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CWCA – Your Homeowners’ Organization

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CWCA Calendar of Events

- **Membership Drive Kick-off:** March 1
- **Meet Your Neighbor Mixer:** March 14th, 6pm, Breckenridge Brewery TapHouse
- **March Monthly Meeting:** March 12, 7pm, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** March 23, 11am Pool Park area
- **April Monthly Meeting:** April 9, 7pm, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **Community Garage Sale:** May 3 & 4, Sales Galore
- **May Monthly Meeting:** May 14, 7pm, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **June Monthly Meeting:** June 11, 6:30pm, Pool Pavilion
- **Dumpster Day Event:** June 15, 8 til FULL, Dutch Creek Parking Lot
- **July Monthly Meeting:** July 9, 6:30pm, Pool Pavilion
- **August Monthly Meeting:** August 13, 6:30pm, Pool Pavilion



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2024 CWCA Meeting Dates

Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14,
Jun. 11, Jul. 9, Aug. 13

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

Meet Your Neighbor Mixer: March 14th

Our first Official event of 2024. You are invited to the Columbine West Meet Your Neighbors Mixer that is open to all residents within the Columbine West community. (Single family home owners/renters) It is absolutely FREE to attend and taste some amazing share-ables with other residents. The event is planned to have heavy appetizers ie Chuck Wagon Cheese Burger Sliders, Roasted rosemary fingerling potatoes and Roasted vegetable pita Sliders. Beverages are available from the Tasting Room taps for individual purchase. Come out and introduce yourself to the group. Have the opportunity to ask questions concerning neighborhood activities too. In past years some residents have brought their children along, who have struck up friendships. The Calendar of Events has many opportunities for volunteers to be involved and hands are needed to make sure these events happen. We are looking forward to seeing you and any new residents! Our Chairperson has reserved Breckenridge Brewery Tap House again in 2024 for March 14th, 6p. Bringing back the fun.



March 23rd: Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter bunny is hopping our way and bringing some furry friends along with him. This year’s event is on Saturday, March 23 and will begin at 10:30 a.m. to give everyone a chance to meet our furry friends before the egg hunt begins. The hunting of 2,000 eggs will begin at 11 a.m. Kids will have hunting areas in and around the pool park area, sectioned off by age groups. The eggs will be filled with candy, coins, and Bunny Bucks. These bucks can be turned in

for an assortment of kid friendly items. The CWCA could use a couple more hands volunteers with to help during the event, please consider joining us, sign up at www.CWCA.info. Please join us for what is sure to be an EGGScellent time!

Oreo Cookie Day

Be ready to observe by having your glass of milk handy as it is National Oreo Cookie Day. This day is recognized across the nation each year on March 6th.



A Moment With The Board

The February monthly meeting was attended by young and old residents. One in attendance actually grew up in Columbine West and attended Dutch Creek too. She has moved back into the neighborhood after marriage and her son will start kindergarten in the Fall. How's that for full circle. We welcomed our new Easter Egg Hunt Chair, Jessica, to the group. She is excited to manage the event and bring some new and interesting additions too. With the newly renovated pool park area its gonna be spectacular. We heard from a 40 year resident concerning the new laws surrounding trailers parked on the street, his conversation with Jeffco Sheriff Deputy and how much the community can participate in the process. The volunteer members spent time finalizing the upcoming Meet your Neighbor event, scheduled for 3/14, 6p at Breckenridge Brewery TapHouse. Discussion on the Easter Egg Hunt was lively and exciting, mark your calendar for 3/23. Our Annual Membership Drive kicks off on March 1st, the newsletter will have a QR code directing you to a link on the website. Banners will be installed on our entrances and a postcard will arrive in your mailbox. We would so enjoy meeting and exceeding the 350 membership goal for 2024. Please think about how you might be able to help out, give a small amount of time and talent to the neighborhood. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. 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'. 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 March 12th, 7:00p at Dutch Creek Elementary Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

Easter is one of my favorite holidays with the kids. They get to run loose, and we always have our family and loved ones all around us!

—Camila Alves

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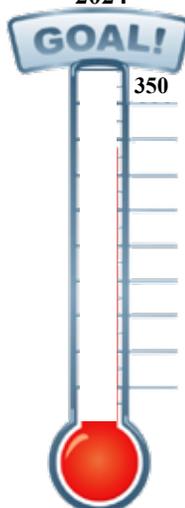
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News Articles

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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Address: _____ Phone #: _____

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Annual Membership Drive Underway

Each year we wait with eager anticipation for the Membership Drive to arrive. It is always exciting to see our Dues Meter in the newsletter become highlighted, working towards achieving the annual goal, as homeowners that participate get tallied. For many years we have set the goal at 350 households, which is approximately 1/3rd of our community. Membership dollars help to bring scheduled events to the neighborhood, cover the cost of monthly meeting room, website fees & CCG software. The \$35 fee helps to purchase supplies for entrance maintenance, replacement cost for entrance banners along with supporting the Annual Halloween & Holiday Lighting contest. Last year alone we filled 2,100 Easter eggs with candies and coins, plus Bunny bucks and used a budget of \$800. The Annual Dumpster Day Event used a budget of \$3800. The CWCA is a non for profit 501(c3) and consists of ALL volunteers who work really hard to keep cost down, events up and a neighborhood to be proud of. Please join the efforts today.

