



Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter[®]

CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization



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Mail Theft in Columbine West

On Monday, March 1st, the CWCA received an email from a neighbor, alerting us to some unfortunate activity that was happening around Columbine West.

Please be advised, "Last week while walking my dog, I found a half dozen unopened pieces of mail in the snow at South Allison Way and Fremont. The mail, however, was from Quarto. I stayed at the scene and contacted the Jeffco Sheriff's department. They dispatched a deputy who informed me that this was already the 4th reported incident in our development. He had other opened mail in plastic bags on the floorboard of his patrol car. The officer said that people are taking mail in search of pre-approved credit card applications, credit card statements, bank statements, checks, and any other credit identifying information that they can use. They quickly screen your mail and open what is of value to them, taking the contents.

Outside of trying to monitor your mail box, there are some things you can do to help reduce risk. Please retrieve your incoming mail timely. You may also want to consider dropping off your outgoing mail and bills at the Post Office, or at a USPS mail box, rather than leaving it in your residential mail box, with the flag up "advertising" to potential mail thieves. It just takes a minute for them to walk or drive by and take your mail. Be on the alert for missing bills and statements. Please report any suspicious activity around mail boxes. We are all Columbine West neighbors."

— Gary Radke

CWCA is always thankful to those who are committed to making Columbine West a great development. We must be cautious with our personal information at all times. If you are expecting important papers/payments, check your mailbox often.



Columbine H.S. After-Prom Open House

It is that time of year again; Columbine High School's Prom and the highly anticipated After Prom Party. This year's prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 17th. The After Prom party starts at midnight following the dance and runs through 5 a.m.

Sunday morning. This event is held at the school and is FREE, (thanks to the generosity from individual donors and local businesses) to all Columbine H.S. junior and senior students, whether they attend the dance or not. The hallways are completely transformed, in keeping with the theme, including midway games, activities, a casino, great prizes and food all night. Not only is the event great fun for students and parent volunteers alike, it keeps the students safe in a drug and alcohol-free environment, all night long. The school will be open to the community from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the night of April 17th, for parents and friends to tour the school and take in the incredible transformation. Plan on stopping by and checking out the After-Prom Open House.

CWCA 2010 Membership Drive is On

It's that time of year again, the annual membership drive. CWCA neighbors can sign up and join the efforts of the association to create an inviting and caring community. Our past year saw new programs become stronger and shared ideas are being implemented in new additions for this year. Your membership dues give the association the opportunity to maintain entrances, enforce covenants, deal with impact of foreclosures, support our local schools, team up with community organizations, sponsor special events and help neighbors dispose of unwanted materials with the much anticipated Dumpster Day. With 1,490 homes, registration of 403 households in 2008, followed by 423 households in 2009

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CWCA Calendar of Events

- Apr. 1st, Membership Drive Begins
- Apr. 13th, 7 p.m., CWCA Meeting/Nominations, Dutch Creek Elem.
- Apr. 17th, Columbine High School Prom
- Apr. 24th, 9 a.m., Garden Workday, Coal Mine/Yukon
- May 1st, Yard of the Month Begins
- May 10th, Mother's Day
- May 11th, 7 p.m., CWCA Meeting, Dutch Creek Elem.
- Jun. 8th, 7 p.m., CWCA Meeting, Pool Pavilion

Dumpsters In The School Parking Lot For School Use Only

CWCA 2010 Meetings

Dutch Creek Elementary, 7:00 p.m.

April 13th • May 11th
June 8th (Pool Pavilion)

We need your help!

