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Community Events

December 3—January 4

Holiday Happiness Photo/Video Contest

Sunday, April 25, 1:00 - 4:00pm

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Notes From The Board Chair



Lynn Foehrkolb, Town
Center Village Board Chair

Before writing this month's newsletter note, I pulled out what I wrote last year at this time and immediately felt such a sense of loss. So much has changed with the advent of the pandemic and our lives now are dictated by it. Last year, we were on a mission to resurrect our condo board member meetings, which had a great first meeting in February, but our second meeting was eclipsed by the shutdown of CA's facilities including our Oakland Manor. We were looking forward to an April 26th production of Les Misérables by HCPSS students at Merriweather, which never materialized. Now I really miss the ability to walk to Clydes for Happy Hour at the Lakefront. We gingerly participate in socially distanced outdoor activities and ZOOM meetings with our families, friends, co-workers and teachers.

But, let's count our blessings. For so many of us, we are lucky to be living in a very supportive community where help is plentiful. I'm hoping the coming year will bring us vaccines that move us back to a more normal environment, the hugs we are all missing from our loved ones and friends, and a national environment less full of hateful rhetoric and more full of compassion.

Until then, wear your mask, wash your hands, and keep your distance. We still have some dark days ahead. For those of you who are able, support your local restaurants so they will be there when eating out together is possible, make donations to the many services supplying those less fortunate (Grassroots, Community Action Council, Columbia Community Care), check on your neighbors, and get out and explore the wonderful path system we are lucky enough to have.

I wish you all a holiday season blessed with hope and health for the future!

Town Center Holiday Happiness Photo and Video Contest

Get to your creative side NOW! We need your RIGHT BRAIN fully engaged to create some awesome content. We are hosting a *Virtual Holiday Photo/Video Contest*.

With the holidays upon us, and while we cannot hold our annual Holiday Open House, we would still like to share the wonder and joy of this special season with the residents of **Town Center**.

Send us photos or videos of your favorite holiday things to do, your decorated house or tree, favorite holiday baked goods or traditional meal, a stroll by the lake or around the neighborhood, a special family tradition that warms your heart. Just **send your entry form** and photo/video to: villagemanager@columbiatowncenter.org.

Rules (must submit an entry form):

!!Prizes Awarded!!

Photo Files: must be at least 1MB in JPEG or PNG format. **Video Files:** must be no longer than three minutes and shot at 1080 dpi or higher quality.

Entry Deadline: All entries must be received by **Monday, 1/4/21**. Download the **ENTRY FORM** at www.columbiatowncenter.org

The photos will be judged by our Board of Directors at the 1/13/21 meeting and winners will be announced in our e-newsletter on Thursday, 1/14/21.

And, the **WINNER IS?**



Outdoor Ice Skating Is Back In Columbia!

The new **Color Burst Ice Rink** at Merriweather District is now open for outdoor skating. For the safety and convenience of all guests, a limited number of visitors will be admitted to the ice rink every 30-minutes. All visits must be reserved in advance by purchasing a **timed ticket(s) online**. All visitors will receive a confirmation email with a safety waiver and a receipt. Join the fun, music and excitement this Holiday Season. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://merriweatherdistrict.com/whats-on/color-burst-ice-rink/>



CA MATTERS - Columbia Council Report

By Lin Eagan, Town Center Representative to Columbia Council and Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors. This reflects my views and not those of CA or CA Board. To share your thoughts on CA or Town Center issues, contact me at lin.eagan@ca-board.org.

In the midst of the pandemic, the Columbia Association is dealing with a variety of issues that could change CA going forward. Though the CA lien income remains steady, it represents only half of the funds necessary to run this complex organization. The remainder comes principally from facility operations and programs. New statewide covid-related restrictions limit indoor facility operation to 50%. CA has adopted this limit since reopening last spring while instituting many other safety measures to protect users. Predictably, income is down.



February. Staff will present its proposed budget in early January which will be reviewed by the Board and voted on in late February. A virtual town hall is scheduled for January 21 and will likely find the proposed budget to be the central topic. Please join if you have any comments or concerns. Event details will be available shortly.

The search for a new president/CEO continues. The job has been posted by Baker-Tilly, the company directing the process, and many applications have already been received.

The CA Board is on track to approve the new Columbia Association budget by the end of

The Inner Arbor Trust has completed a new concept plan for Symphony Woods and pre-

sented it to the Board. The Trust began a very collaborative process with a group of experts, a committee of residents representing major stockholders such as CA, the DCACC, County Rec and Parks, Howard Hughes, and members from a variety of arts and community organizations. The plan, presented to CA last month, recognizes the changes in use and development of the Park and the surrounding area. It has reimaged major components, added entrances from all sides of its 51 acres, incorporated woods and streams previously ignored into a signature place for arts and culture, recreation, and contemplation. This concept plan can be found at innerarbortrust.org.

Happy Holidays to all!



Architectural Applications Approved In Sept-Nov

- ◆ 55467 Vantage Point Road (Waterbury) – Paver Patio
- ◆ 65583 Vantage Point Road (Seville Square) – Community tree removal and replacement
- ◆ 5635 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge) – Replace shingles
- ◆ 6036 Laurel Wreath Way (Baneker) – New deck
- ◆ 5517 Vantage Point Road (Waterbury) – Improve courtyard
- ◆ 5504 Vantage Point Road (Glen Meadows) – New deck

Please email Covenants@ColumbiaTownCenter.org with any Exterior Alteration Applications or Letters of Compliance requests. The applications can be found at www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org/covenant-info/applications.

The deadline for submitting new applications to be considered in January is Wednesday, January 13.

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The Center Fold is bi-monthly by the Columbia Town Center Residential Community Association. The Village Board meets at Historic Oakland each month on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 pm via ZOOM during COVID. The Architectural Committee meets during the Village Board meetings. Please visit our website as meeting dates or times can occasionally change. **All residents are welcome.** The Board meeting agenda and approved minutes can be found at www.ColumbiaTownCenter.org. Pending exterior alteration applications are posted on the agenda.

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