – Village Manager
Zana Watson – Governance Committee

Other:

Michael Golibersuch, CA Board of Directors, Vice Chair - Introduction
Kat Uy – Community involvement
Jean Joklik - High-definition cameras and on the accusation of harassment made against her.
Alex Votaw, WLCA attorney explained HOA law on closed sessions.

MOTION: Create a committee of three other village managers to advise the Board on our Village Manager.

Motion: Mr. Cogdell. Seconded
Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley
Nay: Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy, Dr. Rathbun
Abstain: none
Motion Failed (2-2-1)

***MOTION: Move to a Closed Session for the following purposes:
1. Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel
2. Consultation with counsel on legal matters***

Motion: Mr. Richards. Seconded
Aye: Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy, Dr. Rathbun
Nay: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley
Abstain: none

Motion Carried (3-2-0)
The Board went into closed session at 8:19 pm
The Board came out of closed session at 11:35 pm

REPORTS

Chair of the Board of Directors – cancelled due to the lateness of the hour.

CA Representative – Goals for Wilde Lake Village – cancelled due to the lateness of the hour.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm.

DRAFT



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

Members Present: Vice Chair Francis Uy, Edward Richards, Brandon Cogdell, Kevin McAliley, Columbia Council Representative Bill Santos and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr. **Absent:** Village Board Chair: Kate Rathbun

Call to Order 6:35 pm by Vice Chair Francis Uy

*Approval of Agenda

Motion to remove items that would have been presented by the Board Chair

MOTION: Approve agenda as amended.

Motion: Mr. Cogdell Seconded: Mr. McAliley

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy

Nay: none

Abstain: none

Motion Carried (4-0-0)

MOTION: Approval of Minutes - July 14TH

Motion: Mr. Cogdell Seconded: Mr. Uy

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy

Nay: n/a

Abstain: McAliley

Motion Failed (3-0-1)

MOTION: Approval of Amended Minutes – August 4th

Motion #1 – Move speaker Michael Golibersuch to appear under other topics

Motion: Mr. McAliley Seconded: Mr. Uy

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy

Nay: none

Abstain: none

Motion Carried (4-0-0)

Motion #2- Separation of Resident Speakout topics about the Village Manager and Conduct of the Board

Motion: Mr. McAliley Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell and Mr. McAliley

Nay: Mr. Richards

Abstain: Mr. Uy

Motion Carried (2-1-1)

Motion #3 – Revise/rewrite the paragraph related to the Howard County Police’s attendance at the meeting

Motion: Mr. Cogdell Seconded: Mr. McAliley

Aye: Mr. Cogdell and Mr. McAliley

Nay: Mr. Uy
Abstain: Mr. Richards
Motion Carried (2-1-1)

Motion #4 – Approve minutes as amended
Motion: Mr. Cogdell
Aye: Mr. Cogdell
Nay: Mr. McAliley, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy
Abstain: none
Motion Failed (1-3-0)

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT (3 minutes per person) unlimited time
The disruptions from the audience continued but the following people were recognized and spoke about the Village Manager and the conduct of the Board:

Judy Templeton – WLCA The Arts
Paula Rivers – Minutes
Zana Watson – Minutes and resident speakout
Senator Clarence Lam – Community Responsiveness
Cheryl Spencer – Resident Architectural Committee

Presentation by Officer Eric England Howard County Police Department. Officer England provided an update on crime statistics and calls for service in the Wilde Lake Community.

Motion to move the Wilde Lake CARES presentation to earlier in the meeting
Motion: Mr. McAliley. Mr. Cogdell seconded.
Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy
Nay: none
Abstain: none

Bess Caplan of Wilde Lake CARES requested a donation of \$150 to purchase items for the group's 10th Anniversary celebration scheduled for October 19th at the Snowy Reach Adopt-A-Spot.

