What is the difference between a Resident's Association and a Community Association?

Residential developers plan and create exceptional communities like Cooper's Crossing with additional amenities such as parks, fire pits, playgrounds, pathways, lakes and much more. Developers recognize that residents appreciate these types of amenities in communities and that these amenities add to the quality of life in a community.

Once residents start to move in, maintenance of these communities are turned over from the developer to the municipality. There are some improvements in these communities that the municipality may or may not recognize and maintain, such as optional amenities like gazebos, beaches and park features.

By utilizing the revenue from the resident fees, the Resident Association's fill this gap to operate, maintain and manage these amenities to the level expected by the developer. Resident Associations may organize community events, social gatherings, or other activities to foster a sense of community among residents. Resident Associations are typically formed and managed by the residents themselves, often through elected boards or committees.

The purpose of community associations is to meet the needs of the community by functioning as a representative body for the community and may advocate for the interests of the community to local government authorities or other organizations. While membership fees are usually minimal and voluntary, the involvement of residents in Community Associations can vary widely depending on the community and the issues at hand. Community associations can help protect the interests of a neighborhood, including surrounding developments, transportation, zoning, and a wide assortment of community issues.