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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

- **Happy New Years 2025.** Cheers!
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting,** Jan 14
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting,** Feb 11
- **Valentines Day, Hug Your Sweetie,** Feb 14
- **Daylight Savings - Spring Forward,** March 9
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting,** March 11
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting,** April 8
- **Easter Egg Hunt (Chairperson NEEDED),** April 12
- **Happy Easter,** April 20
- **Community Garage Sale,** May 2 & 3
- **Happy Mothers Day,** May 11



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2025 CWCA Meeting Dates

Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8 & May 13

D.I.Y. For C.W.C.A.

Do It Yourself Newsletter

The year of 2025, will witness the CWCA Newsletter becoming a new platform of articles and information being shared. Long time Editor for the CWCA Newsletter (2008-2024) has finally stepped down and there has yet to be a replacement Editor to fill the position (anyone in the community can volunteer) Articles can now be submitted directly to NewsletterConnections.com or info@newsletterconnections.com or 303-979-7499. Deadline for news to be included is the 13th of each month prior to the Month of Publication. Articles will be approved by the printer and added as Space Permits.



Happy New Year!

Nextdoor Good News

Lorraine Swetland, Lackawaxen Neighborhood, Lackawaxen, PA

Lorraine, a 75-year-old Vietnam War veteran, recently underwent back surgery, restricting her mobility. Following a heavy snowfall, she posted to Nextdoor’s Help Map to #AskForHelp by finding a neighbor who could shovel her deck. Within minutes of posting, Lorraine received a response from her neighbor, Shawn, whom she had never met before. Shawn arrived 20 minutes later with his 15-year-old son to get the shoveling job done. Lorraine said: “I’ve always been self-sufficient, and it is kind of disheartening when you are not, so when you get someone who is willing to help you, right off the bat, no questions asked, it makes you feel really good.

— Cheers, The Nextdoor Community team

A Maple Staple

Sticky, sweet and versatile, maple syrup is a pantry powerhouse. The maple syrup production process gets its start from one of nature’s true phenomena. In springtime, when the nights are below freezing, water from the soil is absorbed into the maple tree. During the day, warmer temperatures of about 40 degrees Fahrenheit create pressure that pushes the water back down to the bottom of the tree, making it easy to collect the precious maple sap. The sap is gathered over 4-6 weeks, usually between early March and late April, according to the region. While there are written accounts of maple sugaring in North America dating back to 1557, the exact origins of maple syrup are unknown, according to the University of Vermont. What is known is that the maple syrup industry came to life during the Civil War, with the invention of evaporator pans and metal spouts, and the introduction of tin cans. Today, Canada produces 71% of the world’s pure maple syrup, with 91% coming from Quebec, according to Maplefromcanada.com. Looking for a warm recipe to shake the chill this Winter, check out: <https://www.maplefromcanada.com/recipes/apps-and-sides/bacon-maple-turkey-chili/>. Bon a petit.

A Moment With the Board

No Monthly meeting in December. Happy New Year Everyone. Cheers! The CWCA Board is actively looking for replacements to fill the much needed volunteer spots of Pres & Sec. There are also (3) OPEN Board positions awaiting interested volunteers to join in and see how they too can help Columbine West. Any interested neighbor can attend a monthly meeting, drop a message to CWCAtalk@gmail.com or call the voicemail line. 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. There was plenty of participation in our Events in 2024, it is imperative for more volunteer hands to come forward to help. The Easter Egg Hunt does NOT currently have a Chairperson to schedule, plan & stuff eggs. Our Annual Dumpster Day Event in June will be planned and hosted by a volunteer Chair already installed. The FREE Swim Nights usually offered in July & August will need someone to step forward to help schedule and plan. Our new website has been helping the Board volunteers manage questions, concerns & comments. 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. The Officers/Board takes December off to spend time with family and friends. We ask that you consider how you might spend a little time to give back to the neighborhood. The next monthly meeting is January 14th, 7pm, Dutch Creek Library. Happy New Year to everyone. Cheers!

