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CWCA – Your Homeowners’ Organization

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CWCA Calendar of Events

- **August 8th:** Monthly Meeting, 6:30p, Victory Park (unless raining then TBD)
- **September, TBD:** Dutch Creek 50th Anniversary, Carnival and Celebration, parking lot
- **September 12th:** Monthly Meeting, 7:00p, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **October 10th:** Monthly Meeting, 7:00p, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **October:** Trunk or Treat (Date TBD) Dutch Creek Elementary parking lot
- **October:** Halloween Decorating Contest Judges out & about 10/29-10/31 (keep those lights on)
- **November 14th:** Monthly Meeting, 7:00p, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **December:** Holiday Decorating Contest Judges out & about 12/20-12/25 (keep those lights on)
- **December:** No December Meeting Merry Christmas, enjoy the holidays



2023 CWCA Meeting Dates

August 8th, Sept 12th,
Oct 10th, Nov 14th



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

School is About to Start

Those long days of Summer vacation are about to end...screch! The new clothes, new foot ware, backpacks and crayons make it's all so magical. Yet, it is tempered with new bedtimes, early wake ups and getting homework and reading done. Still, school days are some of the very best times, catching up with classmates, making new friends and sharing the playground antics each day. Oh, school sounds wonderful. As a neighborhood we can help keep that amazing feeling alive and well too. Please be cautious around School Zones, some kiddos will be venturing off to school without parental supervision. Let's make sure they enjoy their new found freedom. Please follow directional signs when entering and exiting the neighborhood school parking lot. These signs are for a reason, which has nothing to do with trying to make you late for work. It's all for the safety of the kids, consistent flow of traffic through the parking lot and adjoining streets. Lastly, there is a NO U TURN sign right in front of the school, which should always be a reminder to plan your traffic pattern ahead of time , so as to not 'pull a U TURN' , putting kids or other drivers at risk of getting hit. Welcome back to school Dutch Creek Students, Teachers and Administrators, may each day bring amazing possibilities to your learning experience.



— CWCA Officers/Board

Calling All Former Dutch Creek Elementary Students!

Dutch Creek Elementary will be celebrating their 50 Year Anniversary in 2023-2024! The PTSA would like to put together a slideshow and collect some Dutch Creek memorabilia from the past to display in the case in the main hallway. If you have any photos or anything else you'd like to share for our celebration, please email dutchcreekptsa@gmail.com. Photos can be emailed, and anything borrowed will be returned in the same condition! We'd really appreciate the help on taking a look at the 50 year history of our neat little school! Thanks so much. PM me with questions.

— Ginger (Dutch Creek PTSA secretary)

A Moment With the Board

Our July monthly meeting was held at Victory Park, under clear skies and no rain. We had a couple guests drop by to see what is happening with the association and neighborhood. We recently heard updates on the potential opening of the pool this Summer, news release article is included. We are planning to continue our partnership with Dutch Creek PTSA to participate with Trunk or Treat in October. More details to come. There are OPEN slots for a couple more Board Positions. Feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gmail.com if interested.

Please drop a note to CWCAtalk@gmail.com if you need to speak with a committee member. The community is held to a standard by being 'Covenant Protected'. Continue to watch for more news on upcoming Events on the website. The email line has had Title Companies and Realtors writing in for further information about our community, as representatives to their clients. We really appreciate them reaching out through the website and asking for clarification. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. Stop by the new website www.CWCA.info., which will have all the information you need. You can also connect with us at a Monthly meeting, the next one is August 8th, 6:30pm at Victory Park. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

Columbine West Civic Association

303-904-8218; http://www.CWCA.info

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 Ken Caryl MS, 6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.; Columbine HS, 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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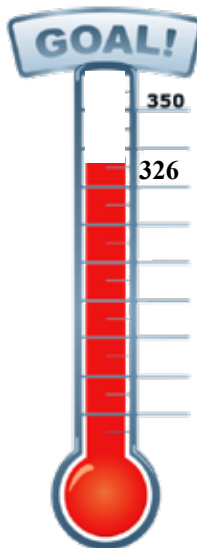
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From The Inbox

Concerned neighbor writes to CWCAtalk.com: "I see a neighbor behind me still has chickens and now I am dealing with rats in my yard and having to spend money on pest control. It's posted every month in the community newsletter, no chickens in this development. What can be done to shut this down? Can the neighbor be responsible to pay my pest control bill to trap and kill the rats? I have lived here since 1998 and this is the 1st time I'm dealing with rats. The mouse issue periodically comes and goes, but rats I was told are attracted to chickens coups, then bird seed."