Motion: Mr. McAliley. Mr. Cogdell seconded.
Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy

Approval of financial reports presented by Ms. Cooper-Kerr for FY2025 end of year
Motion: Mr. Cogdell. Mr. McAliley seconded
Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Uy
Naye: none
Abstain: Mr. Richards (audio issues)
Motion carried (3-0-1)

Approval of financial reports presented by Ms. Cooper-Kerr for FY2026 Quarter 1 Financial
Motion: Mr. Cogdell. Mr. McAliley seconded
Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy
Naye: none
Abstain: none
Motion carried (4-0-0)

REPORTS

Executive Director/Village Manager – Please see attached

Chair Report - tabled

Columbia Council Representative – Mr. Santos shared that the next Columbia Association Board of Directors meeting will be held on September 11th at Slayton House as a Town Hall to engage residents about the budget process. He requested that community members email him with any concerns they have with regard to the budget for FY2027. Columbia Bike Around will be held on Saturday.

Committees

Education Committee – Mr. Cogdell reported that the committee tabled at Back-to-School nights at Wilde Lake Middle and Bryant Woods and Running Brook Elementary Schools. The committee will apply for a YEP grant to continue the work of Club Wilde Lake. Mr. Cogdell will meet with the leadership of Ohana Howard County and STAND to discuss youth initiatives and possible partnerships.

Governance Committee – no report. The board and community agreed that a report will be provided at the next meeting and that community members who expressed interest in joining the Governance Committee will be contacted.

Place the Governance Committee update on the agenda for the next meeting. Those who have volunteered should be contacted prior to the next meeting.

Motion: Mr. McAliley. Mr. Cogdell seconded

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, and Mr. Uy

Nay: none

Abstain: Mr. Richards

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2025**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

Members Present: Chair, Katharine Rathbun, Vice Chair, Francis Uy, Brandon Cogdell, Kevin McAliley, Edward Richards, Columbia Representative Bill Santos, and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr.

Call to Order 6:38 p.m.

*Approval of Agenda

The item noted as new business was revised to read "Open Governance Committee Meeting."
All are welcome to attend the meeting.

MOTION: To add a discussion about the Governance Committee to the meeting agenda.

Motion: Kevin McAliley. Seconded

Aye: Mr. McAliley, Mr. Cogdell

Nay: Mr. Edwards, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Uy

Motion Failed (2-3-0)

MOTION: to approve the Agenda as revised

Motion: Dr. Rathbun. Seconded

Aye: Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy, Mr. Cogdell

Nay: Mr. McAliley

Motion Carried (4-1-0)

*Approval of Minutes (8-4-2025) (9-8-2025)

MOTION: To table the minutes of the August 4th and September 8, 2025, meetings to the next Board meeting.

Motion: Mr. Richards. Seconded

Aye: Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy

Nay: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley

Motion Carried: (3-2-0)

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT (3 minutes per person, unlimited time):

MOTION: To extend the 15-minute limit on residents speak out

Motion: Mr. McAliley. Seconded.

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy

Nay: none

Abstain: none

Motion Carried (5-0-0)

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT:

Deidre Sykes – read a letter from a neighbor regarding community engagement.

Michelle Hinjosa-Melencio – Board goals and how the board would engage in the Bryant Woods Elementary School proposed redistricting discussion.

Paula Rivers – possible revision of election guidelines and transparency

Susan Tucker – proposed donation policy and elections

Laura Burris – board dynamics and possible change in election policy

Rhanda Dormeus – school redistricting

Debbie Cappucitti – spoke on behalf of resident Christin Gourdin about board conduct and focusing on the community.

Chris Tsien – board misconduct

Larry Schoen – legal fees/spending community money prudently

Liz Schoen – board behavior and Bryant Woods Elementary School proposed redistricting.

Bill Santos – shared past involvement of the WLVB in redistricting conversations

Susan Hellenbrand – Donations policy

Cassandra Belton – second resident speakout

Barbara Lawson – board dynamics and broken community trust

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of various systems for the allocation of donations and support.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election Guidelines and Regulations – An open Governance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Slayton House. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the new HOA election law and to review proposed new election guidelines and procedures. This will be a town-hall style meeting.

REPORTS

Village Manager– Provided updates on what has happened at Slayton House since the Board last met in September, including technology and energy efficient upgrades, Bernice Kish Art Gallery Exhibit, and thanked everyone for attending the Wilde Lake Fall Festival on Saturday, October 11th, Attended the annual meeting of Visit Howard County and trunk or treat events at Bryant Woods and Running Brook Elementary Schools. Coming soon: Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Chair – no report.

