



THE HONKER

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Townhouse Association Board Meeting

May 20, 2026 @ 6:30pm

at the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

The Board of Directors will be meeting in person at the clubhouse with a hybrid option.

Google Meet link:

<https://meet.google.com/geo-vvem-oh>

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Budget Committee Meeting

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
4:00pm at the Clubhouse

Landscaping Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 1:00pm

Social Committee Meeting

First Wednesday: May 6
5:00pm at the Clubhouse

Maintenance Association Meeting

June 1, 2026

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 288 775 831 151 50

Passcode: eP6VQ2At

Dial in by phone: 469-844-7991

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Wilder Dates

April 28 at 5:45pm: Musical Performance

May 22: Last day of school, early release

Message From The Townhouse Board

* Solicitation is not allowed in our community. If you see solicitors you can ask them to leave. If you feel uncomfortable or unsafe, please report to the Arapahoe County Sheriff or dial 911. You do not have to talk to anyone or approach them if you're not comfortable. As always if you see suspicious activity, report it. Keeping our neighbors safe is important.

* Volunteers helped remove the deteriorating wildlife platform from the middle pond in anticipation of Max Kendrick's Eagle Scout Project. Thank you to Aaron and Chase Atherton, Bill Hardison, Ben Whittier, Max Kendrick, Michelle Rudolf, Ross Dorothy and Stephanie von Vultee.

* The Board approved creation of the Document Review Committee. Committee members will help review our governing documents, ensuring they reflect consistency, incorporate the community's perspective, and are written in clear, understandable language. This process helps promote transparency and

alignment between the association's governance and the interests of its members. Documents will be presented to the Board and the community before final action is taken (specified per document).

* We love our furry residents, but owners must manage behavior and clean up waste—please bag it and place it **in the dumpster** (we already have enough mess from local wildlife).

Reminder of key rules:

- Pets must be leashed (max 10 ft) while in common areas – no unleashed animals.
- Clean up pet waste immediately; improper disposal may result in fines.

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Social Events: Save The Dates

If you are willing to volunteer to help out at these or any events or have any questions, please email columbinelakesclubhouse@gmail.com.

May 16: Spring Clean-Up

- Sign up: tiny.cc/communitycleanup
- pick up trash, rake leaves, clubhouse clean-up, other community work (weather permitting)

May 15-17: Community Dumpster & Shredding

(sponsored by Maintenance Association as a joint community cost)

- Dumpster will be at Ponds Cir and Pondview Dr. Please load respectfully (back to front) and make space for others to contribute. NO electronics, paint or hazardous waste. DO NOT overfill.
- Shredding self-serve drop off will be available at the clubhouse: Friday-Sunday 6am-10pm inside, Saturday/Sunday 8am-12pm outside

May 24, 2-5pm: Memorial Day Potluck & Community Cookout

- Sign up: tiny.cc/CLTApotluck

June 5-6, 8-2pm: Parking Lot Sale

- Townhouses must sell from clubhouse parking lot
- Sign up: tiny.cc/parkinglotsale

June 13: Game Night

July 4: Parade (morning), Fireworks Watch Party (evening)

August 4: National Night Out with Big Apple Bodega food truck



From The Townhouse Board,

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- Prevent excessive barking or noise.
- Loose animals on Wilder Elementary School property will be impounded by the County per Littleton Public Schools request.

We also ask our two-legged residents to do their part: make sure trash bags go into dumpsters (retrieve any that miss) and pick up stray litter when you see it. Small efforts from everyone keep Columbine Lakes clean.

* We are currently experiencing drought conditions. The Board is aware of areas of brown grass; however, irrigation in the common areas must follow the posted watering restrictions. Thank you for your understanding as we comply with water conservation requirements.

