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Columbia Association Rep Report  
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## **The Hickory Hillside Hive**

This was a slow month for the CA Board as we had no meetings. There was a committee meeting on 28 August to set the agendas for the next quarter.

My September office hours include the following:

7 September with Andy Stack (Owen Brown), the CA Board Chair at Starbucks in Wilde Lake at 4 pm and at 5 pm on 13 September with Eric Walker, CA's landscape gardener.

1. I was gone more than I was here this summer - thank goodness we have Zoom!! forgot to mention last month that we went over the quarterly financials.
2. CA is beginning the budget process for next year. The first step is a short survey to assess priorities. If you have not received yours, please contact the village manager at 410-730-7327.
3. CA's 11 advisory committees appear at this link ([Advisory Committees - Columbia Association](#)) and as follows:

(I will highlight different committees in each report. Some have representatives from each village while others have only members-at-large.)

[Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee](#) (Celindah Grier, village rep) The Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee provides input to CA staff and its Board of Directors on the needs, interests and concerns of Columbia's mature adult residents. Members advocate for opportunities, policies and programs to better serve older adults. Members must be at least 55 years old and live on CA-assessed property. The group typically meets every other month (on the third Thursday, 2:30-4pm), but that's subject to change.

### [Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee](#)

*For a Greener, Cleaner Columbia*

We here in Columbia have a shared responsibility to protect the environment for future generations, and that's what the Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee (CCSAC) is all about. This committee is looking for new members (as of 9 August)! Members must have professional experience in a relevant field, such as sustainability, environmental science, community engagement, etc. To apply, send a cover letter and resume summarizing your passion and prior experience to [energy@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:energy@columbiaassociation.org). Drawing on their knowledge and background in the subject matter, CCSAC members support CA's efforts to address the ongoing threat of climate change. This includes advising on topics like energy efficiency, waste management and water quality. The CCSAC also works to provide education around

clean energy practices and was a critical piece of [a recent effort to assess climate vulnerabilities throughout the community](#).

The CCSAC typically meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30pm. Members also participate in sub-committee meetings on a regular basis. The next meeting is 13 September.

### [Columbia Aquatics Advisory Committee \(CAAC\)](#)

The CAAC provides input to CA staff on aquatics policies and programs, suggesting improvements to both facilities and activities. Representing a wide range of user groups (i.e. – lap swimmers, rec swimmers, Aqua Fitness, CNSL, etc.), the CAAC also offers the Board of Directors guidance and recommendations on capital investments for desired aquatics projects

**This committee is looking for new members!** Email [aquatics@columbiaassociation.org](mailto:aquatics@columbiaassociation.org) to apply.

The CAAC typically meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7pm (There are typically no meetings in the months of May, August, December and February). The September agenda is already posted as is the charter, the annual report for FY22, the Master Plan (June 2012) and the indoor pool feasibility report (Oct 2019).

Other advisory committees include the following and will be described in future reports:

- Columbia Art Center Advisory Committee
- Golf Advisory Committee
- Health and Fitness Advisory Committee
- International & Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Millennial Advisory Committee
- Teen and Middle School Advisory Committee
- Tennis Advisory Committee
- Watershed Advisory Committee

### **Looking Forward to September**

- Board Training with the senior leadership
- Board meetings
- Audit Committee meeting?

**Remember: We are all Hickory Ridge!**