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Council – mentioned the CA board is reviewing their ethic policy. Campaigning for Board members is now allowed. The Board is in the middle of the budget season. Key focus areas are resource resilience awareness, long term capital expenditures, pools, prioritizing maintenance assets and affordability of CA membership.

Education Committee – the education committee will meet on tomorrow to discuss Club Wilde Lake. The Committee is working with the schools to identify community resources and needs of our neighbors.

AC Liaison – no report

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2025**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

Members Present: Vice Chair Francis Uy, Felisa Garrett, Edward Richards, CA Representative Bill Santos and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr

Members Absent: Chair Katharine Rathbun, Brandon Cogdell, Kevin McAliley

Meeting opened by the Vice Chair Francis Uy at 6:38 pm who announced there was not a quorum so the meeting was cancelled.

*Approval of Agenda: **(No action taken due to lack of quorum.)**

*Approval of Minutes: **(No action taken due to lack of quorum.)**

Meeting closed by the Vice Chair at 6:42 pm



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2026**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

Members Present: Kate Rathbun, Chair, Vice Chair, Francis Uy, Brandon Cogdell, Felisa Garrett, Kevin McAliley, Edward Richards, Columbia Representative Bill Santos, and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr.

Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

***Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: To remove the review of the minutes from August 4, 2025, September 8, 2025, November 3, 2025 and December 1, 2025 and to move the Education Committee report to first on the agenda.

Motion: Mr. Richards; Seconded: Mr. Uy

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garette, Mr. McAliley, Dr. Rathbun and Mr. Richards

Nay: None

Motion Passed (5-0-0)

Education Committee Report – Mr. Cogdell presented the Education Committee report.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT

Chris Tsien – Board Actions and appointment of a new Board member

Mary Beth Ryan - WLCA website staff list

Bess Caplan – WL CARES receives the Chewy Award

Tina Horn – Alliances with Luminus

Zana Watson – Legal fees

***Approval of Architectural Committee Report – 4938 Reedy Brook Lane**

Motion: To approve the Architectural Committee report.

Motion: Mr. Richards; seconded Mr. Uy

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards

Nay: None

Motion Passed (5-0-0)

***Approval of Bryant Woods Elementary School Donation Request**

Motion: Approval of a \$1,000 donation for Bryant Woods Elementary School's family engagement initiative.

Motion: Mr. McAliley; seconded by Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley and Mr. Uy

Nay: Dr. Rathbun and Mr. Richards

Motion Passed (4-2-0)

***Election Chair Appointment**

MOTION: To approve the nomination of Joe Garifo as Wilde Lake Election Chair for 2026

Motion: Mr. Richards; seconded by Mr. Uy

Aye: Ms. Garrett, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy

Nay: Mr. McAliley

Absent: Mr. Cogdell

Motion Passed (4-1-0)

***2026 Election – setting the date for the Election**

Motion: Election will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026

Motion: Mr. Richards; seconded by Ms. Garrett

Aye: Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Cogdell

Motion Passed (5-0-0)

***2026 Election Guidelines and Regulations**

Motion: To suspend the Election Guidelines for review by the Election Chair

Motion: Mr. Edwards; seconded Mr. Uy

Aye: Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy

Nay: Mr. McAliley

Abstain: Ms. Garrett

Motion Passed (3-1-1)

REPORTS

Village Manager – Ms. Cooper-Kerr thanked the community for attending and supporting the Breakfast with Santa event and new art galley exhibit featuring the works of Ann Calamucci – opening reception to be held on January 11th.

Chair – Dr. Rathbun discussed board member appointment stating that it has been a practice of the board to appoint members in closed session.

Columbia Council Representative – Mr. Santos shared that the membership rates for FY2027 have been approved. The Columbia Association Board will convene during a Town Hall meeting on January 22nd at Slayton House. The CA team is considering a study to determine the feasibility of swapping one of the outdoor pools for a splash pad.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Dear Wilde Lake Village Board,

3/22/2026

We are writing to seek your assistance in meeting a critical need facing one of the most important institutions in our community: Wilde Lake Middle School.

Middle school is one of the most formative and sometimes chaotic periods of childhood development. It is when adolescents begin to grapple seriously with who they are and their place in the world, all while dealing with hormonal and physical changes. The performing arts have been proven to help students build resilience, work through stress, and find a passion for coming to and staying in school.

