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CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization



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Retirements at Dutch Creek Elementary

Dutch Creek Elementary will be hosting a celebration on **Thursday, May 20th at 3 p.m.** in the Library, to honor (3) staff members that are retiring. Please stop by the school and wish them well, have some cake and reminisce.

Kathy Taigen has graced the hallways since 1976, just two years after the school opened. She graduated from Cherry Creek H.S. and then went on to U.N.C., where she earned a double degree in Elementary and Special Education Instruction. When she spoke about how she came to Dutch Creek, she said an individual that attended her wedding told her of an opening at Dutch Creek, as a Teacher's Assistant in Special Education. Ms. Taigen was hired during the time that Dutch Creek was on a year round schedule. After (9) years in the Special Education program, she then began regular class teaching for 1st and 2nd graders and has stayed there since. Ms. Taigen met her future husband, Jim, at Cherry Creek H.S. Jim is a Math Teacher at Cherry Creek H.S. and a native of Colorado. He was also an NFL Official Field Judge and retired last year. They have a daughter, Tracy, who is presently a sophomore, attending University of Redlands in Southern California and a member of their Ladies Golf Team. Ms. Taigen has plans to travel more extensively after retirement, first attending more of her daughter's golf tournaments and then traveling abroad. She mentioned that Greece was one of her favorite travel experiences. Ms. Taigen said that she will miss the energy that each day held in the classroom along with the community, kids and teaching staff that has kept her teaching at Dutch Creek for 33 years.

Karen Wagner has worked for Jeffco School District since 1978 and has been the Building Engineer of Dutch Creek since 2001. She moved to Colorado from Missouri when she was a Sophomore and graduated from Bear Creek H.S. Karen cares for the school from early morning, 6 a.m. until 2:30. Much of the day she spends inside tending to the needs of the staff and students, where her dedication is apparent by her "open-door" policy. Karen makes herself available to any and all, even very demanding volunteer parents. During the summer months, you can see her riding "Blue," her prized rider mower, keeping the grass and weeds taken care of. When winter rolls in, the plow is attached and snow removal becomes her primary concern. When Karen does duty in the cafeteria, her favorite part is drawing smiley faces on the kid's hamburgers with ketchup. Ms. Wagner commented that she will not miss having an alarm clock and will hopefully never have to shovel snow again. She is looking forward to retirement and the free time which will allow her the opportunity to take classes at Home Depot and complete some home improvement projects. Some traveling plans are also in the future. Karen's claim to fame is growing tomato seedlings for the Dutch Creek staff and friends, presently she has 150 babies getting ready for the summer growing season.

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CWCA Calendar of Events

- **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
- **Jun. 14th**, Flag Day
- **Jun. 19th**, Garden Party
- **Jun. 20th**, Father's Day

**Dumpsters In
The School
Parking Lot
For School
Use Only**

Super News! Prepare for the Big Event!

We are putting the final plans in place for a combination event that will include **Dumpster Day, Electronic Recycling, Metal Recycling, and Documentation Shredding**, all on the same day at the same location. Survey responses indicated that the community would appreciate having the events combined in order to increase efficiency while saving time. We are excited to be able to make it happen.

Here is a brief list of acceptable items:

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Community Garage Sale

Sponsored by Jay Marcum & CWCA

Columbine West has offered each year, with the help of Jay Marcum Realty, a community wide garage sale. This year the dates are **May 21st & 22nd**.

Times will be determined by the individual homeowners. We are advertising in the Columbine Courier and Craig's List. With enough participants, subdivision maps will be at entrances. Call the voice-mail line at **303-904-8218** by June 7th if you plan to participate, so maps that have your address listed be prepared and delivered. In addition to the neighborhood sale, the civic association has arranged with the Salvation Army to run through the neighborhood on **Monday, May 24th**, and pick up any unwanted items for donation. Please place your donation items on the curb labeled Salvation Army. If you have additional items that are of no use, plan on bringing them to the **Dumpster Day on June 20th**, another helpful community program made available from CWCA.

CWCA 2010 Meetings, 7 p.m.

