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CWCA – Your Homeowners’ Organization

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

Link For Membership <http://www.CWCA.info> CWCA Calendar of Events

- **August Monthly Meeting:**
August 13, 6:30pm, Pool Pavilion
- **September Monthly Meeting:**
Sept. 10th, 7pm,
Dutch Creek Elementary Library
- **October Monthly Meeting:**
Oct. 8th, 7pm,
Dutch Creek Elementary Library
- **Trunk or Treat:** Oct. 25th,
5:30pm, Dutch Creek Parking Lot
- **Halloween Decoration Contest:**
Oct. 31st, keep those lights on
- **November Monthly Meeting**
Nov. 12th, 7pm,
Dutch Creek Elementary Library
- **No December Monthly Meeting**
- **Holiday Lighting Contest:** Dec.
20-25th, Show off your Holly Jolly



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2024 CWCA Meeting Dates

Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8

Posted Speed Limit is 25MPH

Please plan a little extra time when driving through the neighborhood. Many residents on different feeder streets have been writing into CWCA to share how frustrated they are with the excess speed of vehicles. As a community can we share the responsibility to slow down? Can we show neighborly respect for each other? Can we be more mindful of the kids, animals, walkers and bikers that call Columbine West home? We absolutely can. Share the road. Slow down and enjoy the ride.



Back To School Soon

On the topic of speed in the neighborhood, please remember our critical School Zones. Once the school year starts be mindful of the blinking lights, located on Webster Ave and Roxbury Ave, before and after school. But, that is not the only concern. There are kids walking and biking to school, using crosswalks and looking to arrive safely to school. Many kids look forward to the new found freedom of getting to school with neighbor friends or solo and some need a little extra patience as they learn. We have been there too. Our neighborhood kids deserve our attention to be on driving. Lastly, there is a posted NO U-TURN sign directly in front of the school building. Be responsible and respectful of the traffic flow, many are trying to get in and out of the parking lot (Hug & Go) without causing any accidents.

From The Inbox

Most recently a message was posted to CWCAtalk.com concerning the amount of drivers that continually speed on Ontario Dr. This street is a major connector within the community, bringing residents from Coal Mine Ave/Yukon into the development. Many years ago the street was home to roughly (5) speed bumps, which made some residents unhappy and others feel more secure with the reduced speed of vehicles. Then the street was milled, the bumps were removed and neighbors adjacent to the bumps were surveyed to see if the bumps should be replaced. The speed bumps were nixed and not replaced. Fast forward a decade or so and neighbors living on Ontario Dr are beyond concerned with the excess of speeding vehicles. They are concerned for their kids playing in front yards. They are concerned with being able to pull out of their driveways safely. They are concerned about potential accidents. Where do they go from here?

The association was able to secure information from Jeffco Road & Bridge that lays out the entire process of having speed bumps reinstalled. The process is lengthy and has a price tag associated with it. So, we were asked to drop this information into the newsletter, asking residents to be mindful of those who live on Ontario Dr. The posted speed LIMIT is 25MPH. Take a moment when you drive through the area, look at your speedometer and adjust accordingly. We are a neighborhood, not a speedway. Let us each commit to reducing our speed and sharing the road respectfully with each other. Thank you so much.

A Moment With the Board

Back to the pool park pavilion we go. The July monthly meeting was attended by a handful of residents. Open comment time had residents sharing concerns on neighborhood topics, a few that CWCA can potentially help with and others that need to be directed to Jefferson County Zoning. Speeding within Columbine West was one of the bigger conversations. Agenda items were squared away. Our Membership Meter has reached 317, a bit shy of the 350 goal, yet the 2024 Budget is fully funded, due to some generous residents that gave an extra donation. Every Membership and donation is appreciated greatly.

There are still (3) OPEN Board positions awaiting interested volunteers to join in and see how they too can help Columbine West. The association is committed to seeing the Columbine West neighborhood be the best it can be. Please think about how you might be able to help out, give a small amount of time and talent to the neighborhood. The next event the CWCA has scheduled is Trunk or Treat. Would love to have some volunteers help with the event alongside the school volunteers. Visit www.CWCA.info today.

Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. There has also been Realtors that have used the website successfully to attain paperwork necessary for home closings. 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 August 13th, 6:30p at the pool park pavilion. Drop in, say Hi and meet a friend.

Columbine West Civic Association

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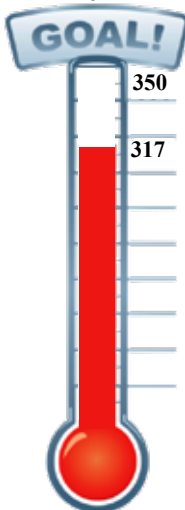
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News Articles

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.