We need volunteers to deliver the CWCA newsletter to the neighbors who live on and near your street. The time involved is usually less than a half an hour a month. We receive this newsletter for free each month. In return, our commitment to the publisher of the newsletter, Colorado Lasertype, is that the newsletter will be delivered in a timely manner to all the homes in the neighborhood. Columbine West is a large neighborhood but if each person does one small thing, we can get it done! **Please call 303-972-2387 to volunteer. We need you! We need substitute volunteers to help cover routes when people are ill or out of town.**

Membership Drive, *continued from front page*

was a very supportive beginning to what we hope to see expanded this year. Many hands have worked unlimited amount of volunteer hours to try and bring about a better sense of community, consistent covenant enforcement and an informative newsletter communication system. We would like to be able to bring in a shredding truck to help our residents get rid of old and possibly sensitive material. A few of our neighboring communities have been modeling similar programs to help bolster their own membership commitment. CWCA encourages ALL residents to become current with the membership fees which are affective for 12 months. If you have questions or concerns, please contact **Nora Lund at 303-979-0498**. For volunteer opportunities, contact the voicemail number at **303-904-8218**. Your \$25 fee is the best value in town. Dues and/or donations can be mailed to: Columbine West Civic Association, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162. New Payment Option! Pay securely online with PayPal, VISA, MC, Discover, and AMEX. Go to: **www.neighborhoodlink.com/jeffco/cwc/**. If you have a special project you would like to donate to, make that notation on your payment. Thank you for your continuing support in making Columbine West a great community to live in.

CWCA Elections in May

Elections will be held during the May 11th CWCA Board meeting. CWCA has (6) positions for Board Members, with three positions having alternating year elections. This year there are (3) Board positions that are coming up for election. If you are interested in running for a Board position, please contact the voice-mail number at **303-904-8218** and leave a message indicating your interest. You can also attend the April 13th CWCA meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary and request to be added to the slate for election. The association requires that Board members reside in the neighborhood and be current paid members. New members bring a renewed sense of community to the Board. CWCA has been able to accomplish many tasks in 2009, due to the commitment of its Board members and dedicated volunteers.

Clubs West 2010 Swim Team Registration

Clubs West Stingrays has been running a competitive swim team for 30 years in the Columbine West Community. Young swimmers love the skills learned to successfully make it across the total length of the pool. Older swimmers are challenged to beat their previous year's race scores. Parents enjoy the safe environment of the community pool. Some swimmers even arrive at sun up on their bicycles, allowing neighborhood parents the opportunity to have their kids experience some independence. Our local swim team has posted the registration information for the 2010 summer swim program. On April 17th from 10-2 p.m. at Lilley Gulch Recreation Center and on April 18th from 12-4 p.m. at The Ridge, interested and returning swimmers can sign up to become part of the Clubs West Swim Team. All levels of swimming abilities are accepted and encouraged to participate. The team is made up of extremely talented and inspiring swimmers. The swimmers are coached by qualified individuals along with assistant junior coaches that are local high school students. A fun swim will be offered on April 23rd at the Ridge from 7-9 p.m., for interested swimmers to check out the team. For further information or questions, please feel free to contact **Heather Volmer at 720-922-8790**. Check out the Clubs West website at **http://clubswest.topcities.com/**.

Columbine West Civic Association

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Joyce Hooker, *Vice President*, dnjhooker@msn.com

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Mary Cole, *Treasurer*

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Schools

Dutch Creek Elementary

7304 W. Roxbury Pl.

Ken Caryl Middle School

6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.

Columbine High School

6201 S. Pierce St.

Check Facebook for information on Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

The newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for news is the 13th and ads is the 15th 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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NIC Mission Statement

A group of volunteer homeowners who welcome new residents, educate all Columbine West residents about covenants, zoning and county ordinances, while addressing issues pertaining to our community, and look for opportunities to improve and enhance our neighborhood.