Our goal is to ensure that all students have full access to arts programming regardless of their home resources. Half of our students cannot afford to rent instruments or pay to participate in the arts. Please help us ensure that all students can fully participate in the performing arts at WLMS.

We need community partners like you to ensure that our students thrive.

Our goal is to reach \$20,000 to support Wilde Lake Middle's performing arts programs including the specifics below.

- **\$7,000 for our Free-to-All After School Theatre Program.** Our theater program puts on a fall play, a spring musical, and a Shakespeare production each year. Delivering these three plays over the course of the year allows students with various interests in theater to become involved, develop their talents, and harness their interests. Financial support goes to direct production needs including play rights, set needs, costumes, props, lights, and sound. Unlike at other Howard County Schools, our after school theater program is free for all our students to ensure that our most at-risk students can participate equally.
- **\$5,000 for Band and Orchestra Instruments and Repairs.** Every student in the school who wants to play in an instrumental ensemble has the opportunity, whether they own an instrument or not. You can help ensure that the school has a healthy supply of instruments and related equipment to lend to students who cannot afford their own.
- **\$5,000 for performance competitions and travel scholarships.** This money ensures that students without sufficient home resources can participate in programs that help them gain experience, recognition, and college credit and scholarships for their performing arts talents.



- **\$3,000 for food.** These funds ensure all children are able to eat a healthy meal before performances. Direct donations of catered/boxed meals for the orchestra, band, and theater during productions are also welcome! **If you own a business who could provide food or catering for a cast party or event, please let us know! We also greatly welcome direct donations of food and catering!**

We would love to recognize your financial support by highlighting your organization in the published program for each of our instrumental, choral, theater, and dance productions.

Platinum sponsorship: \$5,000 Gold sponsorship: \$2,000
Silver sponsorship: \$1,000 Bronze sponsorship: \$500
Diamond sponsorship: \$100

Here are a few ways to make a donation:

- Mail a check to: 10481 Cross Fox Ln, Columbia, MD 21044
- Email us at wlsartsboosters@gmail.com and we will come by to pick up the donation.

Your donation is tax deductible. Our FEIN code is 77-0606092.

We hope you can provide a monetary or product donation that would help us meet this goal. One of our parent volunteers will call in a few days to follow up, but if you have any questions, please contact us at wlsartsboosters@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz
President

March 31, 2026

Wilde Lake Village Board

10400 Cross Fox Lane

Columbia, MD 21044

Subject: Sponsorship Request for the "Always Reading" Program at Running Brook Elementary

Dear Members of the Wilde Lake Village Board,

On behalf of the students and faculty at Running Brook Elementary School (RBES), I am writing to formally request a sponsorship of **\$500** to bring the [Always Reading](#) program to our school community for the upcoming year.

As a centerpiece of the Wilde Lake community, Running Brook Elementary is committed to fostering a lifelong love of literacy. However, ensuring that every student has access to high-quality, engaging, and representative literature remains a constant challenge. The [Always Reading](#) program offers a unique solution to this hurdle.

Program Impact and Benefits

With your generous support, this year-long subscription will provide our students with:

- **Diverse Monthly Collections:** RBES will receive between **80–100 new book titles every month**.
- **Representation:** The program prioritizes diverse characters and stories, ensuring our students see themselves reflected in the pages they read.
- **Consistent Access:** A steady stream of fresh content keeps excitement for reading high throughout the entire school year.

A Community Investment

The total cost for this initiative is \$500—an investment of just \$5 per book at the minimum volume. This sponsorship would directly impact our Title I literacy goals and provide our educators with the tools needed to close the achievement gap right here in Wilde Lake.

We would be honored to recognize the Wilde Lake Village Board as a primary sponsor in our school newsletter and at our upcoming community school events.

Thank you for your time and for your continued dedication to the youth of our village. I look forward to the possibility of partnering with you to keep our students "Always Reading."

Sincerely,

Shayla Bright

Community School Coordinator

Running Brook Elementary School/HCPSS



March 19, 2026

Wilde Lake Village Board
c/o Wilde Lake Community Association
10400 Cross Fox Lane
Columbia, MD 21044

Dear Members of the Village Board:

I am the Executive Director of Columbia Housing Center (CHC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Columbia, Maryland, with a mission to champion and sustain thriving, integrated neighborhoods in and around our community.

