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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

- **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

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

National Wear Red Day

National Wear Red Day, Friday February 7, is an annual campaign to raise awareness about heart disease in women. The national campaign urges women to learn their risk for heart disease and to take steps to lower their risk. What increases a woman’s chances of heart disease? Smoking, sedentary lifestyle, family history, diabetes, stress, inflammatory diseases like rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn’s complications during pregnancy or menopause.



We can prevent or reverse many of these risks by taking action. Speaking with our physician also helps to further lower our risk of heart attack and stroke by making and following a plan.

Quit smoking/vaping. Ask for help if you need it. Your physician has many tools at her side to make quitting a success.

Change your lifestyle. Become more active and improve your eating habits. This will help with many risk factors including stress, family history, and other health conditions.

Get routine physical exams. Heart disease and stroke kill one in three women. These diseases are 80 percent preventable according to Go Red for Women’s official website.

–www.goredforwomen.org

Valentine’s Bazaar At Aspen Grove

February 7, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

February 8, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Denver BAZAAR returns to Aspen Grove for a two-day FREE Valentine’s BAZAAR on February 7 & 8 for the love of all things local! The BAZAAR will be located in space 450, next to Lululemon.

This indoor market will feature 50+ carefully curated vendors, focusing on jewelry, confections, art, fashion, and other giftable items. It will also feature tastings, live music, and craft cocktails. General Admission | FREE Entry, All Ages!

National Love Your Pet Day

February 20th: National Love Your Pet Day is a day to show extra love and appreciation for your pets. It’s a reminder to take some time to play with them, show affection, and do something special for them.

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

We are starting off with a busy year. We volunteer with the Sheridan Food Bank Thursday, we sort medical supplies for Project Cure, we work at Meals on Wheels, we volunteer at local schools and we experience great fellowship. Our silent auction at Christmas raised over \$7,000 for our foundation.

Come and check out Columbine Kiwanis. We always have worthwhile and fun projects that anyone can join. In addition to the above, we also support Sweet Dreams in a Bag, we work in libraries and tutor in local schools and engage in other terrific community projects. We are stretched and can use help. These projects are 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 7am 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 12:30pm. 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.

Additional Places to Recycle

- **Rooney Road Recycling:** Schedule an appt, Wednesday or Saturday from 8am to 1:30pm
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Columbine West Civic Association

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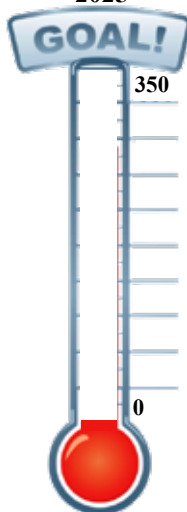
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News Articles

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.

Thank You For Supporting Membership!

2025



Jefferson County Numbers

Information	303-279-6511
Motor Vehicles	303-271-8100
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Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

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

White Chicken Enchiladas

Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp. canola oil, divided
- 12 whole corn tortillas
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 whole jalapeño, seeded and finely diced
- 2 1/2 cups cooked, shredded chicken
- 3 (4-oz.) cans whole green chiles, diced and divided
- 1 tsp. paprika, divided
- 2 cups reserved broth from chicken, divided
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 1/2 cups grated monterey jack cheese, divided, plus more to top
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Cilantro, chopped

Directions:

1. In a small skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of canola oil over medium-high heat. Fry the tortillas for no longer than 20 seconds, just to soften (do not allow to become crisp). Place the tortillas on a large towel or stack of paper towels to drain.

2. Heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of canola oil in separate skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and jalapeño, and sauté for 1 minute, just to start the cooking process. Add the chicken, half of the green chiles, and 1/2 teaspoon of the paprika. Stir together. Add 1/2 cup of the chicken broth and stir. Add the heavy cream and stir, allowing the mixture to bubble and get hot. Turn off the heat and set aside.

3. In a separate large skillet, melt the butter and sprinkle in the flour. Whisk together and cook over medium heat for 1 minute. Pour in the remaining 1 1/2 cups of chicken broth. Whisk together and cook until it begins to bubble, 1 to 2 minutes more. Stir in the remaining half of the chiles. Reduce the heat, then stir in the sour cream. Add 1 1/2 cups of cheese and stir to melt. Add the remaining 1/2 teaspoon of paprika. Check the seasonings and add salt and pepper as needed.

4. Preheat the oven to 350°F.

5. To assemble, spoon the chicken mixture on top of the tortillas, one by one. Top with plenty of cheese and roll up. Place seam side down in a 13-by-9-inch casserole dish.

6. Pour the cheese mixture all over the top of the tortillas. Top with extra cheese if you'd like, then bake for 30 minutes. Sprinkle generously with chopped cilantro.