Jefferson County Numbers

Information	303-279-6511	Motor Vehicles	303-271-8100
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Colorado State Patrol	303-239-4500	Planning & Zoning	303-271-8700
County Commissioners	303-271-8525	Sheriff - Emergency	911
County Administrator	303-271-8500	Traffic Complaints	303-271-5677
Extension Service	303-271-6620	Voting Information	303-271-8111

Community Member Looks Ahead

The CWCA has known community member, **Patrice Thomas**, for a few years. She first introduced herself when Foothills P&RD was looking to pass a Mill Levy back in 2007. Foothills was looking toward reductions in programs and possible facility closures. It was her daughter, **Arianne**, who stated, "Mom, you cannot let them close our neighborhood pool." Patrice decided to attend local community forums that were being held to discuss options. She came to the CWCA Board meetings and informed the community of pending decisions being looked at by FHP&RD. She joined the Friends of Foothills and helped to coordinate the community outreach campaign. Even though the Mil Levy was unsuccessful, Patrice cares about our community and continues to be of service. She saw the amazing work that was starting to be done by the Garden Club and then decided to become involved as a volunteer with CWCA.

The family moved into Columbine West back in 1989. She mentioned being in a military family and moving around a lot. This made her want a first home that was "nice enough and big enough, so that they would never want to move again." Her son **Christopher** attended Dutch Creek, Ken Caryl M.S. and graduated from Columbine H.S. Their daughter, attended Dutch Creek, Coronado G.T and is now enrolled at Denver School of Arts. Her husband, **Jim**, is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist. Patrice has worked with NFP Technologies as a consultant and trainer on not for profit fundraising specific database management software, which tracks constituents, contributions, grant proposals, volunteers, and events. She worked side-by-side with Directors, CEO's and data online people to bridge the gap of managing these programs.

Columbine West has a community member that is moving forward in her quest to be involved and listen to her constituents. Foothills P&RD will be holding a mail ballot election for (2) Directors seat on May 4th. Mid April, a mail-in ballot will arrive to those of us in Ward 4, from FHP&RD and we will have the opportunity to elect an individual to represent us. You will see Patrice Thomas's name on the ballot. We wish Patrice much success.

"We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about." – **Charles Kingsley**

Solar Panels Shed Light on Savings

Jeffco recently adopted a new renewable energy initiative, one of a few throughout Colorado that allows one 100-kilowatt solar panel system to be installed at 30 schools. The panels will generate about half the electricity for an average elementary school, saving an estimated \$1 million in energy costs over the next 20 years. The program has no initial cost because of federal, state and Xcel Energy renewable energy incentives.

"To install a panel like this alone, runs about \$460,000," said Jeffco's Chief Operating Officer Bob Smith. "By offering these incentives, it's the only way organizations like ours can take advantage of renewable energy applications."

The district partnered with CEI Roofing Colorado, which will own and maintain the solar panels and sell the electricity the panels produce to the district at a price below its current utility rate. An added bonus is that the initiative includes a curriculum that teaches students about the district's solar panels and other energy-saving measures. The district will begin installing the solar panels over the summer.

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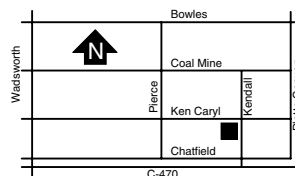
April 23: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

April 24: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
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The Good, Bad & Covenants

It is the seller's responsibility to disclose covenants and we have had many new homeowners negatively impacted by the lack of disclosure or clarity around the covenants in Columbine West. Numerous individuals have brought it to the Board's attention that they were never informed of the covenants. CWCA is therefore being blamed. In light of this situation, CWCA is trying to be proactive and help protect future homebuyers. When a For Sale sign goes up in the yard, our Board member **John Basila**, local Keller Williams Realtor, makes a very important phone call. John has volunteered his services to the CWCA community to personally check each newly posted home for sale to see if the current owner has listed that Columbine West is a "covenant protected community." Thank you John, addressing this topic is a valuable service to the neighborhood and will help advise potential buyers about the covenants. Many times the Board hears that our neighborhood

has voluntary membership. This is true. As a homeowner you do not need to be a member of the Columbine West Civic Association, but adhering to the covenants is not voluntary. The covenants are tied to your land deed and are enforceable, whether or not you are an association member. The covenants were put in place by the original land developer when Columbine West was becoming a community. CWCA has a limited amount of covenants that are reported on, which have been successfully mediated for compliance. If at any time you would like a copy of the covenants, please call the voicemail number at **303-904-8218**, leave your name and address and a copy will be sent. Those who may be selling their home will benefit from neighbors adhering to the covenants and keeping trash cans and miscellaneous debris hidden from view. Potential homebuyers want to see a well kept neighborhood, this helps them to know that their home will retain value. Current homeowners benefit from incoming owners knowing about the covenants. Check out our website at: www.columbinewest.org.



