

Monthly Columbia Association (CA) Update Report for Hickory Ridge

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Disclaimer: Please note that the views and commentary expressed in this report are my own.

Here is a summary of the latest news, facility updates, and upcoming events from the Columbia Association to keep the Hickory Ridge community informed.

1. Governance & Leadership Updates

- **June Board Meeting Rescheduled:** The CA Board of Directors did not meet as originally scheduled in June. Instead, the board will hold its next meeting on July 9th.
- **Board of Directors Vacancies:** With the recent resignation of the Kings Contrivance representative, there are currently four vacant seats on the CA Board of Directors. The Village Board of Kings Contrivance is actively seeking candidates to appoint as a replacement. Letters of interest and resumes must be received by Sunday, July 12, 2026, and candidates will be interviewed on the evening of July 15.

2. Community News & Facility Highlights

- **Juneteenth Celebration:** The recent Juneteenth Celebration was a joyous occasion! It was fantastic seeing the community come together to enjoy activities for kids, face painting, line dancing, and Double Dutch jump roping.
- **FIFA World Cup 26™ Watch Parties:** CA is inviting the community to gather and watch select free FIFA World Cup 26™ games at the new CA Lakefront Stage.
- **Pool Safety & Lifeguards:** With pool season in full swing, CA recently highlighted the rigorous, specialized training our lifeguards undergo to ensure our pools remain safe and welcoming for the diverse needs of all guests. Additionally, please note that the pools are lifeguarded using a ratio-based system, which is why it is common to see only one guard up on a stand when there are 25 or fewer swimmers in a pool and the one guard can safely see all of the pool.
- **Future Splash Park & Village Outreach:** As funding for a new CA Splash Park design is included in the FY 2027 budget, Dan Burns is interested in meeting with the villages to gauge interest in having one of their existing community pools converted into this new Splash Park.

3. Upcoming Events & Seasonal Activities

- **Friday Movie Nights:** Movie nights at the lakefront will be held on most Fridays this summer, making excellent use of the new CA Lakefront Stage's built-in rear-lit projector screen.
- **Make Summer Memories:** From new partnerships to outdoor programs, CA is encouraging everyone to get outside, try something new, and take full advantage of the activities happening across Columbia this season.

(For more details on general updates, residents can visit the [Columbia Association Blog](#)).