



# Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter<sup>©</sup>

CWCA — Your Homeowners' Organization

## CWCA Calendar of Events

- Holiday Lighting Contest: Dec 15-30 (Winners announced on the website)
- No Monthly Meeting in December
- Happy New Year 2022
- January Monthly Meeting: Jan. 11, 2022
- February Monthly Meeting: Feb. 8th
- Happy Valentines Day
- Neighborhood Mixer: Feb TBD
- March Monthly Meeting: Mar. 8th
- Easter Egg Hunt: April 10
- April Monthly Meeting: April 12th
- Dumpster Day: June 18
- May Monthly Meeting: May 10th (CWCA Elections)
- June Monthly Meeting: June 14th Flag Day



## 2022 CWCA Meeting Dates

Jan. 11th, Feb. 8th, Mar. 8th,  
Apr. 12th, May 10th, Jun. 14th

## We Love Your Photos!

Hey Columbine West neighbors, we are looking to highlight our area around us. The CWCA is looking for those images to share in the monthly community newsletter. Got an eye for birds, clouds, landscapes or artistic representations? Since our newsletter prints color photos now we would like to highlight some extra creativeness. Please send your submissions to [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto:CWCAtalk@gmail.com) or [nmccombs@yahoo.com](mailto:nmccombs@yahoo.com). Looking forward to sharing with the community. Thanks, Natasha (Newsletter Editor)

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**Our Mission: "Promote neighborhood beautification and harmony through covenant enforcement, community based services, and social activities."**

**[www.CWCA.info](http://www.CWCA.info)**

## Membership Fee to Increase

This year has been incredibly fruitful for the community. The association was able to bring back all events and contests as well as renovate entrance signs and build the new website. During the Annual Budget Review in November it was voted upon by the Board that a small increase would be needed to cover the increase of upcoming operating costs. You might not remember the last increase in dues, it was in 2010, going from the long standing \$10/annually to \$25/annually. Starting January 1 the new dues will be \$35/annually, which will cover all costs of the 2022 Budget. The CWCA Membership has been consistently around 350 members, which is roughly 23% of our community. It is the intent of the association to keep our volun-



tary dues as reasonable as we can, understanding that residents have many items to pay for on an annual basis. This small increase will help continue to support all the events, including our Annual Dumpster Day, which has seen the largest increase of expenditure, roughly 40% of projected Budget. The

association is here for the community, hosting events and welcoming everyone to participate in whatever way they can. Thank you so much for continuing to support the association, either as a voluntary dues paying member or as volunteer hands.

## CWCA Holiday Lighting/Decorating Contest

Why do we have a Decorating Contest in Columbine West? Its easy. To stimulate and enhance a sense of community by rewarding residents that go above-and-beyond in decorating their home for the Winter holiday season. This year we will select (2) lucky winners that have shown their best lighting/decorating practices. CWCA Judges will be driving around the neighborhood to take notes of decorated homes, but if you'd like to make sure your house or your neighbor's gets looked at, email [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto:CWCAtalk@gmail.com) or call Google Voice @ 303-904-8218 and let us know the address. The prizes will be \$50 for (2) homeowners. With the new website launched the Lighting Winners will be showcased there first. Our early deadline for the January newsletter causes printed notification to arrive in the February newsletter.

## From the Inbox

Thank you for the newsletter. I really liked the printed CWCA covenants in the newsletter! I never received those or even heard about them when we bought our house. They were also presented well. Good job!

—Amanda

## A Moment With The Board

The November meeting was our year wrap up. Much of the meeting surrounded the presentation and approval of the 2022 Budget. The budget will be offering all normal events and activities except the July Swim Night. Since the pool will be undergoing renovations, we felt that skipping a year would be beneficial. Then in 2023 we can bring back the event bigger and better, incorporating a BBQ, contests and give aways for kids & adults. In its place it was thought to bring an opportunity for young artists to showcase their creative abilities during Summer Break. The idea of a Chalk Walk has been tossed around and we would love to have a point person/ Judge to help bring the event to life. There is no set date yet, so it can be at the availability of the volunteer in charge. If you would like to head up this new activity please drop a message to CWCAtalk@gmail.com. We are also very excited to offer Membership due payments directly through the brand new website, <http://www.CWCA.com> for your added convenience. As noted on the front page of the newsletter the 2022 Membership Dues has seen a modest increase to \$35/annually to help defray the rising costs of activities. This past year turned out to be very successful in many ways and its the Officers/Boards intention to continue offering a balanced program of activities, community involvement and Covenant enforcement. We wish everyone a Joyous Season of Giving & Happy New Year.