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Yard of the Month

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The winning homeowners will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Home Depot, compliments of Jenny James. They will also proudly display a sign in their yard stating "Yard of the Month Winner." Thank you to Jenny James for bringing this great contest back to Columbine West. Thank you for your help and thank you Jenny James for your support in our community.

Deductible, Deductible, Deductible

Yes, those crayons, sunglasses and cupcakes really are deductible. So are hundreds of other big and little things you may never had thought of, like posters for your home office, treats you baked for the church fundraiser, and lunch with your financial adviser. This year, there are lots of new ways to get some real return from your tax return, even if you don't itemize deductions. Check out this list of the newest and most underappreciated write-offs for the tax season, compiled by award winning journalist, **Linda Stern**, who has a passion for taxes. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll save! Visit: www.bulletin.aarp.org/taxes.

Questions, Questions!

The voicemail line did not have any questions this month, but did have two comments about the newsletter. One caller thanked the association for posting the article on tax deductions. They investigated some information and were able to accrue some extra savings on their taxes. Another caller thought it was great for the community to hear about the happenings at the elementary school. Feel free to contact the voicemail line at anytime to share your thoughts and/or concerns. Our voicemail line, **303-904-8218**, received 9 calls during the month of February. We will continue to post questions as we have space available.



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Re-naming Table Mountain Animal Center

The Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC) is one of the largest shelters in the Denver metro area, taking in nearly 10,000 animals each year. In 2010, TMAC will get a new name, a new facility and a new location! Building construction is underway at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds on the 6th Avenue frontage road. The new facility will be called Foothills Animal Shelter. As always, the shelter will provide adoption services, as well as low-cost spaying/neutering, vaccinations and micro-chipping. Learn more about the Foothills Animal Shelter, its progress, and how you can support Jeffco's homeless animals through donations and volunteer work!

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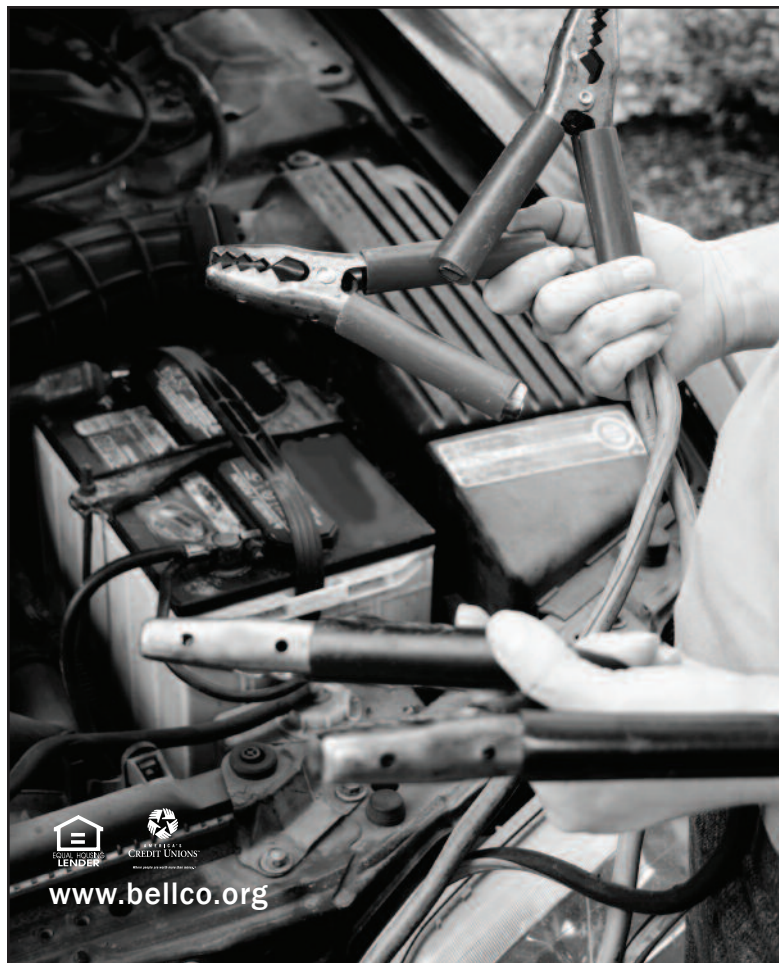
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Home Improvement/Landscaping Contest