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The West Metro Fire participates in a program that offers low cost smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to low income, senior homeowners and disabled who live within their district. Up to 3 smoke alarms at \$5 each and one carbon monoxide detector at \$5 (and a second for \$10) can be requested. Proof of home ownership and/or income is required. The website is <https://westmetrofire.colorado.gov/low-cost-smoke-and-co-alarms>. The form to request them is accessed through that page.

From The Inbox

The Columbine West Voicemail line is an avenue for homeowners to connect with the association volunteers to clarify questions or ask for help in some cases. This was a recent message...
"We have had an issue with one of our neighbors, really multiple neighbors, but specifically one with their barking dog. It's some type of hound and it's been going on for over 2 years. We have spoken with animal control. The homeowner actually threatened me. I had to call the sheriffs. We've written them a nice note about their barking dog. We've offered to have their dog come and play with our dogs to keep it company. They have done absolutely nothing about it, and my husband and I are just absolutely done. I am calling to see if you can help us with this issue. I would really appreciate it. – Frustrated Neighbor"

From CWCA... It would be so amazing if we could wave a magic wand and receive a happy ending to our frustrations. Yet, in reality it takes a bit more effort than that. We applaud the efforts you have made to try and remedy the situation. Taking steps to connect with the owners of the dog and offering play time with your own pups is very neighborly indeed. It is a shame that the neighbor felt the need to threaten you and then have it escalate to bring the Sheriff's Office into the mix. The Columbine West Civic Association does not have any covenant addressing your current issue, and for that we are sorry that we cannot be of much help. One idea was to buy the neighbor dog a Kong along with tasty ingredients and leave it with the owner. We decided to include your question in the newsletter to highlight this area of concern, realizing that other residents may be feeling the same frustrations. As neighbors may we each take the time to think of those who live around us, but also remember the reason we brought a furry friend into our home and family.

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Yukon/Coal Mine Entrance Renovation

This year we will see the renovation take place with the help of neighbor Kathy Martin, Master Gardener. She will be asking for help with removing some existing plants, redistributing the block planter, installing new more drought tolerant plants and more mulch added. The entrance has unfortunately seen more tire tracks, broken scrubs & fence pickets, along with the loss of a park bench this past season. Kathy is looking towards creating a more sustainable and attractive entrance to enhance the neighborhood. Our Budget for the renovation is a bit tight, so we will be asking for volunteer hands to help with some of the heavy/ not so heavy lifting. The association, as a 501(C3), can also sign off on volunteer hours that teens may need. Information on when hands will be needed will be posted in the Calendar of events, www.CWCA.info. and on Nextdoor.

Milkcaps For Moola

Hey Columbine West neighbors! Do you receive Longmont Dairy delivery? Did you know that your bottle caps can be turned in at Dutch Creek Elementary and recycled? The Dutch Creek PTSA earns \$\$ for returned milk caps. What an easy way to support your neighborhood school without spending extra \$! Just bring your bottle caps in a baggie to Dutch Creek during the school day. They can be put in the cow print box in the lobby. Or, just email dutchcreekptsa@gmail.com and we will do a porch pickup.

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Recent project highlights:

Helping at the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry (consistently serving about 200 families every week). Our last blood drive was in December and our next one will be on March 18. We help at Project Cure on the fourth Monday of every month, we regularly help at the Jefferson County Symphony performances and work with the local schools. This is just a few of our projects. We have something that will fit anyone's interests and expertise, and we can use your help! Details about our upcoming projects are in our weekly newsletter, contact news@columbinekiwanis.org to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more visit our website at columbinekiwanis.org, or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. We also have a bimonthly meeting at Columbine library on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. For more information email kensweet@gmail.com. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Our local club, the Kiwanis Club of Columbine, fulfills that mission in our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations throughout the year. Anyone is welcome to join in on any project or attend any of our social events. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have a lot of fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

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Columbine Library Events

FAMILY TIME

Wednesday, March 06, 11:15 a.m. – 1:45 a.m.

It's reading fun for everyone! Gather the whole family for engaging stories, dancing, singing and rhyming. Keep the fun going with 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! Get your child ready to read by sharing books together.

AARP TAX HELP

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Receive free tax assistance from AARP IRS-certified volunteers, specializing in helping taxpayers aged 60 and older. Free tax counseling is available from Feb. 7 to April 3. To benefit from this service, appointments are required and can be made online, in person through any staff member, or by calling the call center.

