

# **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

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Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 am

### 2023 HFCA REVIEW OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTING

Submitted by Judy Deng, Treasurer

Memorandum for Hickory Farms Board of Directors

Subject: 2023 Annual Review of the Books and Accounting Practices

Date: January 17, 2024

On January 17, 2024, the HFCA Treasurer, Judy Deng, and the HFCA Assistant Treasurer, Tad Weed, performed an annual review of the 2023 HFCA books and accounting practices via Microsoft Teams.

The review included detailed analysis of the accounting practices, financial statement with all income and expenses, receipts/invoices, deposits, and banking statements to include checking and money market accounts. This review is done under the authority and oversight of the HFCA board and in lieu of an audit by CPA firm, which would cost the community \$4,000-\$6,000 a year.

All records and statements are in good order with no concerns. The use of MS Teams along with electronic banking provided increased transparency and efficiency for accounting transactions. Common practice includes every invoice being scrutinized for accuracy, then double reviewed prior to payment being authorized.

2023 Financial Statement	t Summary	
Total Income:	\$57,06	63
Total Expense:	\$58,21	7
Net	\$ 44	2

One deposit of \$12,800, budgeted and year-end surplus, from the checking account to the Capital Reserve Fund (money market) was made on 1/17/2024 bringing the Capital Reserve Fund balance to \$77,372. The Capital Reserve Fund provides resources for repair/replacement of capital items and serves to protect HF residents from additional financial assessments if emergency repairs/replacements are needed that exceed operating funds.

In summary, the 2023 HFCA fiscal year reflected accurate accounting and sound business practices. Therefore, we, the undersigned, offer this annual report with no concerns of the bookkeeping practices, documents and statements for the 2023 fiscal year.

/s/ Judy Deng Treasurer /s/ Tad Weed Asst. Treasurer

INCOME	2023 Budget	2023 Actual
Assessments	55,638	55,618
Assessments - Late Fees		200
Assessments - Prepayment		
Interest		1,483
Advertising	550	624
Legal Fees Recovered		
VPOAA Disclosure Fees	875	734
TOTAL INCOME	\$57,063	\$58,659
EXPENSES		
Common Area Maintenance	27,015	20,509
Common Area Improvement	3,225	2,198
Common Area Remediation	5,913	14,100
Insurance - Director's Liability & Surety	2,795	902
Insurance - Commercial Crime Insurance	894	
Insurance - General Liability	345	250
Legal Fees	2,303	3,015
Postage	269	230
Neighborhood Watch	198	109
Printing	1,677	240
Social Activities	2,000	1,467
Tax Preparation	374	950
Taxes & Government Charges/Fees	276	96
Capital Reserve Deposits	5,975	12,800
Administrative Fees	1,750	1,172
Strategic Projects	2,000	
Bank Charges	54	179
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$57,063	\$58,217
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	\$-	\$442
CAPITAL FUND		
Withdraws from the year	\$-	\$
Deposits from the year	\$5,975	\$12,800
Balance at year end	\$70,547	\$77,372

## **AMENDMENT TO HFCA BYLAWS**

By Telah Jackson, Vice President

On February 13, 2024, the Board of the Hickory Farms Community Association voted to amend its Bylaws to include the following:

Article VII – Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors, Section 1(f), is hereby added as follows:

Impose penalties that may be established by resolution of the Board of Directors, including but not limited to imposition of violation charges, for failure by a Lot Owner to comply with any of the terms of the Association's Declaration, Bylaws, and the rules and regulations. Pursuant to the Association's Due Process Procedures, a Lot Owner will be given the opportunity to be heard and represented by counsel before the Board of Directors, prior to imposing any penalties.





### TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 - PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS

All registered voters may vote in this election. Not sure if you are registered? Please visit the <u>Virginia Department of Elections</u> website.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. If you are line by 7 p.m., you will be able to vote.

THE BIRDS OF HICKORY FARMS

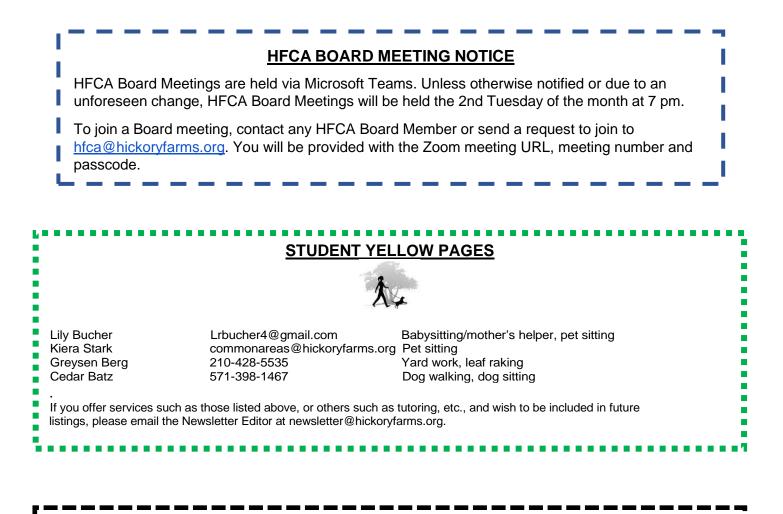
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## JOIN OUR LISTSERV!

Don't miss any news! There's no better way to stay in touch than through our Hickory Farms email listserv. Visit <u>https://hickoryfarms.org/</u>, click "Email Listserv" in the "For Residents" menu and follow the instructions.



### NEWSLETTER ITEM DEADLINE AND DISTRIBUTION NOTICE

Newsletter items are due the 25th of the month, for the next month's issue. Please send submissions to <u>newsletter@hickoryfarms.org</u>.

Newsletters are distributed via the HFCA listserv and posted on the HFCA website. All are encouraged to access the digital newsletter via the listserv or the HFCA website.