The 4th Annual Home Improvement/Landscaping Contest will be offered again this year by **Gary Birkholtz**, owner of Chatfield Time Rentals. We are extremely thankful to Gary for offering this contest and its prizes, in light of the unpredictable economy. Think of Chatfield Time Rentals when you are in need of his services. The HIL contest does not actually have a start date – you determine that. To be included in this year's contest, the only time requirement is to have before and after pictures in by September 1st. Even if you completed a project years ago, you may submit photos for consideration. Many thanks, to Gary for being a great neighbor, and continuing to care about Columbine West Civic Association.

Home Vacancies

If you know of a home that is vacant in Columbine West, notify CWCA on our voicemail line at **303-904-8218** (be sure to provide the address of the property). We will help monitor the property, but may be limited legally from taking any action depending on the stage of the foreclosure. If you witness suspicious activity on this property (or any other Columbine West property), call the Jefferson County Dispatch at **303-277-0211**. If possible, report it as it happens. To report a crime in progress, call 911. The Sheriff's Office needs your eyes and ears to help identify illegal activity. To report zoning violations such as noxious weeds or weeds over 12 inches or excess trash, please contact Jefferson County Planning and Zoning at **303-271-8725**.



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Garden Club News

The first Garden Club Meeting of the year was held at the Tucker's on March 3rd. Ten members were in attendance. Agenda items covered: watering schedule, garden workdays, goals for Summer 2010, larger water tank, new items, and as always, help with garden committees. We have 2 of our 10 committees filled but still need help in the following areas: 1) Metal Recycling, 2) Watering Scheduler, 3) Halloween Contest, 4) Holiday Contest, 5) Holiday Decorating, 6) Garden Party, 7) Entrance Signs/Maintenance, 8) Garden Club Coordinator. We discussed that this coming season would be one of maintenance. We need the commitment of neighbors to help with watering. If you have a 2" ball hitch, we could use your help. Please see the schedule below, and call or email Deb Tucker to schedule a week or so that you can help. Scheduling of Garden Workdays will be on an as needed basis this summer. If you would like to be notified of an upcoming workday, please let Deb know. The only scheduled Garden Workday will take place on Saturday, April 24th at 9 a.m. at Coal Mine and Yukon. We will be installing new bark at this intersection and the Roxbury and Pierce intersection. The Garden Party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 19th. Look for more details to follow. "Yard of the Month" will start in May, nominations can be called into the CWCA voicemail number, **303-904-8218**. Gary Birkholtz (Chatfield Time Rentals) will be offering the Home Improvement Contest for the 4th year. Thank you so much Gary. Details of the contest will be in the May newsletter. Any questions or suggestions, please contact **Deb Tucker** at tuckerinn6@msn.com or call **303-973-4230**. Note: I have not received many offers to help with Garden Club activities. If we cannot secure the hands to help, some events will not be available for the year. Come join this fun group!

