Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter©

CWCA — Your Homeowners' Organization

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

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Luxury of Living without an HOA (Part 1)

Luxury is only a word...until it brings the experience of a change of lifestyle. In today's world luxury is really a state of mind. It's about finding beauty and awe in life, recipes, nature, chores, rituals, decorating, people and simplicity. A luxurious life goes far beyond how much money is in the bank account or how many luxury items you have in your closet. Instead, it's about elevating the ordinary and having the freedom to do so. It's about all the little things you can do to overall create a life that you can define as luxurious. Luxury living looks different for everyone and is yours to define. Maybe it's even just scoring a mad deal in the Dollar Section at Target. A luxurious lifestyle enables you to enjoy what you have. Where is all of this leading to? Leading to a community called Columbine West.

A neighborhood that has everything you could need without the oversight and fees of a traditional Home Owners Association. That's right, the neighborhood that allows freedom of expression with your landscape choices. A community of neighbors who enjoy picking out their own paint palates for exterior painting. People who choose how and when to do remodels, additions, extra storage spaces and garages on their property. The builders of Columbine West did everything right when developing the land and establishing the governing rules. They gave each of the 1,500 Single Family Home parcels plenty of room for each new resident to spread their wings, yet also feel part of a growing community. To maximize individual freedoms within a structure that respects the collective space of the neighborhood. A luxurious lifestyle enabling everyone to enjoy what they have. Homeowners in Columbine West have had an active Civic Association for over 40 years, comprised of caring neighbors who voluntarily plan & manage annual events, along with Covenant Protection duties. There are (7) entrances, (5) have signs and garden beds that require minimal maintenance, provided at no charge to each homeowner. Better yet, the Civic Association does not have to report to a management company, each Board member reports to each other and to the neighborhood. All of this comes with a voluntary annual membership of $35 & 10 simple Covenants. Could luxury living get any better? The neighborhood has a pool, play parks & maintained trails, which are owned and managed by Foothills Parks & Recreation. These items are paid through a Mill Levy attached to in-district property taxpayers, which Columbine West is part of. There is so much to enjoy while living in Columbine West. The Columbine West Board & Officers wish everyone in the neighborhood a Happy New Year, filled with a luxurious lifestyle that really is a state of mind. Cheers.

CWCA Calendar of Events

- Happy New Year 2022
- January Monthly Meeting: Jan. 11, 2022
- February Monthly Meeting: Feb. 8th
- Happy Valentines Day
- Meet the Neighbor Mixer: Feb. TBD
- March Monthly Meeting: Mar. 8th
- Easter Egg Hunt: April 10
- April Monthly Meeting: April 12th
- May Monthly Meeting: May 10th (CWCA Elections)
- June Monthly Meeting: June 14th, Flag Day
- Dumpster Day: June 18

From The Inbox

Hello. Just wanted to give you an update on the trailer parked in front of my house. I saw the owner moving it to his backyard. Finally! If you had anything to do with it I just wanted to say thank you! Of course I'll ask for help again if needed. Thanks for your help.

— Grateful Neighbor

PayPal Link For Membership

The direct link for PayPal is: www.neighborhoodlink.com/Columbine_West/pages/39993

2022 CWCA Meeting Dates

Jan. 11th, Feb. 8th, Mar. 8th, Apr. 12th, May 10th, Jun. 14th

A Moment With the Board

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Here's hoping the holidays were bright and cheery. Healthy too. CWCA did not have a December meeting, thus allowing our volunteers time off to pursue other holiday events. This also means that our Voicemail and email lines, covered by volunteers, will not be answered until January 2022. Hopefully everyone will be so busy enjoying family, vacations and football that we haven't missed any important messages. We were not sure if our Membership numbers would cover our continuing expenses in 2021, but we were surprised to see our Dues Drive Meter meet our GOAL. A huge Thank You to those who choose to pay dues. It is quite amazing how much can be accomplished by ¼ of the neighborhood supporting Annual Membership. The New Year will be filled with many of the same offerings along with a few new ones. Continue to check the calendar on the front page of the monthly newsletter or stop by the new website www.CWCA.info and check out what's happening. On the front page of the January newsletter is a write up about the luxury of not being an HOA community (Part 1). In upcoming newsletters we will be adding to the theme and helping neighbors to understand our unique position as a Civic Association. Freedom = Responsibilities. The CWCA Board is always changing it's volunteer members and this year will be no different. As members relocate, retire and find other activities to pursue the need for committed neighborhood volunteers grows.

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 if you feel you have some time & talents to share with the community. Check the front page of the newsletter for the meeting QR code. Drop in, say hi and meet a friend.