May 11th, Dutch Creek Elementary
June 8th, Pool Pavilion • **July 13th**, Pool Pavilion
August 10th, Pool Pavilion

Retirements, continued from front page

The third retiree is **Lisa Marvin**, Media Specialist/Librarian, who has been with Dutch Creek for 11 years. Ms. Marvin is a native to Colorado, born in Pueblo and graduated from Central H.S. She received an AA degree from Lamar Community College, BA in Education from University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO., MA in Counseling from UCD and an Endorsement in Library Media from UCD. Before joining the staff at Dutch Creek, she was a classroom teacher for 18 years, teaching all grades except for kindergarten and 6th grade. Lisa has worn many hats around the library, ranging from helping to establish the Computer Lab to running the Annual Book Fair. Many years the students have been treated to Guest Authors, some of which include, J.C. Jackman (local author), Kathleen T. Pelley, Mary Reibold and this year was Cheryl Carpinello. The Dutch Creek Library has always maintained an amazing and versatile array of authors and reading material, as the 2nd graders know so well when they pick out Adventures of Flat Stanley. Ms. Marvin looks forward to continuing her passionate volunteer efforts with the National Mill Dog Rescue. Along with that, her time will be spent gardening, reading, home projects, spending time with pets, web development and traveling. Retirement will take on a new tempo but she mentioned she will miss the staff and students and hopes to return and help at upcoming book fairs.

May all of you enjoy the journeys that retirement brings each of you. *Editors Note: It has been a pleasure to have known each of these women personally and having the honor of them teaching both of my kids. They are exceptional people and leaders in their fields. They have each welcomed students into their classrooms, library and hallways. Thank you for the years you have given to Dutch Creek and our Columbine Community. I will miss seeing you around.*

CWCA 2010 Membership Drive Update

Current membership continues to build. Board member **John Basilia**, Keller Williams Realtor, was generous enough to help with providing the neighborhood mail list for the recent Membership Postcard mailing. Using a service called "Click to Mail," provided by the U.S.P.S., our information is uploaded to the Post Office and CWCA doesn't have to touch a thing. This service not only saves money but also volunteers time, so they can help on other projects. Membership dues help to pay for this service. It was reported at the April meeting that our membership sits at 84 paid homeowners. Please take a moment to send in your dues. As in the past, events are planned and supported by the dues that support the budget. 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 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.****

Columbine West Civic Association

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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
Animal Control	303-271-5070	Highways &	
Clerk & Recorder	303-271-8168	Transportation	303-271-8495
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

Big Event, continued from front page

Dumpster (really trash trucks to accommodate all the loads) – anything you would take to the dump. No concrete, rocks, dirt or sod, and no hazardous materials such as paint, oil, gas, and household or yard chemicals.

Electronic Recycling – TVs, all computers/accessories, cell phones, iPods, CDs, etc.

Metal Recycling – anything metal or aluminum is acceptable. Large items such as refrigerators and washers /dryers are also welcome.

Document Shredding – financial records, receipts, checks, and personal information that includes social security numbers and bank or credit card numbers

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 19th** and start collecting your stuff. Look for additional details, time, and location of the event in the June newsletter.

CWCA Board Elections

During the May 11th CWCA Board meeting, there will be an opportunity to select a few new community members to help with the CWCA operations. This year, there are (3) Board positions that are coming up for election. Our Secretary position will also be soliciting a new officer. These positions ask for a volunteer to make a (2) year commitment, attend monthly meetings and require that Board members reside in the neighborhood and be current paid members. Board members also have an opportunity to attend Co-Hope meetings on a rotational schedule. If you are interested in running for a Board position, please contact the voicemail line at **303-904-8218** and leave a message indicating your interest. 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. The calendar of events being planned for 2010 is very exciting and decisions are being driven by the completed surveys that were returned via mail and surveymonkey.com. The association is asking for more volunteers to take part in the upcoming events. Thank you to those who added your names to our volunteer list in the space provided on the survey. Shiloh House, who has a group home in the neighborhood, signed up their residents to volunteer on upcoming events. At anytime community members who would like to volunteer on a project can attend a monthly meeting, which is open to all neighbors, or leave a message on the voicemail line at **303-904-8218**. Thank you to all (30) volunteers, that continue to deliver the monthly newsletter and the neighbors who have signed-up on the wait list.

