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CWCA – Your Homeowners’ Organization

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<http://www.CWCA.info>

CWCA Calendar of Events

- **September 12th:** Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **September 22nd:** Dutch Creek Carnival, 5-7:30pm, Carnival and Celebration, parking lot
- **October 10th:** Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **October:** Trunk or Treat (Date TBD) Dutch Creek Elementary parking lot
- **October:** Halloween Decorating Contest Judges out & about 10/29-10/31 (keep those lights on)
- **November 14th:** Monthly Meeting, 7:00pm, Dutch Creek Elementary
- **December:** Holiday Decorating Contest Judges out & about 12/20-12/25 (keep those lights on)
- **December:** No December Meeting Merry Christmas, enjoy the holidays
- **Happy New Years (2024)** Cheers to you and your families

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

RV’s, Boats & Trailers

Columbine West has always had the ability to attract great neighbors looking for extra large lot sizes to help them store their recreational vehicles. Many neighbors have built specialized storage areas, including cement pads, covers and electronic operating gates. Having the ability to store these treasures securely behind fencing has community benefits also. The CWCA Covenants requirements are to store RV’s, trailers & boats out of site behind a 6’ fencing and it also helps to keep crimes of stolen vehicles lower.

What happens when homeowners are not storing things properly? Residents write into CWCAtalk@gmail and ask this very question, numerous times throughout the year, but mostly during the Summer months. “Does the association have any governance?”, “Does the association make an effort to connect with the homeowner?”, “How long does it take



the association to see a solution?”, “Why are there so many homeowners NOT following the Covenants? I am?”. All great questions worthy of good answers. The CWCA Covenant Control Group (CCG), all volunteer members, monitor the neighborhood monthly. They spend hours monitoring violations, assembling correspondence to be delivered to homeowners and communicating to those who need further clarification. It is never the committee or associations desire to elevate violations to Court status, but it has been done. Court cases have been presented to the Jefferson County Magistrate during night-court proceeding and been ruled in favor of the CWCA Covenants. CCG prefers to see neighbors take steps to avoid those proceedings. If you are in doubt about a letter received from CCG, please connect with CWCAtalk@gmail.com. We wish to thank all of those who do store properly.

— CWCA CCG



2023 CWCA Meeting Dates

Sept 12th,
Oct 10th, Nov 14th



Updated Pool Photos



A Moment With the Board

Our August monthly meeting was held at Victory Park, having two picnic tables filled and some lively discussion. The association President spot is OPEN along with (3) Board positions. It was suggested that we drop more information into the newsletter explaining what potential tasks are as volunteers. The group was once again updated on the pool progress, noting that the contractors will be filling the pool to make sure everything is operational before they shut it down for the Winter. The sidewalks were scheduled to be completed before school starts, but weather has caused more delays. The picnic table pavilion has had new concrete poured, along with a new foot path to the bridge. The parking lot is now concrete, trying to mitigate the asphalt issues from the past. Dutch Creek PTSA has asked for the CWCA to join them at the 50th Anniversary carnival, the actual help needed is to be discussed soon. Discussion was held with Kathy Martin, Master Gardener, who has approached CWCA about the renovation of the entrance at Yukon Way/ Coal Mine. Kathy brought us very detailed drawings and plant list to show how the entrance area can be recreated, using much of the existing hard scape material, repositioning plants and adding much needed curb appeal. The association has seen a need to remove plantings that take more volunteer hands than we have. Therefore her recommendations are creating a low maintenance, low water yet high impact entrance design. We will drop sketches into the newsletter soon, along with details on how neighbors can help, either with monetary donations or labor. We are planning to continue our partnership with Dutch Creek PTSA to participate with Trunk or Treat in October. More details to come. Continue to watch for more news on upcoming Events on the website. 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 Sept. 12th, 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elementary Library. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

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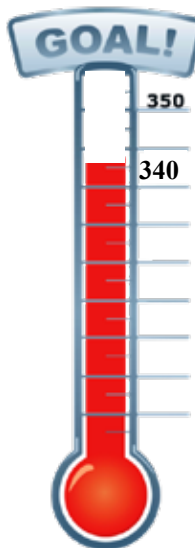
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News Articles

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.

2023



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Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Adam and Jasmin Singer for being selected as the Yard Of The Month for August. The Singers moved into Columbine West two years ago, and a total re-design of their front yard has been one of their major passions. Their home at 6966 South Ammons Street has seen the addition of a patio, multiple rock beds, a pathway and numerous colorful plantings. The final addition will be a few Juniper trees to line the property. The Yard Of The Month is sponsored by Columbine West Realtor® John Basila. If you'd like to nominate one of your neighbors, please email John at columbinerealtor@gmail.com. Winners receive a cash prize and get to display a yard sign.



