



Columbine West Civic Association

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CWCA — Your Homeowners' Organization

CWCA Calendar of Events

- **February 14th:** February Monthly Meeting,
- **March 2nd:** Meet Your Neighbor Mixer Breckenridge Brewery, 6pm
- **March 14th:** March Monthly Meeting, Dutch Creek Elementary, 7pm
- **April 1st:** Easter Egg Hunt (Canceled due to pool park construction)
- **April 11th:** April Monthly Meeting, Dutch Creek Elementary, 7pm
- **May 9th:** May Monthly Meeting, Dutch Creek Elementary, 7pm

Link For Membership

<http://www.CWCA.info>

Update From Betsy

If you are not receiving a newsletter, your area needs coverage. Call Betsy if would like to volunteer and get set up with a route near you. 720-560-9844



2023 CWCA Meeting Dates

Feb. 14th, Mar. 14th,
Apr. 11th, May 9th



February 2023

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

Meet Your Neighbor Mixer



You are invited to a 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 all the 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 with new residents. As a small organization we need all your help to grow our group. Spread the word about us. Get out and introduce the group. We have much to offer. We are looking forward to seeing you and any new residents! Our Chairperson has reserved Breckenridge Brewery Tap House, 2990 West Brewery Lane in Littleton, again in 2023 for March 2nd, 6pm. Bringing back the fun.

Dutch Creek Elementary News

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Thursday, February 2nd, 5:30-7:00pm

Our wonderful school is planning on showcasing student work, projects, and more! Come see what your kids have been working on. PTSA will provide refreshments. Please note: February 2nd is a late start day. Be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius for volunteers! And there is more...

VALENTINE'S DANCE - It's a Party Hearty Glow Party!

Friday, February 10th

(2) time slots available: 5:00-6:30pm & 7:00-8:30pm

Bring your children for a fun dance party with black lights and more. It's a Valentine's dance for parents and kids! Tickets: \$5/per person. Ticket price includes a slice of pizza and a glow stick. Purchase tickets here: <https://app.memberhub.gives/party-hearty/Campaign/Details>

Valentine's Day Fun

For two weeks before Valentine's Day, put paper hearts in your kids' (and husband's) lunches. Each heart says something that you love about them. This is an inexpensive and easy way to brighten their day a little. If your family doesn't pack lunches, tape the hearts to your kids' bedroom doors.

A Moment With the Board

Welcome back to Dutch Creek Elementary school. Our January meeting resumed in the school library at 7pm. The group was impressed with all the improvements that we were greeted by at the school, including a new entryway, new main office, new carpet and very cleverly designed library furniture. It was a very nice change from previously aged items. The group was eager to proceed with plans on upcoming events. The first on board is the Meet Your Neighbor Mixer. Please join us as we gather at Breckenridge Brewery Taphouse on March 2, 6pm. We will have heavy appetizers and drinks available for purchase. This is an opportunity to meet others in the community or just grab a few of your close neighbors and enjoy a free evening meal. Our Annual Membership Drive will commence on March 1st. Be on the look out for membership postcard arriving last February. Looking at the pool park and all the construction happening it was decided that our Easter Egg Hunt would need to be canceled for 2023. We will be back in 2024. We are hopeful that the pool will open this Summer and we look forward to having a neighborhood pool party to celebrate. Continue to watch for more news on upcoming Events on the website. Stop by the new website www.CWCA.info, which will have all the information you need. Please feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gmail.com with any other ideas you would like for us to work on. You can also connect with us at a Monthly meeting, the next one is February 14th, 7:00 at Dutch Creek Elementary. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

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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 dutchcreekptsat@gmail.com and we will do a porch pickup.

Everything is theoretically impossible, until it is done.

—Robert A. Heinlein

Columbine West Civic Association

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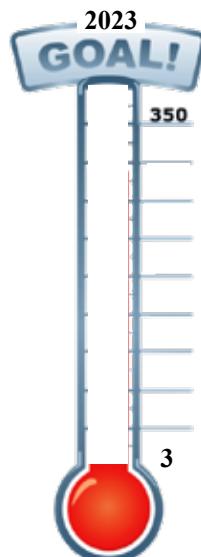
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Dutch Creek Elem., 7304 W. Roxbury Pl.