At CHC, we remain deeply committed to the racial and socioeconomic integration that was central to James Rouse's original vision for Columbia. While our community remains diverse overall, we have seen increasing segregation at the neighborhood level over time. Through our education, advocacy, and housing services, we are working to help renew Columbia's founding vision as a place that is open, inclusive, and accessible to all.

Last year, we shared with you our vision for ColumbiaLiving.org—a comprehensive, community-driven online resource to educate current and prospective residents about Columbia's history, values, and neighborhoods. I am pleased to share that the site is now live and growing, with hundreds of visitors each month using it to learn more about life in Columbia.

ColumbiaLiving.org offers a more complete and authentic picture of our community than traditional home search platforms. It highlights not only Columbia's amenities, but also the deeper values that shaped its design—connection, inclusion, environmental stewardship, and a commitment to building community. The site also features neighborhood-level information to help residents understand what makes each village unique.

We continue to expand the site's content regularly. Most recently, we added a newly updated [Columbia Dictionary](#), which helps both new and longtime residents better understand the language, systems, and culture that make Columbia unique.

We believe the villages are essential partners in this work. ColumbiaLiving.org is strongest when it reflects the voices and perspectives of the people who live and work in each village, and we are grateful for the collaboration and information you have already provided.

To support the continued growth and maintenance of ColumbiaLiving.org, we are asking for your financial support again this year.

Last year, Wilde Lake generously supported our organization. If you have the capacity this year, we would appreciate a similar donation this year to help us offset the costs of operating the site.

Your support will help us continue improving the site's content, expand its reach, and ensure it remains a high-quality, trusted resource that reflects the full story of Columbia and its villages.

I would be happy to attend a board meeting to share more about the site, its impact, and how we can continue working together to promote Columbia as a welcoming and inclusive community.

Thank you for your consideration and for all you do to strengthen our shared community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessamine Duvall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

Jessamine Duvall
Executive Director

AC Liaison Report: April 13, 2026

General Update:

Given that we are almost at the end of the FY26 term, I thought it might be interesting to provide a snapshot of *Covenants*-related activities over the past year:

- Including the applications scheduled to be heard at tomorrow's Resident Architectural Committee (RAC) meeting, the RAC and Architectural Committee (AC) have reviewed 97 applications. I would expect to be at or slightly over 100 applications for this board term.
 - For comparison: in the same period for FY25, the committee reviewed and acted upon 105 applications.
 - Over the FY26 term, the RAC has worked with three AC liaisons, which is extremely unusual and was quite disruptive to the architectural control process. Despite that, the RAC continued to fulfill its duties with a commitment to the process, to our *Covenants*, and to their neighbors. I am grateful for each committee member's dedication to this work.
- I have performed 68 compliance inspections so far over this fiscal year.
 - For comparison: in the same period for FY25, I completed 67 compliance inspections. Anecdotally, the real estate market in Wilde Lake continues to be very competitive.
- We are in litigation for *Covenants*-related matters with two property owners and will likely file soon on a third property – see below.

Enforcement Actions:

10679 Rain Dream Hill

WLCA and CA are currently in litigation with this property owner. The property owner has been working with us to resolve issues in a phased approach as the weather permits.

10150 Placid Lake Court

WLCA and CA are currently in litigation with this property owner. At our most recent court date in March, we agreed on a new timeline to remedy the remaining issues. So far, the new timeline's deadlines have been met.

4938 Reedy Brook Lane

This property has been sent to CA for further action. To date, the property owner has been completely nonresponsive to me and to CA's legal department.

New RAC Members Needed

I am looking for new RAC members to evaluate Applications for Exterior Alterations in Wilde Lake for the FY27 term. This committee provides an essential service to our village and members are able to engage with neighbors and other residents in a very meaningful way.

New members would start their service with the RAC meeting scheduled for May 12, 2026; other than regularly scheduled Zoom meetings, the work is largely done on each committee member's own schedule. I would be more than happy to speak to any Wilde Lake residents the board refers to me. Please feel free to share the new page about RAC service on WLCA's website: <https://wildelake.org/volunteer-on-the-wilde-lake-rac>. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Lexi Levy Milani
Covenant Advisor