Walking, Talking & Picking up Trash

Each day around 8:30 a.m., **Marcia P.** and her friend **Nancy M.** set out to get some fresh air by walking through the neighborhood. Each day they also take along an empty grocery bag that helps them remove unwanted trash from the neighborhood byways. Each day they also return home with a FULL bag. How can that be? Same time, same place but different routes each day. Marcia and Nancy are not upset, because they get the best reward for their unselfish pursuit, neighbors driving by or commenting from their yards, "Thank You". One very generous neighbor dropped them a note with a Starbucks card attached. Now that's a good neighbor. Thank you, Marcia and Nancy. With each small and committed effort by our homeowners, it continues to make Columbine West neighborhood a great place to live.

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Garden Club News

Garden Club Coordinator

Duties of the Garden Club Coordinator have previously encompassed the following ten sub-committees: Home Improvement Coordinator, Yard of the Month, Metal Recycling, Garden Workday, Water Team, Garden Party, Halloween Decorating Contest, Holiday Decorating/Lighting Contest, Holiday Decorating Committee, Entrance Sign Maintenance. With the separation of the above listed duties, the Garden Club Coordinator would be responsible for the following duties:

- Conduct monthly meetings or email connections to keep committees and members connected.
- If a committee isn't filled the coordinator picks it up.
- Host the Garden Party in June.

Presently the Home Improvement Coordinator and Yard of the Month have been taken over by volunteer community members. All of the positions listed have a complete detailed write-up as to what the duties are for a volunteer to follow. If you think you can share some time and talent with CWCA, call the voicemail at **303-904-8218** and leave your name and number. The Garden Club has worked many hours to help reenergize the Columbine West community. Think about how you might be able to help too.



"One of the most sublime experiences we can ever have is to wake up feeling healthy after we have been sick."

—Rabbi Harold Kushner

2010 Garden Club Watering Schedule

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. Any questions and/or suggestions please contact **Deb Tucker** at **tuckerinn6@msn.com** or call **303-973-4230**.

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

Better Sleep Month

Sleep is essential to a healthy life, but 95% of Americans report difficulty sleeping at some time in their lives. Infants require 12 to 14 hours of sleep, whereas seniors may require only 6 to 8 hours. For tips on getting the sleep you need, go to www.medicinenet.com/sleep/article.htm.

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Many of you know Second Wind Fund through the walk/run/ride hosted annually at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. However, the success of that program, through Second Wind Fund of Metro Denver and the desire to help kids at-risk for suicide across Colorado and the nation, is what spurred the decision to create a national program with Second Wind Fund, Inc.

Second Wind Fund, Inc serves youth at-risk for suicide with a new and unique approach. We collaborate with communities through schools and professional therapists to ensure suicidal youth have access to mental health services quickly and efficiently.

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Second Wind Fund, Inc. currently has nine Affiliate Programs in the state of Colorado, covering 80% of the youth population. It is their goal to expand the Second Wind Fund, Inc. services to other communities in Colorado as well as other states throughout the nation.

Their expansion efforts include a variety of fundraising events and Second Wind Fund, Inc. hopes that you will be a part of them.

— **Lori Hoffner**

SECOND WIND FUND DENVER MARATHON TEAM:

Second Wind Fund, Inc. is putting together its 2nd annual October 17th Denver Marathon team and they want you to be a part it. As a part of this team which starst organizing in May, you will receive professional support and training from a certified RRCA coach, training materials, scheduled group runs and your own training schedule. The most important thing you will receive is an unparalleled feeling of accomplishment working into the best physical shape of your life and with the help of your fundraising efforts, you can help kids nationwide. For more information, call **Lori Hoffner at 303-988-5870** or visit www.the-secondwindfund.org/Marathon.html.