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, 303-514-3955. Mon.-Sat. all day, 8am-4pm. Paint must be in original can w/ label attached. You can recycle oil, latex, stain and acrylic paints. No paint thinner or flammables. Aerosol cans: \$1/per.
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Columbine West Civic Association

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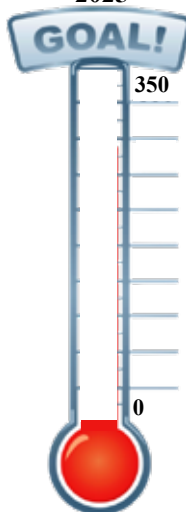
Dutch Creek Elem., 7304 W. Roxbury Pl.
Ken Caryl MS, 6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.; Columbine HS, 6201 S. Pierce St.

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.

Thank You For Supporting Membership!

2025



Jefferson County Numbers

Information	303-279-6511
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CWCA Membership Form

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Questions?

How did Coal Mine Avenue in Jefferson County get its name? Was there at one time a coalmine in the area? If so, where was it located, how long was it active and how many miners worked it? Answer: There were a few coalmines in the area, with several larger ones in the Golden area. The Unity Mine, which later became the Economy Mine, was located near what is now Coal Mine Avenue/South Kipling Street and was active from 1932- until 1940. Another mine, a bit farther south along South Kipling Street, was called the Christianson Mine from 1922-1932 and then the Littleton Mine from 1933-1939. These mines produced an adequate source of decent-quality coal in the 1930's and early 40's. The Unity employed nine miners in 1935 and 10 in 1936. The Christianson Mine had 20 miners working there in the 1930's. Jefferson County adopted a geohazard zone in the 1970's that included much of the coal mine subsidence areas. In those areas, the County allows certain uses, such as parking lots, parks and Open Space, but will not allow single-family homes.

— Source: Pat O'Connel, Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Division; Denver Post article 1980

National Plan For Vacation Day

National Plan for Vacation Day, on the last Tuesday in January, reminds us to plan our vacation at the start of the year for the rest of the year. The early bird gets to pack their bags and fly away to a little fun and relaxation!

Thank You Newsletter Carriers

Thank you to those who have given many years and steps to the cause of delivering the monthly newsletter. Do you ever wondered why the newsletter comes directly to your doorstep? Have you wondered if there may be a better way to have the community news shared? Would you like to be involved in helping the association achieve a distribution list? Might you be interested in walking a neighborhood route? Many great questions that could use the help of a few volunteers to address. The association has a couple newsletter delivery routes currently open. We have had a few past carriers retire and pass the torch. Open routes will have a notification attached to the newsletter, information on how to get involved and how many newsletters the route services. Most routes are no more than 30 papers. Delivery Coordinator Betsy Walker, can get you plugged in and ready to deliver.



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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Thank you for helping with our Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Blood Drive in December. They were great successes. NOTE: they haven't happened yet as I write this on Dec 3, but I am looking into my crystal ball. I expect that we collected \$20,000 for the Salvation Army. A new year, time to make some resolutions. Perhaps to get more involved with community activities and helping people, socializing also. If so check out Columbine Kiwanis. We always have worthwhile and fun projects, that anyone can join. In January we will be working with the Sheridan Blood Bank. Project Cure, Sweet Dreams in a Bag, working in libraries and tutoring in local schools plus more. We are stretched and can use help. The projects are also a great chance to meet like-minded people. 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 also have a bimonthly meeting usually at Columbine library on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. For more information email kensweet@gmail.com.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers (68 members) dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. We are serving our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations



throughout the year. All are welcome to help with any of our projects or attend any of our social events. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

How To Keep Your New Year Resolution

- **Make it realistic:** Set goals that you believe you can achieve. For example, don't resolve to never eat your favorite food again.
- **Plan ahead:** Don't wait until New Year's Eve to make your resolution.
- **Set small, actionable goals:** Use the SMART method to create goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time bound.
- **Find accountability partners:** Ask friends and family to support you and cheer you on.
- **Create a reward system:** Reward yourself for meeting short-term goals.
- **Track your progress:** Keep track of each small success.
- **Be flexible:** If your current approach isn't working, reevaluate your strategies and develop a new plan.
- **Have compassion for yourself:** Don't beat yourself up if you don't meet your goals.
- **Practice positive thinking:** Remind yourself how your "bad behavior" will affect your goal.



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a year of happiness, health, and
prosperity in 2025!*

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The National Western Stock Show & Rodeo

The National Western Stock Show & Rodeo, Jan. 11–26, 2025, celebrates Denver’s rich cowtown roots and is a cherished Colorado tradition since 1906.