The CWCA answers: Thank you for connecting with CWCA. I have forwarded your message to the Covenant Control Group for their review. The association continues to work hard to make sure neighbors are advised about the Covenant of no chickens allowed. Yet, some neighbors decide to disregard at the expense of other neighbors being negatively impacted. Please know that the association volunteers will help with the remediation of the situation by contacting the homeowners with a Friendly Letter explaining the Covenants.

Concerned neighbor writes to CWCAtalk.com on March 31: "Our neighbors had a dead tree fall from high winds. The tree fell along the fence line and broke down the fence between our two properties. While they have had the tree removed they have done nothing to fix the fence (they did say on April 2nd that they were planning to fix the fence). This has become a serious problem as I will soon explain. Last night we let our dog outside before bed and 20 minutes later we heard her crying and was being attacked by the neighbors dog on our porch

(this was the second incident we have had dealing with the neighbors dog)! We would appreciate some help and support from the HOA in resolving these problems with our neighbors."

The CWCA answers: Thank you for connecting with CWCA. I have reached out to the CWCA Board for their opinion and/or ideas about your current situation. First and foremost you have every right to secure your yard so as to keep yourself and your pets safe from harm. Having had the fence broken down by the neighbors tree is very unfortunate and them not addressing the issue in a timely manner is frustrating. It sounds like you have spoken with them and were given a small verbal agreement that they would fix the fence. Our community Covenants do not have any governance over this particular issue, so the association couldn't really hold them accountable. With that, you could do what you need to do to put up a temporary barrier to keep dogs in their own backyards. Another avenue is to connect with Jefferson County Animal Control, update them on the situation and your dogs recent event and see if they could do a home check and advise the neighbors to remedy the fencing. (In the interim a couple CWCA volunteers were able to upright the fencing panels, install temporary supports and add chicken wire for added security.) The CWCAtalk.com box receives many emails and tries to answer them in a timely manner. With an all volunteer staff and sometimes a message needing comments from multiple committees, it can take a bit of time to gather information and report back to questions. Thank you for reaching out.

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Yard of the Month

Congratulations to July's Yard Of The Month Winners, Steven and Elise Streeb. As you drive by their home at 7204 S Zephyr Way, you'll first notice the manicured lawn. As you look closer, you'll see the vibrant and lush entry courtyard that they've created. The Streeb family has lived in Columbine West since 1986, and the things they like most about the neighborhood are the friendly neighbors.



The Yard Of The Month is sponsored by neighborhood Realtor® John Basila with A Denver Home. Winners receive a cash prize and get to display a sign in their yard. If you'd like to nominate a worthy neighbor, please email John with their address: columbinerealtor@gmail.com

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

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Update From FHPRD On The Pool

July 12, 2023

Dear Columbine West Community,

Despite our intention and best efforts to open the Columbine West Outdoor Pool in 2023, we unfortunately will not be able to open this summer. The unanticipated construction delays are predominately due to the significant and extreme weather conditions we have experienced since the project began, including abnormal colder temperatures and snowfall, and unbelievably frequent, heavy rainstorms. These weather delays were paired with permitting issues early in the project and the discovery of a major storm sewer that had to be repaired and relocated by Jefferson County. All of these factors have greatly impacted the construction timeline.

We know this is disappointing to the Columbine West community, but we are excited to unveil new amenities to the facility when we reopen for the 2024 summer season and are confident that the community will enjoy the improvements for decades into the future. To learn more about the improvements and new amenities, and to view conceptual plans and design renderings, visit our website at www.ifoohills.org/projects.

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Columbine West Veterans

- Jack Woodman**, U.S. Army, 1967 - 1968 (Vietnam) 1st Logistical Command HQ
- Dan Chism, Sr.**, USMC, 1963-69, (Vietnam 1965-66), 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, stationed Danang, Chulai & Thubi
- 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
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- Tony Monte**, USMC, 1968-1975 (Vietnam War)
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To all the military Veterans out there that would like to know more about Veterans benefits, my name is Jason Collins. I would like to share my knowledge with you. I am available to answer any questions you may have related to VA compensation benefits, VA records or military records. I was employed by the Veterans Benefits Administration for 9 years, working in Finance, records and as a rater (person who makes a binding decision related to military service connection for VA). I am happy to assist in anyway I can, no charge to you. I just enjoy helping fellow veterans and feel like my time at the VA gave me a tremendous amount of knowledge that other veterans deserve. Let me know how I can help, jasoncollins312@gmail.com or 254-368-4028 or I can always set up a Zoom call with veterans and families.



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Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$625,000	\$625,000	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$625,000	\$629,900	2
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$649,900	\$649,900	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Jan. 1, 2023–July 15, 2023)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$522,000	\$725,000	6
2-story	\$565,000	\$720,000	7
Tri/Multi-level	\$530,000	\$664,150	9
Bi-level	\$465,000	\$618,000	4

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