## Columbine West Civic Association

303-904-8218

<http://www.CWCA.info>

### OFFICERS

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### SCHOOLS

Dutch Creek Elementary 7304 W. Roxbury Pl.  
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 Columbine High School 6201 S. Pierce St.

## News Articles

The newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for news is the 13th of each month for the next month's issue except the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. **All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.** To submit an article, please call a board member or e-mail the editor. All "Letters to the Editor" must be signed and include a daytime phone number in case there are any questions. Letters may be printed without the author's name if requested.

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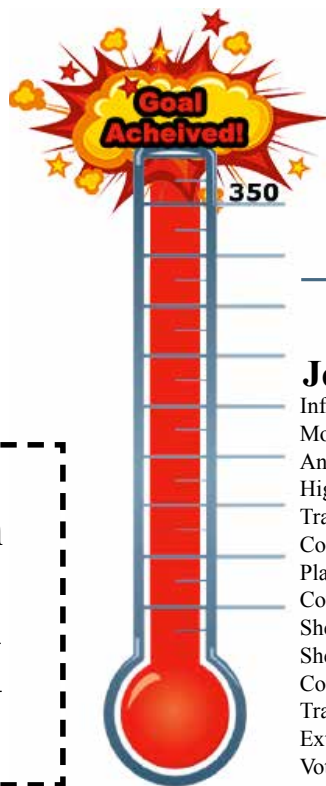


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County Administrator	303-271-8500
Traffic Complaints	303-271-5677
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## Columbine West Civic Association Membership Form

Please fill out and mail with your \$25 check to CWCA.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: CWCA, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton CO 80162



## Halloween Contest Winners

This year Columbine West residents really turned up the dial with the creativity and effort for our Halloween Decorating Contest. Judging was very difficult due to the sheer volume of homes that participated. We saw everything from creepy circus' and haunted graveyards to Viking ghost ships, 10 foot tall pumpkin head creatures, beetle juice characters, whimsical pumpkin patches and amazing homemade tombstone's, coffins and cauldrons. The lighting schemes and engineering work that went into some homes was admirable. CWCA is excited about the participation of neighbors who made Trick or Treating a much anticipated event for children of all ages. Sidewalks were filled with families exploring the subdivision, wagons filled with thermos' of hot cider and chocolate, neighbors camped out in driveways complete with fire pits and scary music. One festive neighbor made their garage into a Trick-or-Treating Pitstop with a beverage station offering snacks and libations for kids and adults! A round of applause for the Honorable mentions. If you didn't see them, well, maybe next year because 7477 S. Pierce Court had an amazing haunted tree and authentic tombstone's, while 8023 West Plymouth Pl. impressive collection from every genre was a must see.

Congratulations to this years 2 winners. Drum Roll....Tim and Sarah Cooper at 7068 S. Alison Way. Residents for 15yrs, their creepy playground/cemetery theme included an undertaker with a skeleton horse drawn carriage, Harvester of souls, a plague doctor and a dark angel.

Nathan Hendricks at 7064 Hinsdale

Drive – together he and his son created a spooktacular haunting with giant walking skeletons, animatronic skeleton dogs, flaming cauldrons and a garish pumpkin-head scarecrow. Halloween of 2021 was a huge success and we want to thank the entire Columbine West neighborhood for a fantastic Halloween season. We look forward to next year!

— Berra Family Judges





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 **6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

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[www.chsrebels.net](http://www.chsrebels.net)

## Nextdoor Question About Xcel

“Did anyone else happen to get this information? Please read the 2 sided insert about the Energy Assistance Charge that came with your latest Xcel Energy bill.... This fee was automatically added to every gas and electricity account as the result of Colorado State Legislature’s HB 21-1105 (It was signed into law). If you want to, then you can opt out of paying this fee.... directions for how to do that are on the insert in your bill. You can opt out by either calling Xcel 1-800-895-4999 or by sending them an email to [inquire@xcelenergy.com](mailto:inquire@xcelenergy.com). According to the insert in the bill, this fee will increase every year unless it is repealed”. Here is the information on the House Bill... The bipartisan bill, House Bill 21-1105, directs utilities to ultimately collect a \$1 fee on electricity customers and a \$1 fee on gas customers per month, which will be used to finance direct utility bill payment assistance. Low-income customers are exempt from the fee. The fee will start at 50 cents starting in October and incrementally increase until it reaches \$1 after October 2023. The bill also creates a mechanism for cross enrollment in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, and allows water utilities to voluntarily collect a charge to fund utility assistance for low-income customers. In the last year, Energy Outreach Colorado, an energy assistance nonprofit, paid \$13 million in utility bills for 25,000 households after receiving federal and state stimulus funding to help meet the need in Colorado, according to a press release from the Colorado House Democrats. Prior to the pandemic, 1 in 4 Colorado households struggled to pay monthly utility bills.