Columbine West Civic Association

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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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Do You Want To Build a Snowman?

Here we go again. As I am putting the finishing touches on the January newsletter, it's December 11, the snow is falling and we are expected to see some accumulation. Go build a snowman, take a picture and send it to ncmccombs@yahoo.com. We really want to see those Frosty creations. Tell us a bit about your snowman and how you decided to build what you did. If you see someone else's snowman, get a picture. Looking forward to seeing what Columbine West neighbors can design and build this snowy season.

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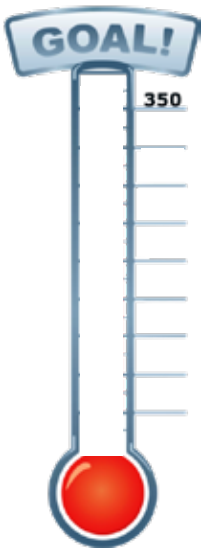

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Voting Information	303-271-8111

Letters to Santa

This was a Nextdoor posting from one of our very kind and thoughtful neighbors on W Coal Mine Pl. A sneaky little elf stopped by this year, and low and behold, I once again have a magical mailbox on my porch! The elf told me, last year Santa received so many letters, that he wanted to use my porch again! Stop by anytime and leave a letter to Santa between December 1 - December 24! From what I hear, Santa will be writing back to all the good boys and girls that send letters his way! Don't forget to leave a return address! Twinkle, the elf has been hanging around my front porch, so make sure when you come to drop a letter, you take a look around for her! Merry Christmas!

It's No Time To Let Down Your Guard

Please try not to become complacent about the safety of your home and lives. With that in mind, South Precinct Crime Prevention offers these helpful reminders:

- **Don't leave your vehicle running unattended.** Beyond the fact that it's against the law, wastes fuel and pollutes the air, you leave your vehicle and belongings inside it vulnerable to thieves. I know none of us at this time of year want to get into a cold vehicle, but that's better than not having the vehicle to get into! There are devices on the market that plug into the cigarette lighter of your vehicle that will instantly blow out warm air, and heated seat cushions are inexpensive.
- **Take all your valuables out of your car and lock it!** Unlocked vehicle trespasses continue to be reported at a high rate throughout the county. Removing all items from your vehicle may help to reduce the opportunity for your vehicle getting broken into.
- **Invest in outdoor lighting.** Soon the time change will be in effect and it will be much darker earlier in the evening. Adequate lighting around your residence will help reduce areas for people to conceal themselves and their activities. Indoor lights on timers can also help create the look of someone being home.
- **Ordering online:** Consider having the expensive items shipped to you at work or held at the distribution center for you to pick up, instead of having it left by your front door.
- **Cut Up The Holiday Gifts Boxes.** Instead of leaving that box for the new HDTV out for the trash pickup, cut up the box so you're not advertising what cool stuff you got for Christmas!
- **Visit the crime prevention section of the Sheriff's office website.** Click on the link to find many helpful crime prevention suggestions and information. You can find it at http://jeffco.Us/sheriff/sheriff_t62_r80.Htm

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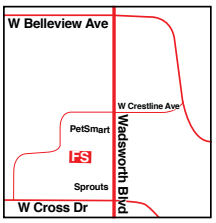

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Tony Monte, USMC, 1968-1975 (Vietnam War)

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

Burglars On The Job

Written by Richard T. Wright, a Criminology Professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book.

13 THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

- Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
- Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
- Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste. And taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
- Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
- If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
- If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
- A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom – and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
- It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door – understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
- I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
- Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
- Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
- You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

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Burglars, *continued from page 4*

- A loud tv or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Faketv.com and other web sites have these devices.)

8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

- Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
- The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
- I'll sometimes break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
- I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
- I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
- Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
- To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
- If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

—South Precinct Crime Prevention, Jefferson County Sheriffs Office, 200 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, Colorado 80401, 720-377-2002

CWCA Covenant Violation Report

Date: _____

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

Description of alleged violation: _____

_____

Violator's Address: _____

☐ I would be willing to appear in court as a witness.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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

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Columbine West Statistics for December 2021

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2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	*Highest*	*How Many?*
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	$699,900	$699,900	1
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	$505,000	$545,000	2

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (June 1, 2021–Dec. 7, 2021)

	Lowest	*Highest*	*How Many?*
Ranch Style	$475,119	$705,000	10
2-story	$461,550	$725,000	18
Tri/Multi-level	$500,000	$704,827	16
Bi-level	$475,000	$590,000	15

The statistical information is based on MLS data Dec. 7, 2021. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

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