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'ART OF LIFE' GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Get out your clubs and head to the driving range, it's time to practice for the 2nd Annual 'Art of Life' Golf Tournament hosted by Second Wind Fund, Inc. This Executive 9 Hole Golf Tournament will take place June 12, 2010 at Foothills Golf Course. Put together your foursome and join us for a great day of golf while also helping support a great cause, youth suicide prevention. For more information, call **Lori Hoffner at 303-988-5870** or visit www.thesecondwindfund.org/GolfTournament.html.

Food Allergy Awareness Week, May 9-15

Approximately 12 million Americans suffer from food allergies, which are caused when the immune system mistakenly attacks a food protein, triggering the sudden release of chemicals and resulting in symptoms of an allergic reaction. Sponsored by the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network, www.foodallergy.org.

Questions, Questions! (no reported questions this month)

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, and 19 call in March/April. We will continue to post questions as we have space available. Calls continue to be answered in a timely manner.



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JUNE

- ★ FRIDAY, JUNE 11 (9:30-10:15 a.m.)
Istari – World Percussion
- ★ THURSDAY, JUNE 17 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Bill George & Flywheel – Eclectic Classic Rock
- ★ THURSDAY, JUNE 24 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Above Ground – Rock / Funk / Blues

JULY

- ★ THURSDAY, JULY 1 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Dakota Blonde
- ★ SATURDAY, JULY 17 (6:00-9:00 p.m.)
Denver Municipal Band Wind Festival "Cannon Concert"
- ★ FRIDAY, JULY 23 (9:30-10:15 a.m.)
Mr. Shine – Concerts for Kids & Families
- ★ THURSDAY, JULY 29 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Parideux – Rock Duo / Cover Band

AUGUST

- ★ THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 (7:00-8:30 p.m.)
Foothills Staff – Open Mic Night
- ★ THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 (7:00-8:30pm)
Papa Juke – Juke Music / Blues
- ★ FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 (9:00 a.m. Start)
Foothills Talent Showcase – Performed by
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The Power of Crime Prevention

Did you know that about two thirds of car "break-ins" in Jefferson County happen to cars that are left unlocked? Meaning there's no "break-in" at all. Last year, 885 car trespasses were reported in Jeffco. Of those, 575 were unforced. Criminals usually take the path of least resistance.

Unfortunately, minor crimes like car trespasses often involve the theft of identifying materials like credit cards, licenses or registrations – allowing thieves to commit much bigger identity theft crimes soon after.

Since criminals usually look for the lowest hanging fruit, prevention methods are effective in keeping crime rates low. Yes, there will always be unpredictable and unpreventable crimes. But we know today that many of the crimes in our county can in fact be prevented.

The Sheriff's Office has a dedicated team of three certified crime prevention deputies whose sole purpose is to work with citizens to prevent crime. Through on-site visits, phone calls, special events, child safety activities and other opportunities, these deputies share vital information with the public on how to keep crime at bay. Here are some ways you can take advantage of the services they provide.

Home Security Surveys

One of the services that our team provides is an on-site security survey. A deputy will evaluate your house's strengths and weaknesses, including locks, lighting and landscaping. He can then recommend changes that can make the building more burglary-proof. The process takes about an hour and is also available to businesses and places of worship.

Neighborhood Watch

The crime prevention deputies administer the Neighborhood Watch program throughout the county. There are currently 70 active Neighborhood Watch groups in our county – each has vigilant residents who work with law enforcement to identify, prevent and solve crime close to home.

Child Safety

Our crime prevention deputies are trained and certified in the Safety Kids Inc. child safety curriculum. They work closely with our child safety ambassador Joyce Nelson, traveling to area day care centers, schools and scout groups to deliver a fun and interactive child safety presentation featuring Charlie Check-First.

National Night Out

National Night Out is a series of local celebrations held on the first Tuesday in August each year, nationwide. NNO gives neighbors an opportunity to get together in a setting close to home. Of the many crime prevention strategies out there, communication among neighbors ranks among the most effective. NNO is also an opportunity for deputies to interact with residents in a positive, relaxed and informal way. To plan an NNO event in your neighborhood, contact your precinct crime prevention deputy.