Coloradans must earn less than 60% of the state median income to qualify for help through the Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program. Under the current eligibility guidelines, a two-person household earning less than \$3,425 a month, or \$41,100 a year, could use the federal utility assistance. People applying for LEAP must be permanent legal residents or U.S. citizens, or have household members who are citizens. A new Colorado law boosts funding for utility bill payment assistance for low-income residents by establishing small monthly fees on electricity and gas customers. “Families across Colorado are struggling to keep the lights on, and our current utility assistance system is not funded well enough to help every family in need,” Rep. Chris Kennedy, a Lakewood Democrat who brought the bill, said in a written statement. “After today, Colorado will have a sustainable funding source for our direct assistance programs that will ensure the needs of our communities are met,” he added. “There was a dire need to address this issue well before the pandemic began, and I’m very pleased we were able to take care of it this year.”

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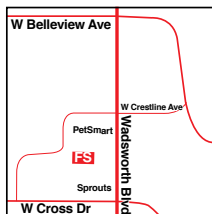
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## Kiwanis Club of Columbine in Action

### Salvation Army Christmas Bell-Ringing



The Kiwanis Club of Columbine joins together with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing each year to provide one of our biggest fundraisers of the season. Our Kiwanis Club will cover shifts at 2 local King Soopers grocery stores, one at Pierce and Coal Mine and one at Wads and Chatfield from Dec 10th thru Dec 24th. When you walk by our kettle say "Merry Christmas." It is also a good time to ask about Kiwanis.

We welcome Community members to join us by signing up for a 2-hour shift. Families can make this a local tradition. Youth groups can spread the holiday cheer. Young and old alike can stand side by side, ring the famous red bells and wish passerby's a very warm and thought-filled Merry Christmas. The weather can sometimes be a bit frightful, but we just step inside the entry way to warm up. Give it a try by contacting Ken Sweet at 303-910-0084 via call or text. Last year we

raised over \$20,000. In the 25+ years we have been ringing we have raised over \$520,000. Bring the holidays alive for those less fortunate and feel good about helping a neighbor.

Our Kiwanis vision: Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide... so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive. Columbine Kiwanis is active throughout the year. We raise and donate about \$15,000 per year and donate to activities such as Outdoor Lab, computers for schools, food banks, ++++. We are proud of our hand-on projects such as Action Center Food Bank, participating in food drives, packaging food and school supplies for children, Meals on Wheels, Arapahoe Philharmonic, + many more. If you would like to meet people like us check us out.

Are you interested in joining the efforts of this warm and inviting group? Come check us out, we meet at 4Gs on Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. Check us out at <http://columbinekiwanis.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/columbinekiwanis>. There is typically an interesting speaker during the meeting who may be addressing an issue facing the community.

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1st Logistical Command HQ

**Clayton W. Neubert**, USMC, 1965-1969, 6234 A-6A A/C fire control tech  
DIANE com-nav., 1st MAW Da Nang RVN, 2nd MAW Cherry Pt., N.C./  
Army 1979- 1987. Signal Branch, Comm. Officer/ S-1 244 Engr. Bn.

**Dan Chism, Sr.**, USMC, 1963-69, (Vietnam 1965-66), 2nd Battalion,  
9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, stationed Danang, Chulai & Thubi

**Roy A. Bundy (Al Bundy)**, USAF, 1968-1972, Max Airlift, Vietnam, Pl,  
Calif. & Japan.

**Jim Slora**, U.S. Air Force, 1961-1965, Special Weapons Maintenance,  
1910th Communication Sq., Lowry AFB, Co.

**John Weksler**, USN, 1960-1966, Aircraft Carrier Essex, Pensacola, FL.,  
U.S. Army, 1966- 1973 (Vietnam), Helicopter Pilot,  
Colorado National Guard, 1973- 1987, Buckley AFB, CO. (Retired)