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Orchid Show At Denver Botanic Gardens

Visit the Denver Botanic Gardens for their annual orchid show and see beautiful displays of delicate orchids. The orchid show takes place indoors at the York Street location, so this makes a great option for a cold day activity.

When: January 10, 2025 – February 17, 2025

Snow Removal From Your Private Property

Many local laws require residents to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow-storm to allow safe use by pedestrians. This is particularly important along school pedestrian routes to prevent children from having to walk in the street.



Owners must place snow from their sidewalks onto their front yard or other areas of their own property, and not into the street. This practice reduces the number of icy areas on streets and ensures proper drainage flow into the storm sewer once snow melts.

–<https://www.codot.gov/travel/snow-removal>

Museum Free Days

There are plenty of free admission days for the month of February.

- Denver Art Museum: February 14th
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science: February 6th and February 26th
- MCA Denver: February 4th
- Museo de Los Americas: February 3rd
- Denver Botanic Gardens: February 16th (through lottery only)
- Denver Zoo: February 5th

–<https://secretdenver.com/things-to-do-february-denver/>

Mardi Gras 4Paws

February 10: Celebrate Mardi Gras while giving back to man’s best friend

The town of Frisco celebrates Mardi Gras with a twist by hosting a costumed canine parade and street party for dogs and their families. All proceeds from the event go to the non-profit Hope for Animals – Clear Creek Rescue, which helps abandoned, lost and suffering animals through rescue, shelter and public education. Register for the parade or come enjoy live music, “Yappy Hour” and a costume contest to crown the king and queen pup of the parade.

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Stay Active in Cold Weather

When winter blows in, you can pull the blankets over your head and go back to sleep – or you can suit up and head out for an outdoor winter adventure! There's no reason you need to take a break from physical activity when the temperature drops. In fact, exercising in cooler weather has some distinct advantages over working out in warmer weather.

TIPS AND BENEFITS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- There's no heat and humidity to deal with. Winter's chill might even make you feel awake and invigorated.
- You may be able to work out longer in cold weather, which means you can burn even more calories.
- It's a great way to take in the sunlight (in small doses). Not only can light improve many people's moods, it also helps you get some vitamin D.
- Exercise boosts your immunity during cold and flu season. Just a few minutes a day can help prevent simple bacterial and viral infections, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

TRY THESE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

- Brisk walking or hiking
- Jogging or running
- Shoveling snow
- Ice skating
- Sledding
- Cross-country skiing
- Snowshoeing



STAY WARM, STAY SAFE:

Staying warm and dry when heading out to exercise in cold weather is all about layers. A little preparation can keep you safe from cold weather hazards like hypothermia and frostbite.

Cold temperatures, strong winds and damp conditions (like rain and snow) can steal your body heat. For example, according to the National Weather Service, a 30-degree day with 30-mile-an-hour wind feels like about 15 degrees. And if you get wet (from rain, snow or perspiration) that effect is magnified. That's why layers of clothing are so important. They help trap the heat and form a kind of insulation against the elements.

Resist your instinct to start layering with cotton. Once cotton becomes wet with sweat or snow, the moisture is trapped and will make you feel colder and heavier. For your first layer, you want something that pulls moisture away from your skin, like the moisture wicking fabrics used in high-performance sportswear. Next, add a layer of fleece; top it off with a thin waterproof layer.

TRY THESE INDOOR ACTIVITIES:

- Home workout circuit
- Dancing
- Active housework such as vacuuming and sweeping
- Mall walking
- Bowling
- Roller skating
- Yoga or other fun group classes at your local gym, studio or community center
- Stair climbing



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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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CWCA newsletter now offered digitally.

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Milkcaps For Moola

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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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YourJeffco integrates directly with the county's citizen request management software, QAlert. This integration allows users to submit comments and photos when notifying Jefferson County staff about an issue. Through YourJeffco, those submissions are then routed to appropriate departments or individuals for handling and resolution. Once your request is submitted, you can receive updates (via text, email or phone) while requests are addressed and resolved.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a four-week-long celebration during which we shine a light on—and seek to learn more about—the people, events, experiences, and contributions of Black America throughout the past 400-plus years.

It is never too late to be what you might have been.

—George Eliot

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

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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$600,000	\$600,000	1
2-story	\$675,000	\$675,000	1
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	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (June 1, 2024–Jan. 15, 2025)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$475,000	\$650,000	4
2-story	\$573,989	\$895,000	13
Tri/Multi-level	\$554,000	\$695,000	10
Bi-level	\$515,000	\$575,000	4

The statistical information is based on MLS data Jan. 15, 2025. 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.

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