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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CWCA Membership Form

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Address: _____ Phone #: _____

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

Snow & Ice Control

Jefferson County has a couple suggestions to share with residents. Clear a path for melting snow and ice to drain within the curb and gutter to prevent ice dams and water from freezing on sidewalks. This is so important. We have some trouble spots within Columbine West, North facing sidewalks, that can become collection spots for run off. Try not to push too much snow into large piles that take longer to melt. When possible, throw your snow onto your yards.

Postal regulations require residents to clear snow in front of mailboxes to allow for mail delivery. If one of our mail carriers does not feel its safe passage to get to your mailbox, they will not deliver. Please keep the sidewalk and street clear of snow and ice.

Snow Pushed onto County Street or Right-of-Way: The practice of pushing or throwing snow onto or across Jefferson County streets endangers the traveling public as well as county snowplow operators. Jefferson County residents as well as private contractors may receive a warning and/or summons for snow pushed onto County streets and rights-of-way from sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc. This also applies to tossing broken up ice chunks into the street. Its never easy to try and find a spot to spread ice chunks to allow melting, but the street is not the correct spot. Thank you for helping to keep our right of ways clear and safe. For information about the plowing of streets in unincorporated Jefferson County, please call 303-271-5200.



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Signing up is easy, visit us at www.CWCA.info and enter your email in the subscribe box. CWCA is continuing to make Columbine West a great neighborhood. The more connected we are, the stronger we are.

Preparing for Winter Weather

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Remember the needs of your pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.

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Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by Black people and a time for recognizing the central role of Black people in U.S. history. Begun as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora, it is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, while in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.

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Loveland Sweetheart Festival

What better way than to celebrate the most romantic time of the year, than with the Loveland Sweetheart Classic and Festival? The exact dates are Friday to Saturday, February 10th to 11th, 2023. The festival is an extension of a long-time tradition of celebrating couples and loved ones with the Loveland Sweetheart Classic 4-mile race. The festival will be held in the new Foundry Plaza and features something for everyone.

Events include:

- Lock Your Love on the Love Lock Sculpture
- Laser light show
- Live entertainment
- Palace of sweets – held inside the state's largest inflatable igloo
- For the Love of Beer tent
- Kids activities and rides
- Art gallery walk
- Tunnel of love
- Sweetheart Classic 4-mile race
- Little Miss Valentine and Little Mr. Cupid Contest



The four-mile Sweetheart Classic is one of the biggest events of the weekend. Whether you're single or a couple this year, the Sweetheart Classic is a great way to get some exercise and meet new friends.

— <https://www.visitlovelandco.org/sweetheartfestival/>

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Draped in Holiday Charm

Driving around our expansive and snow covered neighborhood this Christmas, it was clear that Columbine West residents were in the decorating spirit of the holidays. Every quadrant of Columbine West was dotted with lights, blow ups, lasers and wreaths. So much effort by proud residents new and established alike. You felt the Christmas Cheer on every corner and cul de sac. There were many new homes that decided to decorate in 2022 and it was delightful to see a variety of themes, clever creations and energy efficient lighting schemes. The trend of lights strewn about on fence lines was joyous and warm, shout out to 7518 W. Frost Dr at the corner intersection with Webster, their whole fence line was lit up. Our most festive block was W. Quarto Ave, with many participating homes, the whole street was a treat to drive down.

Honorable mentions: **7769 W. Frost Drive & 8199 W. Fremont Dr** for their beautiful decor, you were definitely in the top 5!



Congratulations to our (two) 2022 contest winners, each won a \$50 Trader Joe's gift card.

Andy and Priscilla Halloran at 6980 W. Quarto Place.

They moved to CW in July of 2021 from Washington state and are loving it here. They have been collecting decorations since 2015 and have added more to the collection as their family grew. Each year they let their children choose the new blow up or decoration creating involvement for all. Andy says the family's favorite yard ornament is Jack Skellington Santa. From the snowman juggling snowballs to the buddy the elf, there was a nice assortment of genres, as well as beautiful lights. They really stood out.

Winner 2023: 6980 W Quarto Place

The Halloran's



Ken and Cindy Lynde at 6994 W. Roxbury Dr. One of our favorite homes this season stood out for its nostalgic charm, the glow of their bulb lined windows and eaves and the delicate candy canes draped with care. Ken and Cindy Lynde have been Columbine West residents for 24 years and they clearly love Christmas.