Doggie of the Month

Let us introduce you to Mabel, who lives at 7949 S. Allison Way. Mabel is 2yrs old. The family got her after a grieving period of their first family dog passing away. They did an extensive search until they found the perfect little puppy to join their family. Her favorite pastimes are playing fetch and giving kisses to her family and friends. Welcome to the neighborhood Mabel. What a cutie. Thank you so much for giving us a chance to show off your pup. 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 ncmcombs@yahoo.com. We will post on the website too. Woof! (we hope to bring kitties into the mix too) Meow!



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News You Need To Know On The Go!

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Behind The Badge: Help Protect Loved Ones From Scams – May 2023

In the last 60 days, we have taken 24 reports of elder fraud, involving victims age 70 or older. This is a 41% increase from the previous 60 days. Our victims are not numbers, however; they're real people. People like Susan, who was victimized on April 21st, and whose name we have changed to tell her story.

Susan, 76, got a call from a man claiming to work for an Internet provider. He told her that while he was checking her Internet speed, he noticed she had a \$500 credit on her account for services she was entitled to but did not use. He instructed her to get on her computer and when she did, a page was already open that she did not recall opening. The caller told Susan she had accidentally hit a button that selected a refund of \$5,000 instead of \$500. The caller then told Susan he would lose his job if he didn't get the extra \$4,500 back.

The caller instructed Susan to withdraw \$4,500 from her bank and purchase nine \$500 gift cards. He stayed on the phone with Susan while she went to the bank and two separate stores to purchase the gifts cards. During the call, Susan asked him several times if he was scamming her. He said no. Once she had the gift cards, the caller instructed her to tell him the gift card numbers and security codes. Susan did. After the call ended, Susan tried calling his phone number back but the number was disconnected.

Unfortunately Susan was scammed for \$4,500.00. Could the same happen to your parents? Your grandparents? Even you?

Please talk to your loved ones about scams. Think of how many scam calls, emails or texts you get in a week, and you may not even be targeted like older adults are. Elder fraud is one of the more common and frustrating financial crimes. Oftentimes,

victims are not able to recover their hard-earned money. And oftentimes, we are not able to identify suspects who hide behind layers of fake identities and cloned phone numbers.

Scams come in many forms, but how we should respond to them is the same:

- Do not answer calls from unknown numbers. If it's important, they'll leave a message.
- Do not provide personal information on the phone or in an email or text message to anyone you do not know. Personal information includes date of birth, social security number, credit card numbers, and bank account information.
- Do not withdraw money, send money, purchase gift cards, or make other financial transactions for someone you do not know.
- If you suspect it's a scam, end all communication – hang up the phone or delete the email or text message.
- If you have been scammed or your personal information has been used without your knowledge or permission (for example, a new credit card arrives in your name), report it to local law enforcement immediately (and cancel the card!).

One of the best ways to help protect your older loved ones from being scammed is to talk to them about common scams and how to avoid them. For more information, visit <https://www.jeffco.us/985/Scams>.

— Reggie Marinelli, Sheriff
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Columbine West Veterans

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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
- Jason Collins**, U.S. Army (Retired), 2003-2004, 2005-2006 (2 Tours Iraq), 1-10 CAV, 4th ID, Truck Driver
- Dave Fine**, U.S.A.F, 1966-1970, F4 Fighter Radar Tech, George AFB

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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 any way 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.

Additional Places to Recycle

- **Rooney Road Recycling:** Schedule an appt, Wednesday or Saturday from 8am to 1:30pm
- **Green Sheen Paint:** 1055 S Jason St., Denver 80223, 303-514-3955. Monday thru Saturday all day, 8am-4pm. The paint must be in the original can w/ the label attached. You can recycle oil, latex, stain and acrylic paints. No paint thinner or flammables. Aerosol cans are \$1/per.
- **AAA Propane:** 7405 W 44th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033, 303-425-7623. They will accept 20# & 30# tanks of any shape for recycling.

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Columbine West Statistics for August 2023

Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$629,900	\$629,900	1
Bi-level	\$599,000	\$599,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$625,000	\$625,000	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$625,000	\$625,000	1
Bi-level	\$549,900	\$549,900	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Jan. 1, 2023–Aug. 15, 2023)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$522,000	\$725,000	6
2-story	\$565,000	\$720,000	7
Tri/Multi-level	\$530,000	\$664,150	9
Bi-level	\$465,000	\$649,900	5

The statistical information is based on MLS data Aug. 15, 2023. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

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