



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

CWCA – Your Homeowners’ Organization

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**Link For Membership**  
<http://www.CWCA.info>

## CWCA Calendar of Events

- **February Monthly Meeting:** February 13, 7pm, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **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

Feb. 13, 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

You are invited to our Meet Your Neighbors Mixer that is open to all residents within the Columbine West community. (Single family home owners/renters) We encourage you to reach out to any new residents and invite them to come check out the event. The event is planned to have heavy appetizers and beverages available for purchase. In past years some residents have brought their children along, who have struck up friendships. As a small organization we need help to grow our group, which has seen a recent decline due to volunteers relocating, retiring or spending time in different venues. Spread the word about us. Get out and introduce the group. We have much to offer. The Calendar of Events has many opportunities for volunteers to be involved and hands are need 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, 6pm. Bringing back the fun.



## Shoutout!

A special shout out to my new carriers and to Kate Suarez for picking up an extra 50 newsletter route on top of her current route. She took both Portland routes, John Basila caught the issue on his street and immediately stepped up and Stephanie Martin took both Zephyr Way routes. Also shout out to Betsy Walker. Successful December/January!

## 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](http://www.CWCA.info). and on Nextdoor.



## A Moment With The Board

The January monthly meeting had a handful of neighbors in attendance. Those dark/cold days of Winter does not really encourage people to come out in the evening hours. The group was unable to pass the Budget and Minutes which will be delayed til the February monthly meeting. You can begin to see that the association has a need for more volunteers and Board Members. Please think about how you might be able to help out, give a small amount of time and talent to the neighborhood. Neighbor and Master Gardener, Kathy Martin, was in attendance to give us a final plan for the renovation of Yukon/Coal Mine entrance. She will be spearheading the challenge and asking for hands to participate. There will be needs to help remove some existing plants, drop in more drought tolerant plants, replenish & add mulch while designing a low maintenance attractive landscape. We will post workdays in the Calendar of Events, the website [www.CWCA.info](http://www.CWCA.info) and on Nextdoor. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. Please drop a note to [CWCAtalk@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 February 13th, 7:00p at Dutch Creek Elementary Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

## Columbine West Civic Association

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

### OFFICERS

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**Treasurer,** Jason Collins; **Secretary,** Alexis Berra  
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**Membership Committee:** Kat Fassioli  
**Welcome Committee:** Bill Waite & Kathi Waite  
**Easter Egg Hunt:** OPEN  
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**Dumpster Day:** CWCA Board  
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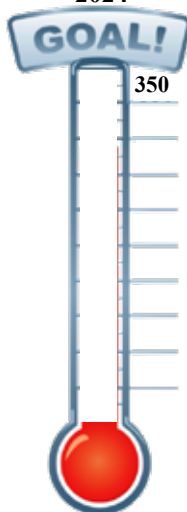
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Ken Caryl MS, 6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.; Columbine HS, 6201 S. Pierce St.

## 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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2024



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## CWCA Membership Form

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

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

# CWCA Holiday Lighting/Decorating Contest

The decorating contest was judged by Betsy Walker and her husband this year. They passed throughout the neighborhood looking for those amazing light displays. Please help us congratulate the winners for 2023.

## Ed and Debbie Sander-Cederlof 7301 S. Webster St.

Ed and Debbie have lived in the neighborhood for 23 years. Christmas is their favorite time of year. The gingerbread house was made by Ed and his grandson. They like to change things up every year and enjoy the joy it brings to others in the neighborhood. A neat feature is that Christmas music plays as well. This is a very unique and creative display.



## Cindy Bollacker & Angie Levesque 6943 S. Allison Way

Cindy and Angie have lived in the neighborhood for 23 years. Angie loves the Grinch so their yard is Grinch themed. Cindy and Angie add to their display yearly. They love seeing the neighborhood kids walk up and touch their decorations and enjoying their display. They really enjoy the kids and decorate for them to enjoy.

*Left:*  
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*Below:*  
6943 S. Allison Way



*Above are Honorable Mentions this year.*



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## Jeffco Human Services Offers Workshops to Help Boost Your Career

Jefferson County's Business & Workforce Center offers numerous career boosting and job search virtual workshops. Whether you are currently unemployed, under-employed or looking to change jobs, these workshops will help you become fully prepared to secure and advance your career. Topics throughout December include cover letters, resume concepts, and interviewing with much more to come in January. <https://www.jeffco.us/4155/Workshops>

## Enroll Jeffco is Now Open

Register for Jeffco Public Schools— It's time to enroll for the 2024-25 school year. All Jeffco families, including preschool families, should log in to EnrollJeffco to either confirm their student's return to their projected school or apply for choice enrollment by Friday, Jan. 12. Please view this short enrollment video for more information (English | Spanish). [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLqH-oH\\_KYc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLqH-oH_KYc)

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## Celebrating 118 Years of The National Western Stock Show

Since 1906, the National Western Stock Show has been held at the National Western Complex in Denver each January. For the last 118 years, the show has been a staple celebration of Colorado's beloved Western tradition and agricultural heritage. The first day always starts with a parade of more than 30 long-horn cattle down 17th Street. Each of the following 15 days has a packed schedule of 10 to 20 events, such as horse shows, rodeos, dancing (square, line, round, swing), livestock auctions, and even the state's largest Western trade show. Known as the "Super Bowl of livestock shows," there truly is something for everyone at the National Western Stock Show.

The annual, historic event aims to strengthen American agriculture through education and enrichment programs, celebrate Western lifestyles and communities, and be a source of long-lasting memories and family traditions. The Stock Show helps the local economy; their website boasts support of "\$171 million in net economic activity in 2023 across the state of Colorado" from the 702,698 attendees and thousands of participants that year. The group responsible for the Stock Show, the Western Stock Show Association, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides scholarships in agriculture and veterinary medicine practice in rural areas for both college and graduate levels.

Although January in Denver has been synonymous with the National Western Stock Show for the last 118 years, this wasn't always the case. There were multiple attempts to host a stock show in Denver before 1906. Some were successful, like the Denver Blood Stock Association's Blood Stock Fair on June 30, 1874. Still, there was no regular occurrence of stock shows in Denver until the 1906 Western Live Stock Show, which is the beginning

of what we call the National Western Stock Show today.

The show has remained a popular event throughout its 118-year history, with a record attendance of 726,972 people in 2006. Despite a COVID-19 pandemic-related cancellation in 2021, attendance has been upwards of 633,000 most years since. Although this year's show ended on January 21st, you can look forward to the 2025 show on January 11th through 26th.

Learn more about the National Western Stock Show at [nationalwestern.com](http://nationalwestern.com).

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— **Community Relations Manager Renie Dugwyler**

## 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
- 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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## Doggie of the Month

This is Judo. He is a 6 month old half lab/half golden and will live with us (Jen & Dave Bird at 8043 W Plymouth Pl) for up to a year before he goes on to college to be a service dog. If you see us out walking, say hi! But if he's wearing his vest, he's working and needs permission. There are also lots of ways to get involved that don't require having a dog for a year. Check out [FreedomServiceDogs.org](http://FreedomServiceDogs.org), they do amazing work!



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## 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, 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

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## Columbine West Statistics for January 2024

### Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$715,000	\$715,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$602,000	\$602,000	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$504,000	\$510,000	2
Bi-level	\$619,000	\$619,000	1

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

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$610,000	\$653,500	2
2-story	\$624,000	\$675,000	5
Tri/Multi-level	\$502,000	\$685,000	6
Bi-level	\$530,000	\$649,900	8

The statistical information is based on MLS data Jan. 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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