2010 GARDEN CLUB WATERING SCHEDULE

May 3 – May 10: Howard & Deb Tucker	
Need volunteers for the following weeks:	
May 10 – May 17	July 19 – July 26
May 17 – May 24	July 26 – August 2
May 24 – May 31	Aug. 2 – Aug. 9
May 31 – June 7	Aug. 9 – Aug. 16
June 7 – June 14	Aug. 16 – Aug. 23
June 14 – June 21	Aug. 23 – Aug. 30
June 21 – June 28	Aug. 30 – Sept. 6
June 28 – July 5	Sept. 6 – Sept. 13
July 5 – July 12	Sept. 13 – Sept. 20
July 12 – July 19	Sept. 20 – Sept. 27

Columbine Community Day

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

at Columbine High School

- Fun for all ages
- 5K Run For Remembrance at 8 a.m.
- Indoor Craft Fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Car Show
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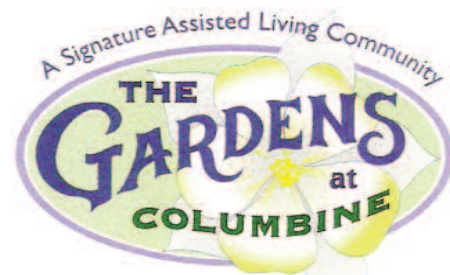
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Census 2010 BEHIND THE BADGE

The federal government is gearing up for the 2010 census, the once-a-decade count of every person living in the United States. It's not surprising that some criminals have already tried to impersonate census workers locally, going door-to-door and asking for personal financial information to use in committing identity theft. We want to make sure Jeffco residents are census-savvy, so that you can be safe and be counted. Census results help determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and help re-district state legislatures. The data is also used in allocating federal funding for schools and other taxpayer-driven programs. So, participating in the census and being counted is important, and is an investment you can make in your community.

CENSUS FORMS

Beginning March 1, census forms will be mailed or delivered to every household in Jefferson County. The form has 10 questions. (The U.S. Census Bureau is using the phrase, "10 Questions, 10 Minutes.") The forms will be available at some public buildings for those who do not receive them by mail. The bureau is asking that questionnaires be mailed back by April 1, official Census Day.

HOUSEHOLD VISITS: WHAT TO EXPECT

Starting in late April, Census workers will visit households that do not return these forms, and will work with residents to complete the forms in person. This activity is estimated to continue through July. To avoid a visit from Census workers, simply fill out the form you receive in the mail and send it in quickly. If the bureau has your form, it won't need to send someone out to gather the data in person.

A Census Worker WILL:

- Conduct neighborhood visits mainly on evenings and weekends, when there is a better chance of finding folks at home.
- Wear a variety of clothing. There is no uniform.
- Carry informational literature from the U.S. Census Bureau in an official 2010 Census briefcase.
- Wear an identification badge with his/her name. You may ask for a photo ID to confirm his/her identity. If you're still not sure, you may call the U.S. Census Bureau's regional office at 1-800-852-6159 to confirm.
- Use an official 10-question form.
- Ask about the number of people living in your home, their names, dates of birth, genders and races.
- Ask if you own or rent your home.
- Ask for your phone number to clarify an incomplete answer if necessary.

A Census Worker WILL NOT:

- Enter your home under any circumstances. He or she will stand at the door to conduct all business.
- Threaten you with arrest if you refuse to participate.
- Call your home or mobile phone to conduct the 10-question interview.
- Ask for your Social Security number, bank account information, driver's license information, or any personal financial information.
- Visit your household again after completing the 10-question interview. (You may be called to clarify an answer.)

Remember, you can expedite the process and avoid a visit from a Census representative. Simply return the 10-question form

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you receive in the mail in the coming weeks. To learn more about the census and see the list of questions, visit 2010census.gov. For more on Jefferson County's support of the census, see the county's web page on the topic.