LEGO® BUILD AND PLAY

Wednesday, March 06, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Drop in for a play and build session where artists and engineers can let their creativity flow as they craft their own creations. LEGO® bricks are provided and all you need to bring is your imagination.

TODDLER TIME

Thursday, March 07, 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Your little one is constantly on the move. Help their mind stay active, too. Get them ready to read by singing, rhyming, dancing and telling stories together.

COMPUTER BASICS

Thursday, March 07, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Learn the parts of a computer. Use a mouse and keyboard and understand the basics of navigating Microsoft Windows.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Friday, March 08, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to use the Internet. Prerequisites: Basic Computer skills, including using a mouse and keyboard.

TWEEN SCENE - BOARD GAMES

Friday, March 08, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Embark on a creative journey at our monthly Tweens event tailored for ages 8-11. Dive into a wide range of crafts, activities, and projects, providing a regular opportunity for Tweens to explore and express themselves.

TWEEN ROBOTICS

Sunday, March 10, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Explore the amazing world of robotics. Discover basic design and coding skills while engaging in a variety of exciting challenges at our monthly program designed for ages 8-11.

INTERCAMBIO SPANISH CONVERSATION TABLE

Monday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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Do You Have Questions About Military Records?

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.

St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day kicks off a worldwide celebration also known as the Feast of St. Patrick. On March 17th, many will wear green in honor of the Irish and decorate with shamrocks. According to lore, the wearing of the green tradition dates back to a story written about St. Patrick in 1726. St. Patrick (c. AD 385-461) used the shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity and wore green clothing. And while the story is unlikely to be true, many will revel in the Irish heritage and eat traditional Irish fare, too.

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.

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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

Jason Collins, U.S. Army (Retired), 2003-2004, 2005-2006 (2 Tours Iraq), 1-10 CAV, 4th ID, Truck Driver

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March Garden Calendar

Plant: Indoors, after March 15th, start seeds under grow lights. Perennials like lupine and delphinium and annuals like cardinal vine, hyacinth bean vine, marigolds, zinnia, nasturtium and many more.

As soon as ground can be worked, till in 1" to 2" of composted cotton burrs or aged manure into your vegetable garden.

Mid-March plant peas and sweet peas directly in the garden, soak the seeds overnight. Lettuce can be planted next, then radishes. Fall-bearing raspberries can be planted mid-March. Some varieties are: Heritage, Fall Gold, Fall Red, September, Pathfinder or Trailblazer.

Garden centers will have small bare root trees and shrubs and bare-root roses on sale to tempt and tantalize you. Go ahead and succumb. These can be planted from now through April. If you're planting in March look for a time when we have predictions of three or four mild, pleasant days. Soak the roots overnight in a bucket to give plants a good start.

Late March fertilize evergreens and deciduous trees.

Lawn: Core aerate the lawn or have it done by a qualified lawn service. Aeration can be done anytime during the growing season, but to get your lawn off to a good start do it in March. Before aeration make sure the soil is moist to get 3" plugs. Leave plugs on the lawn. If you had crabgrass problems last year apply a pre-emergent herbicide. However, once you've

applied a pre-emergent you won't be able to put down grass seed. The herbicide will block the seed from taking root.

Tools: Get your lawn mower ready. Clean and sharpen the blade, drain gas and oil, and replace the sparkplug. If your hand tools weren't cleaned last fall, do it now.

—By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener

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.

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Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$700,000	\$700,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$675,000	\$675,000	1
Bi-level	\$625,000	\$625,000	1

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	\$619,000	\$619,000	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (June 1, 2023–Feb. 15, 2024)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$589,317	\$653,500	3
2-story	\$624,000	\$675,000	5
Tri/Multi-level	\$502,000	\$685,000	8
Bi-level	\$530,000	\$649,900	8

The statistical information is based on MLS data Feb. 15, 2024. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

What Clients are Saying About Duane...

The experience of working with Duane was phenomenal! He will tell you the truth, not just what you want to hear. He is methodical and calming—excellent personality traits that carry you through a trying time.

The fact that Duane is an expert in the Columbine area is an added bonus. I would wholeheartedly recommend Duane to sell your home. Don't hesitate—he will take excellent care of you! J. S.

We would not hire any realtor, other than Duane, to find us the right home and to sell our existing property. During the process Duane became our lifelong realtor and, even more importantly, a true friend. C. & M. E.

Duane was the perfect realtor to sell the home our parents owned. He has extensive real estate knowledge and knows the neighborhood very well. Duane was attentive and his guidance was invaluable. He is easy and pleasant to work with and we are grateful for his guidance, friendship, and very hard work on our behalf. We recommend him highly to anyone seeking the finest real estate agent. K. & R. C.



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