



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

CWCA – Your Homeowners’ Organization

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## CWCA Calendar of Events

- **Happy New Years (2024):**  
Cheers to you and your families
- **January Monthly Meeting:** January 9, 7pm, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **February Monthly Meeting:** February 13, 7p, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **Membership Drive Kick-off:** March 1
- **Meet your Neighbor Mixer:** March (TBD) 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

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

## Meet Your Neighbors Mixer

The Association will kick off the 2024 year with the much anticipated Meet Your Neighbor Mixer. The date has yet to be finalized, we are trying to schedule a late February /early March gathering date. Some of you may not know about this event, some of you may have been attending since its inception. Where did this event idea start? Roughly about 6 years ago a new neighbor came to a CWCA meeting to check out what the association did and what it offered. Through some continued conversation he asked if CWCA had ever thought to host an event to bring neighbors together outside of a Monthly meeting or Special Event (volunteer based). He shared how a past neighborhood of his had partnered with a local establishment that would allow neighbors to gather in a low key, yet neighborly fashion. So, more conversation ensued, ideas were shared and the Mixer became a CWCA Budget line item to fund and a Chairperson was assigned. Trying to find a local place, not too expensive, but inviting to all became our task. A family in Columbine

West has close ties with Breckenridge Brewery and we reached out to them with our idea, thoughts and concerns. Now, Breckenridge Brewery has been successfully hosting CWCA and the event continues to grow. Our current Chairperson works alongside Breckenridge Brewery creating an atmosphere that is welcoming, engaging and filled with shareable appetizers that are incredibly delicious. The TapHouse, right next to the main restaurant is where we meet, which allows us our own uninterrupted space. Now that you have some history on the event why

not plan on sharing an evening meeting some of your Columbine West neighbors. Keep an eye on the February newsletter for the date & time. Cheers.



## Immediate Newsletter Deliverers Needed

The neighborhood has a couple carrier routes available for volunteer delivery. Routes are roughly (30-40) newsletters and Betsy tries to match you with your own street or one close by. If you can share a small amount of time each month to drop off a newsletter on the porch of a neighbor, please call Betsy at 720-560-9844. This is also a great way for Cub Scouts, Brownies or older Scouts to earn volunteer hours (we can sign off on participation as a 501(3C) organization.) *Fremont Ave, Zephyr Way #2 & #3, Geddes Place (2) on Portland Ave (50 count)*



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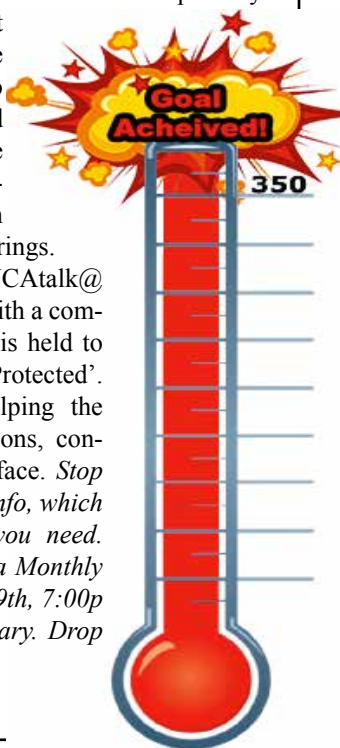
## 2024 CWCA Meeting Dates

Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 11

## A Moment With The Board

As it was posted in the December newsletter there was no monthly meeting. At one time the Officers/Board would host a Holiday Potluck during the December meeting, allowing volunteers to gather together, share some tasty treats and spend time reflecting on the past year in the review mirror. Neighbor volunteers would update projects that were being planned and brainstorm on ways to bring more inclusive events to the community, while also encouraging the growth of the Membership Drive numbers. Time shared was well spent. Times change, volunteers come and go and the potluck was dropped from the scheduled events, instead our Officers/Board encouraged volunteers to spend time with family & friends and come back in January refreshed and energized. On the coat tails of that decision a new offering was presented to the group for consideration... Meet Your Neighbor Mixer (aka Members Mixer) Would anyone attend? Where would this happen? Who would plan it? How much would it cost? Please read the article to follow. The Moment with the Board was created to give newsletter readers a quick synopsis of topics being discussed at Monthly Meeting, not a substitute for possibly joining those who are attending, volunteering and leading the Association. If you see something in the update that interests you please reach out through any of our multiple platform offerings.