As always, if you observe any suspicious or criminal activity in your neighborhood, call 911 right away. Likewise, if you're visited by someone impersonating a census worker, call 911. Deputies will have the chance to intercept criminal activity in progress if it is reported quickly. — **Sheriff Ted Mink**

Don't Kiss a Frog

Jefferson County Public Health advises residents that while kissing a frog in the movies may have a fairytale ending, in real life it is dangerous to your health. "The recently released film 'The Princess and the Frog' might inspire some to kiss the first frog they see and we thought we'd remind everyone, that is not such a good idea," said JCPH Director, Dr. Mark Johnson, MD, MPH. Johnson explains that amphibians, such as frogs, as well as reptiles, (eg. Turtles, snakes) are commonly infected with Salmonella bacteria. Kissing a frog could very well lead to diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps just 12 to 72 hours after the smooch. Infection with Salmonella bacteria or salmonellosis can last from 4 to 7 days. While most people recover without treatment, others may develop diarrhea so severe that the patient needs to be hospitalized. The elderly, infants, and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness. In some severe cases, Salmonella may spread from the intestines to the bloodstream.

Simple precautions go a long way toward preventing Salmonella infection from amphibians or reptiles.

**Marijuana Dispensary
Appealing Zoning Citation**

The March CWCA meeting alerted the community to a new business that had set up shop in the plaza at Coal Mine and Wadsworth, (7-11 plaza). This information was taken from the Columbine Courier. For the complete article visit www.columbinecourier.com.

As stated in the Columbine Courier: "The owner of a South Jeffco medical-marijuana dispensary is appealing a county-issued zoning violation that would force the business to close its doors if upheld. **Marc Giuliani**, owner of Footprints Health & Wellness, is scheduled to appear before the county board of adjustment March 17 at 10:30 a.m. Though Jefferson County does not have a zoning ordinance that specifically allows dispensary operations, state law permits the use of medical marijuana by card-carrying members of the state's registry. A state law governing dispensaries is not currently in place, though the legislature is considering two bills that would regulate the booming industry. "We'll let the judge decide," County Commissioner **Kathy Hartman** said of Giuliani's appeal. "I'm not an attorney. We did what we think is right... In the meantime, the legislature is struggling with rules and regulations." The county passed a symbolic six-month moratorium in January on medical-marijuana dispensaries. Zoning penalties had already carried fines of \$500 per violation, and dispensary owners could already face court orders to cease operations. "We're trying to be respectful of the community in those terms," Giuliani said."

CWCA will continue to monitor the process that follows and update the neighborhood.

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To add your teen's name, please call **Colorado Lasertype** at **303-979-7499** and leave the following information: the **neighborhood you live in**, your age, phone number and the categories you would like included. Categories: **(B)** Baby-sitting * Red Cross Cert. for CPR **(L)** Lawn care **(S)** Snow removal **(P)** Pet & House sitting. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by the homeowners association board or Colorado Lasertype.

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Teen Services Updates in June

We update the teen services list each year. If you would like to remain on the list, **you must call Colorado Lasertype at 303-979-7499 by May 15th** or your name will be deleted. Please leave the following information: your name (including spelling); age; what category you want: **(B)** Babysitting, **(*)** Red Cross certified for CPR; **(L)** Lawn Care; **(S)** Snow Removal; **(P)** Pet/House Sitting; and **neighborhood you live in** (this is very important - we do 22 newsletters). **If you have renewed your information as of January 1st of this year, you do not need to call in an update.** Thank you.



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Columbine West Statistics for March 2010

Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$293,500	\$293,500	1
4-Level	189,900	294,950	8
2-Story	231,000	315,000	12
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	175,000	244,900	5

Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$225,000	\$225,000	1
4-Level	240,000	240,000	1
2-Story	None	None	0
Tri-Level	199,000	205,000	2
Bi-Level	165,000	200,000	3

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West for 2009

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?	Sold 2010
Ranch Style	\$150,000	\$256,000	7	2
4-Level	180,000	255,900	15	1
2-Story	190,000	400,000	11	2
Tri-Level	180,000	219,900	1	1
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