* **FINANCIAL CORNER:**

12/31/25 Total Cash \$471,250.41

03/31/26 Total Cash \$555,229.59

3-Month Increase \$83,979.18

— **Your Townhouse Board of Directors: Aura Leigh, Stephanie, Chris, Michelle, and Bree**

Nesting Geese

It is illegal to destroy an active nest but there are things you can do to deter a goose from building a nest in an inconvenient location like near your front door. According to Parks and Wildlife, you can destroy an in-process nest without eggs. So if you notice a goose building a nest somewhere you don't want, you can dismantle the nest so they move on. Additional suggestions to deter geese from nesting:

- Cover pots and flower beds - example: to use wire to create a cage so geese cannot access the pot/area
- Hang metallic streamers
- Make loud noises
- Use bear spray (definitely use with caution)
- Scare them away

Hazing in this manner is allowed as long as there are no eggs involved. If there are eggs, you **MUST** obtain a permit from Parks and Wildlife. If you have additional questions, you can call Parks and Wildlife at 303-291-7227.

On The Wild Side: Kingfishers At The Ponds

Two belted kingfishers are visiting our ponds this spring. These medium-sized birds (about 12 inches long) are easy to spot with their blue bodies, crested heads, white collars, and bold chest bands – females also have a brown stripe on their abdomen. Their call is a loud, rattling chatter you'll quickly recognize as they move from tree to tree.

Kingfishers hunt by perching or hovering above the water, diving dramatically to catch fish, insects, and other small prey. You may even spot them striking their catch against a hard surface before eating.

Our pond banks provide ideal nesting spots, where kingfishers dig tunnels to safely lay their eggs. With a little luck, we may even see baby kingfishers later this season!

— **Deb Carstensen**

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Memorial Tributes



We are saddened to share that Tom Hosea passed away on March 30, 2026, at the age of 83. Tom was a longtime resident, living in the home his parents first purchased new; and he greatly enjoyed his view of the upper pond. The family will hold a celebration of life mid-July at Columbine United Church.

With close friends at her side, longtime Columbine Lakes resident Ruth Briggs passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 4th. Her friends will remember her as a kind person with a quick smile who was always willing to chat. She loved traveling, playing bridge and reading books.



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Maintenance Association Updates

Water: Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available online (scan QR code) or request a copy by emailing columbinelakesma@gmail.com.

Denver Water has declared a Stage 1 drought. Sprinkler/irrigation systems should remain off until mid-May, hand water trees and shrubs.



Watering restrictions are as follows:

- Watering only between 6pm and 10am
- 2 days per week on designated days
 - Townhouses: Tues/Fri
 - R2 ending even number: Sun/Thurs
 - R2 ending odd number: Wed/Sat

Let's all do our part to conserve water and help avoid further water restrictions. Fines from Denver Water and the Maintenance Association will apply for those that violate water restrictions. We don't want to levy fines and you don't want to be fined, so please respect and follow the watering restrictions. R2s can read their meter at any time. If you need help or meter cover key, please email the Maintenance Board and we can provide assistance.

Landscaping this spring? Please refer to the Arapahoe County Land Development Code (<https://share.google/yz2McAQMWrkHd9mWU>) which specifies required setbacks for trees and shrubs to ensure line of sight and prevent icy roads (ex. evergreens should not be planted on the south side of the road)

— **Your Board of Directors: Brianna, Troy and Michelle**

Water Conservation

While considering Earth Day and our drought conditions, here is a reminder that small, everyday water-saving habits can make a meaningful difference for our community and environment.

- Fix leaks promptly – one dripping faucet can waste gallons a day.
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. Contact Xcel for energy audit.
- Take shorter showers – cutting just 2–3 minutes saves significant water.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Collect rainwater (where permitted) for outdoor plants.
- Collect shower water for personal use.

Denver Water has tips for water conservation including rebates and a self-audit. <https://www.denverwater.org/residential/rebates-and-conservation-tips/efficiency/self-audit>

Small daily habits add up – when everyone participates, the impact is substantial.

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