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'. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments that may surface. *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 January 9th, 7:00p at Dutch Creek Elementary Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.*



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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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## Newsletter Editor News

Since 2008 I have been gathering data from so many sources, whether within the neighborhood or outside the community and brought it together for all residents to read. The association email account receives questions from neighbors concerning community issues which I then research and answer within the pages, in the area titled 'From the Inbox'. I reach out to the Officers/Board or community members to find as much information as I can to bring about the most comprehensive answers available. I attend each Monthly Meeting, take notes on the Agenda presented and then bring that information to the community in the area titled 'A Moment with the Board'. I have also attended CoHope meetings and received their newsletter that has information from neighboring communities. It was a pleasure to sit down with Jefferson County Deputies when they offered 'Coffee with a Cop', bringing back quality information to the neighborhood. All of this has been an amazing journey, opened my eyes to the potential of our neighborhood and also made me extremely grateful to live here. I have raised my two sons and am now the proud Grams of four abundantly loved and adored grandchildren (2 boys & 2 girls). My days are VERY full with family, church and community. Now I need to free up some of my time as my husband and I venture into retirement and all that has to offer. Thank you for allowing me to share my vision of the CWCA Newsletter for all these years and I look forward to opening up the pages to a new voice from the neighborhood.




## Charitable Donations of CWCA 2023


As a 501(3C) the Columbine West Civic Association tries to give donations to worthy local causes. In 2022 the Board choose to help with funding the necessary expenses associated with training the JCSO Canine Training program. This year the Board choose to make a donation to the Columbine H.S. After Prom program. The After Prom is fully funded by charitable donations and gives our high school student body a safe environment to celebrate and enjoy many offerings. The prom is in the Spring and highly anticipated by the students. Donation dollars are only available in the CWCA Budget when we are able to underspend our Proposed Expenses. Due to a few of our events being modified and coming in under expected budget, or our CWCA Memberships dollars coming in over expected budget, the opportunity to share was available.

## Doggie of the Month

Can you share a photo of your pup being their amazing self? Include a small amount of information on your pup, like breed, age and what helped you decide to bring them into your family. Help us showcase the many amazing pups we have in our lives and the neighborhood. Send photo to newsletter Editor at [nmccombs@yahoo.com](mailto:nmccombs@yahoo.com). We will post on the website too. Woof! *(we hope to bring kitties into the mix too)* Meow!

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Signing up is easy, visit us at [www.CWCA.info](http://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.

## Ouray Ice Festival

Celebrating its 29th anniversary in 2024, the Ouray Ice Festival is one of the more popular winter events in Colorado, both for participants and spectators. Watch as the tiny mountain town of Ouray becomes a climbing mecca for those looking to test their skills at climbing the jagged ice walls of Ouray Ice Park.

Where: Ouray Ice Park

When: Thursday—Sunday, January 18–21

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Anyone is welcome to help on any of our projects 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.

### Recent project highlights:

In December we helped with bell ringing for the Salvation Army, final numbers aren't in yet but we usually raise about \$20,000 for the Salvation Army. It is important to note that all of that money stays local and is used to help people in our community that need it.

In January we can use help at the Sharing with Sheridan Food Pantry. Every Thursday we are providing food for north of 200 families, working with local schools, driving Meals on Wheels, and more.

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.

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

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- 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
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## New Year's Resolutions for Building a Healthy, Happy Life

For many people, the start of a new year marks an opportunity to reflect on their life, and think about where they would like to be in the future. And while New Year resolutions may get a bad rap for encouraging unrealistic goals or placing pressure on us, they can also be a great starting point to prioritize your health and wellness on your own terms. That may look like embracing totally attainable goals that don't focus so much on an overhaul of your current life, but more so make room for slowly adapting new routines and habits that will make you feel great about yourself.

Starting small could look like making an effort to reset your sleep schedule and prioritizing having a bedtime. Or it may start with your home, beginning to organize one room at a time, first focusing on your closet and later getting to your kitchen. Still, it could be as simple as taking control of your thoughts and incorporating inspiring quotes and daily affirmations into your morning routine. In any case, the achievable resolutions below aim to relieve stress, minimize anxiety (not add to it) and improve your overall well-being.

Even if the path to reinventing yourself starts off a little rocky, you can always get back on track at any time throughout the year. Remember 2024 is your year, so treat yourself like it!

Here are some examples:

- Start a gratitude journal
- Make time for family
- Build a better budget
- Practice mindfulness

- Cook something new each week
- Read more books
- Create a cleaning schedule you'll stick to
- Commit to a healthier sleep routine
- Join a club
- Learn to love vegetables
- Become a plant owner
- Take the stairs

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## Columbine West Military Members

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**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

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	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$602,000	\$602,000	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$504,000	\$504,000	1
Bi-level	\$564,900	\$564,900	1

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$625,000	\$625,000	1
2-story	\$624,000	\$624,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$699,900	\$699,900	1
Bi-level	\$538,000	\$538,000	1

### Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Apr. 1, 2023–Dec. 6, 2023)

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$522,000	\$650,000	5
2-story	\$565,000	\$675,000	6
Tri/Multi-level	\$502,000	\$664,150	10
Bi-level	\$545,000	\$649,900	8

The statistical information is based on MLS data Dec. 6, 2023. 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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