Held every January at the National Western Complex, it’s the nation’s premier livestock, rodeo and horse show, serving agricultural producers and consumers throughout the world. Enjoy rodeos featuring top-notch bull riders, horse shows, livestock competitions and auctions. And don’t miss acres of shopping at Colorado’s largest Western trade show. Make a night of it!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

All events take place at the National Western Complex, unless otherwise noted. Bulls and broncs, cowboys and cowgirls – rodeo’s top athletes from around the country roll into Denver for the first major pro rodeo of the season. Don’t miss the match-up between two and four-legged athletes, from barrel racers to mutton busters. The circuit also includes fan-favorite MLK Jr African American Heritage Rodeo.

Mexican Rodeo Extravaganza, Jan. 12, 2025

Filled with cultural pageantry, the Mexican Rodeo Extravaganza features Mexican-style bull riding, bareback riding, trick roping and Mariachis, all choreographed by Jerry Diaz, a fourth-generation champion charro.

Xtreme Dog Shows, Jan. 20 & 21, 2025

Dog lovers unite for a show full of amazing tricks, aerial stunts and comedy antics, all performed by man’s best friend. Meet the stars of Xtreme Dogs at the Pat & Chat following each performance. National Western’s hottest family event. Xtreme dogs competition at National Western Stock Show

Olympics-style Horse Jumping Events, Jan 17 & 20, 2025

The National Western Stock Show hosts two prestigious horse jumping competitions, the Grand Prix and Gambler’s Choice. These events combine show jumping technique and precision that require absolute cooperation and teamwork between horse and rider. These exciting events attract top equine athletes and riders from across the nation.

–<https://www.denver.org/milehighholidays/national-western-stock-show/>

Head To The Hot Springs

While any time of the year is a good time to visit one of Colorado’s many hot springs, January is a great way to experience the coldest part of winter in Mother Earth’s hottest geothermal pools. The Centennial State is home to several primitive, commercial, and even clothing-optional hot springs. Popular sites include Strawberry Park Hot Springs, Glenwood Hot Springs, and Mount Princeton Hot Springs.

If you’re looking for a free activity and are willing to hike a little bit, head out to a primitive hot spring and maybe even enjoy the natural pools all to yourself. No matter if you opt for developed or undeveloped, be sure to bring your swimsuit, a towel, warm layers, and extra water to rehydrate after your dip.

–<https://www.uncovercolorado.com>

January looks forward to the new year and back to the old year. He sees past and future.

–M.L. Stedman

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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

News You Need To Know On The Go!

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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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January 17, 2025
MARCH 21, 2025
May 16, 2025

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YourJeffco App

Allows Citizens to Submit Road Maintenance Requests

Jefferson County is excited to announce the implementation of a new website and app, YourJeffco, that enables citizens, visitors, and business owners in the county to report issues and concerns about roads and bridges maintained by Jefferson County (outside of city limits in unincorporated Jeffco). Reporting a pothole, flooded road, downed tree, graffiti, or scores of other issues is now as simple as pulling out a smartphone. <https://www.jeffco.us/4492/YourJeffco>

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National Clean Off Your Desk Day

January 13 is an opportunity to begin your new year with a clean and organized workspace. Whether your desk is in a private or shared office, cubicle, home or a make-shift desk on the counter, having your workspace uncluttered and organized will help you work more efficiently. A clean workspace improves productivity and inspires us, too. It often gives us a sense of serenity.

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

ET3 David Fillpot, U.S. Navy, Plankowner, USS Carl M. Levin, stationed in Honolulu, HI

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, Petty Officer 1st Class, Small ammunitions, Navy Base, SD

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Columbine West Statistics for December 2024

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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$600,000	\$744,990	2
2-story	\$685,000	\$775,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$630,000	\$630,000	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$775,000	\$775,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$610,000	\$610,000	1
Bi-level	\$567,000	\$575,000	2

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (June 1, 2024–Dec. 6, 2024)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$475,000	\$650,000	4
2-story	\$573,989	\$895,000	11
Tri/Multi-level	\$554,000	\$695,000	9
Bi-level	\$515,000	\$555,000	2

The statistical information is based on MLS data Dec. 6, 2024. 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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