**Annie Weksler**, U.S.A.F, 1968-70, Nurse, George AFB, CA

**Sidney Nelson**, USN, 1968-1972 (Vietnam) GMG2 Riv Div 591,  
Brown Water Navy

**Craig Martin**, USMC, 1976-1982, Presidential Guard  
(Carter Administration) & Mountain Survival Instructor

**Wade Gardner**, U.S.A.F., 1986 - 1990, C-141B Loadmaster,  
McGuire A.F.B. New Jersey

**Belinda Gardner**, U.S.A.F. 1987 - 1991, 438th Comptroller Squadron,  
McGuire A.F.B. New Jersey

**David E. Garcia**, USMC, 1963-67 (Vietnam War), Radioteletype  
Operator (RATT), 1st Marine Air Wing, returned to Yuma, AZ.

**Tony Monte**, USMC, 1968-1975 (Vietnam War)

**Ken Sweet**, U.S. Air Force, 1967-71, Fighter Aircraft Electronics, MI

**Gene D. Willenbrecht**, U.S.Navy, 1971-1977 (Vietnam War)  
MM1 aboard the USS Enterprise

**Richard Amador**, U.S. Navy, 1955-1959, 1st Class Quarter Master  
(QM1) aboard the USS Mt Baker, AE-4, and the USS Mt Katmai

## Meet Your Neighbor Mixer

Please mark your calendar for early February (TBD) for an evening of great food and neighborly conversation to kick off the new year. The venue will once again be at Breckenridge Brewery, located at Santa Fe & Brewery Lane. There will be heavy appetizers to share along with optional tapped selections. The venue will be available from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Tap House has a warm & welcoming atmosphere that allows everyone an opportunity to mingle about. Outside the Tap House is a large fire ring and comfy patio setting if the weather permits. Drop in and enjoy the hospitality that Breckenridge Brewery has to offer.

## Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Accidents will always happen, but Safe Toys and Gifts Month is the perfect opportunity to review some basic safety advice and brush up on your knowledge about buying safe, appropriate toys and knowing what to do should you discover a potential hazard.



*Halloween Contest Honorable Mention: 7477 S. Pierce Court  
See winners on page 3.*



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## Trunk or Treat with Dutch Creek PTSA

The FHPRD footbridge that connects the pool parking lot to the Dutch Creek school yard was transformed, by CWCA volunteers, into an age appropriate Spooky Bridge on 10/29. With the DJ and blowups located in the school lot, the footpath allowed the kids to travel back & forth to the pool parking lot via the Spooky Bridge to explore all available decorated trunks. Without an official head count it was estimated that about 150 children with parents were in attendance. The early evening event had many creative costumes along with much excitement & tons of "trick or treat" being shared. Happy Halloween Columbine West!



## Columbine West Military Members

*"He has honor if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct though it is inconvenient, unprofitable, or dangerous to do so".*

— Walter Lippmann

**LCpl. Evan Doop**, U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at 29 Palms, California

**David Fillpot**, U.S. Navy Seamen Apprentice, Study: Electronics Technician

**Chaplin, Major, William Harrison**, U.S. Army, Operations Chaplain, stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

**Sgt. Bethany Jagers**, U.S. Army, 282 Engineering Company, stationed at Ft. Carson, CO

**GM1 David Tuey**, USS Montgomery, Weapons Handler, San Diego Naval Base, CA

**HM1 Michael Tuey**, IDC, Independent Corpsmen, 2nd Marine Combat Logistics Battalion 6, Camp LeJeune, NC

**Cpl. Kristyn Lutz**, U.S. Marine Corp, Stationed in Camp Pendleton, California

## CWCA Covenant Violation Report

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: CWCA, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162

Description of alleged violation: \_\_\_\_\_

Violator's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would be willing to appear in court as a witness.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A RECORD PRICE FOR COLUMBINE WEST—\$700,000!



8282 W Portland Ave.

### Columbine West Statistics for November 2021

#### Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$650,000	\$650,000	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

#### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$475,000	\$475,000	1
2-story	\$495,000	\$625,000	3
Tri/Multi-level	\$589,900	\$589,900	1
Bi-level	\$495,000	\$505,000	3

#### Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Mar. 1, 2021–Nov. 15, 2021)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$450,000	\$705,000	13
2-story	\$525,000	\$700,000	17
Tri/Multi-level	\$500,000	\$704,827	16
Bi-level	\$475,000	\$580,000	16

*The statistical information is based on MLS data Nov. 15, 2021. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.*

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