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2024



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Jefferson County Board of Commissioners Votes to Refer Ballot Measure in November

On Tuesday, July 8, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to place a question on the November ballot. After months of extensive community outreach and research, the Board of Commissioners expressed during a public hearing that they believe the voters of Jefferson County should have the opportunity to decide if the county can retain additional revenue to address budget shortfalls and a growing backlog in infrastructure needs. “It’s important to us that we hear from the community on the level of service that they expect from the county,” County Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper said. “Thank you to the community members who addressed the board prior to our vote. Our top priority is to be efficient, strategic, and accountable with taxpayer dollars.” The ballot question asks voters if Jefferson County shall be authorized to collect, retain, and spend the full revenues from authorized revenue sources beginning in Fiscal Year 2024. The question also specifies that the retained funds would be used for transportation and infrastructure as well as public safety. “We have engaged with the community through both qualitative and quantitative research and have found that infrastructure, transportation, and public safety are priorities for the community,” County Commissioner Tracy Kraft-Tharp said. “Those are also areas in need of significant resources.” In addition to this ballot measure, county staff began work on the 2025 budget earlier than normal to evaluate potential budget reductions and strategies for cost savings. This will allow staff to prepare for either outcome.

“It is the spirit of TABOR to bring questions like this to the voters and let them decide,” County Commissioner Andy Kerr said. “TABOR demands that community members engage with their government to address challenges like this.”

— Posted on: July 10, 2024

Eye on Local Connection

Columbine High Class of 2012 Alumni, Woody Kincaid, participates in 2024 Summer Olympics, Track & Field. Specialty: 10K, Colorado connection: Graduate of Columbine in Littleton, What to know: Kincaid’s trademark is his closing kick. In 2023, it helped him win the U.S. men’s 10K title with a time of 28 minutes, 23.01 seconds (fellow Coloradan Elise Cranny won the women’s race in 32:12.30) and secured him the North American indoor record (12:51.61) in the 5K.

Competing: Men’s 10K, Aug. 2

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We do a lot of volunteer work with and for kids in our local schools throughout the year. This summer we are doing the Jeffco Reads Food Distribution program at Shaffer Elementary. During the school year we do tutoring at Columbine Hills Elementary, work in the Library at Governor’s Ranch and Leawood Elementary, and Terrific Readers and Writers at Field Elementary. We run a Student of the Month program at Powell Middle and Arapahoe High School and we sponsor Student Leadership Programs at all of the Littleton and South Jeffco High schools as well as Ken Caryl Middle School. We also conduct Junior Achievement programs in a number of elementary and high schools in the metro area. If you want to work with kids we can use your help!

Details about our upcoming projects and social events 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 usually 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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Yard of the Month

It's been a number of years...

Congratulations to Charlene and Edward Sander-Cederlof for having their yard selected for Yard of the Month for July!! The Sander-Cederlofs have lived in Columbine West for 26 years and were nominated by their neighbors. They previously won in 2013. Charlene has designed the front of their home at 7301 S Webster St. with a variety of bulbs and perennials so that there is always something blooming throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall. Each year she also mixes in some Annuals. Blooming now are the Coneflowers and coming soon are the Peonies and Hibiscus. As Yard Of The Month winners, the Sander-Cederlofs will receive a gift card and display a sign in their yard. (thank you for donating your prize dollars to help with revitalizing the Yukon Entrance) If you'd like to nominate one of your neighbors, email our Sponsor, neighborhood Realtor® John Basila at columbinerealtor@gmail.com.



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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
- Jason Collins**, U.S. Army (Retired), 2003-2004, 2005-2006 (2 Tours Iraq), 1-10 CAV,4th ID, Truck Driver
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Root Beer Float Day

On August 6th, National Root Beer Float Day tells us to float a scoop of vanilla ice cream in an ice-cold mug of frothy root beer. The classic beverage creates a creamy treat loved by generations! Also known as the "Black Cow," the root beer float got its start in Colorado in a mining camp. Frank J. Wisner of Cripple Creek, Colorado, gets the credit for inventing the "Black Cow" way back in August of 1893.

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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$650,000	\$780,000	4
Tri/Multi-level	\$684,000	\$684,000	1
Bi-level	\$596,000	\$596,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$600,000	\$900,000	3
Tri/Multi-level	\$560,000	\$620,000	2
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Jan. 1, 2024–July 15, 2024)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$589,317	\$611,900	2
2-story	\$615,000	\$710,000	4
Tri/Multi-level	\$510,000	\$685,000	8
Bi-level	\$515,000	\$625,000	9

The statistical information is based on MLS data July 15, 2024. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.



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