Winner 2023:
6994 W Roxbury Dr.
The Lynde's



Ken says they started their collection around 1998 and have been decorating outdoors for the holidays since around 2000.

When asked about his favorite decoration in his outdoor collection he points out the green and red lighted Wreath above his doorway which he made himself, acquiring the metal frame in Texas. It is quite spectacular.

— Contest judging by Alexis Berra and Family

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Rmail a Valentine's Day Love Letter from Loveland

Have you heard about the Loveland's Sweetheart City Valentine Program? It has become a national sensation, with a wonderful cause. How about sending a cute Valentine to your loved one straight from Loveland?

Each year, more than a hundred thousand love letters are sent to Loveland. Then, they are sent to the intended recipients with the official Loveland Colorado cachet and stamp. Each year, more than 160,000 love letters will get to their final destination from Loveland.

This special tradition dates back to 1940 when the Loveland Chamber of Commerce President wanted to give people the opportunity to share the love. Soon it received nationwide exposure, and the Loveland Re-Mailing program was born.

If you would like to send a Valentine to your beloved one stamped with the official Loveland Colorado cachet and stamp, you can mail it to the Loveland Remailing Program at this address:

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446 E. 29th St
Loveland, CO 80538-9998

It's required that you add proper postage for your envelope or postcard. If you're sending to an international destination, make sure that your cards arrive in Loveland by February 1st. For destinations within the U.S. the deadline is February 7th. If sending your letter within the state of Colorado, the card should arrive as late as February 9th.



Some of the stores even have remailing boxes where you can drop off the letter. King Soopers & City Markets stores do it yearly, so make sure that you do this until February 1st.

– <https://loveland.org/programs/valentine-re-mailing-program>

Loveland's 32nd Annual Mountaintop Matrimony

MARRY ME & SKI FREE

Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14, 2023

The 32nd Annual Marry Me & Ski for Free Valentine's Day Mountaintop Matrimony ceremony and reception is a Loveland tradition where new couples are joined in matrimony and married couples renew their vows in a mass wedding at 12:00 pm sharp in Forest Meadow. The Mountaintop Matrimony is one of Loveland's most popular events of the year and we look forward to your participation. The ceremony is done for all couples at the same time and lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Couples are encouraged to dress in appropriate "ski-wedding" attire as there will be great photos opportunities to create memories that will last a lifetime. Please keep in mind that Forest Meadow is located just under 12,000 feet and that dressing warmly is important even on a sunny day. The wedding will not be rescheduled because of snow or cold weather, so be prepared! For more information visit <https://skiloveland.com/wedding>.

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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

We had a busy December and January. Decembers main event highlighted our Annual Bellringing for the Salvation Army. Many of our members selected time slots to fill and we rang the bells for two weeks at the King Soopers Stores at Kipling/Chatfield and at Pierce/Coal Mine. The club is so very thankful for the donations you put money in the Kettles. A big shout out to each stores management and employees for letting us ring. When everything was totaled up we had collected \$15,444.50, plus two rare silver dollars. Members once again braved several snowstorms at Sharing With Sheridan Food Bank. During the distribution times we generally help distribute 50-100 food baskets, weekly. Our Blood Drive was a wonderful success, as we collected 20 units of blood, which was more than we had expected due to weather and seasonal illnesses. Of course, we have many other activities. We can use help, always more fun service projects that we need help including food banks, ushering at music events. Jr. Achievement, Meals on Wheels, and more. We are an active service minded club of 62 members. We can use help on many service projects. If you would like to participate in service projects and social events check us out at <http://columbinekiwanis.org>. We invite you to and come for a free breakfast at 6:45AM at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO 80123. You do not need to join the club to help with our service projects. For information email me at kensweet@gmail.com.



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

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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)

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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.

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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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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 Jaggers, 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

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

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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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2-story	\$699,000	\$715,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$650,000	\$650,000	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$625,000	\$625,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$499,000	\$499,000	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (July 1, 2022–January 16, 2023)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$515,000	\$590,700	4
2-story	\$530,000	\$800,000	8
Tri/Multi-level	\$395,000	\$619,900	8
Bi-level	\$465,500	\$650,000	12

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