Contact Us

Taking steps to help prevent crime in your neighborhood is a smart way to protect yourself and your family. But it's also an investment in your community and your quality of life. To learn more about crime prevention services, contact your area crime prevention deputy.

Crime Prevention Deputy – North Jeffco: 303-271-5363

Crime Prevention Deputy – South Jeffco: 720-377-2002

Crime Prevention Deputy – Jeffco Mountains: 720-497-7860

Child Safety Programs: 303-271-5665

— Sheriff Ted Mink

Columbine West Pool to Open

Mark your calendar for **May 30th**, when our community pool will open for the season. CWCA is encouraging residents to use the pool regularly, purchase season passes, enroll in swim lessons, join the swim team and make reservation for special events to be held at the pool after hours. The more that the pool is occupied this season the better our chances are to continue to have the pool operating. Foothills Parks and Recreation continue to evaluate the numbers closely, determining if it is cost-effective to keep the pool open. We, as a community, have the ability to make a positive impact on whether our pool stays open. It would be a huge disappointment to see the pool close down. See ya at the pool.

New Scrabble Rule a Game Changer

Scrabble is making a play for younger people by allowing the use of people, places and other proper nouns, the BBC reported. A spokesperson for Scrabble-maker Mattel told the British network the rules go into effect in July. In scrabble, players try to net the highest points by making words with letter tiles on a grid. Other rule changes and challenges are in the offering that the company hopes will appeal to existing fans and "will also enable younger fans and families to get involved," Mattel told the BBC. Scrabble traditionalists, rejoice: Mattel said it will continue to sell board games with the original rules.

— Steve Marshall (USA Today)

"I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got." —Walter Cronkite

COHOPE Update

Featured speaker was **Jason Pearson** from the Metro Area Graffiti Task Force (MAGTF). He shared that the task force is made up of 150 professional volunteers from 36 different jurisdictions at both the state and federal levels. A slide presentation displayed the various different forms of graffiti including tagging, throw up, pieces, and productions. Jason stated that problems in graffiti enforcement include enough evidence to prosecute, geographic profiling, and lack of communication between the different jurisdictions. MAGTF also partners with similar agencies across the country sharing information and evidence that links perpetrators as they move from one location to another. To improve the effectiveness of the task force, a new website titled GRIP (graffiti reduction and interception program) has been developed. This website, www.gripsystem.org, will provide 24/7 access for citizens to report graffiti or to track previously reported cases. It is an interactive database that is secure, easy to use, and cost effective. To report graffiti, call Jeffco Sheriff Dispatch at **303-271-0211** or access the GRIP database and enter the location and other pertinent information. If you see an act of graffiti in progress, do not confront or chase the individual or try to take pictures. Leave the scene immediately and call 911.

National Bike to Work Week, May 17-21

Lots of communities have encouraged people to start biking to work, which helps both their health and our environment. In 2008, more than 10,000 tried biking to work in Denver during Bike to Work Week, and one in five became regular bicycle commuters.

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* Includes: 75lbs of the following items: paint thinner, fertilizers, waxes, cleaners, oil based paint, anti-freeze, batteries, aerosol cans. In addition to the 75lbs of the above, you are allowed the following: 25 gallons of oil, 10 gal. of latex paint, 5 auto batteries and 5 florescent light bulbs.

* Open by appointment only: Wed. & Sat. (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

2) Scrap Metal pick-up, 303-522-8041

Unwanted scrap metals of any kind, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers/dryers, shelving and car batteries.

Yard Of The Month

CWCA is fortunate to have "Yard of the Month" continuing this summer. **Jenny James** has again graciously offered to sponsor this fun and worthwhile program. During your walks through the neighborhood this summer, if you would like to nominate a candidate, please call the voicemail at **303-904-8218**. We ask that you give us the full address of the nominee and if you know the name of the nominee please include that in your message. CWCA will interview the winners and post their names and address in the following month's newsletter.

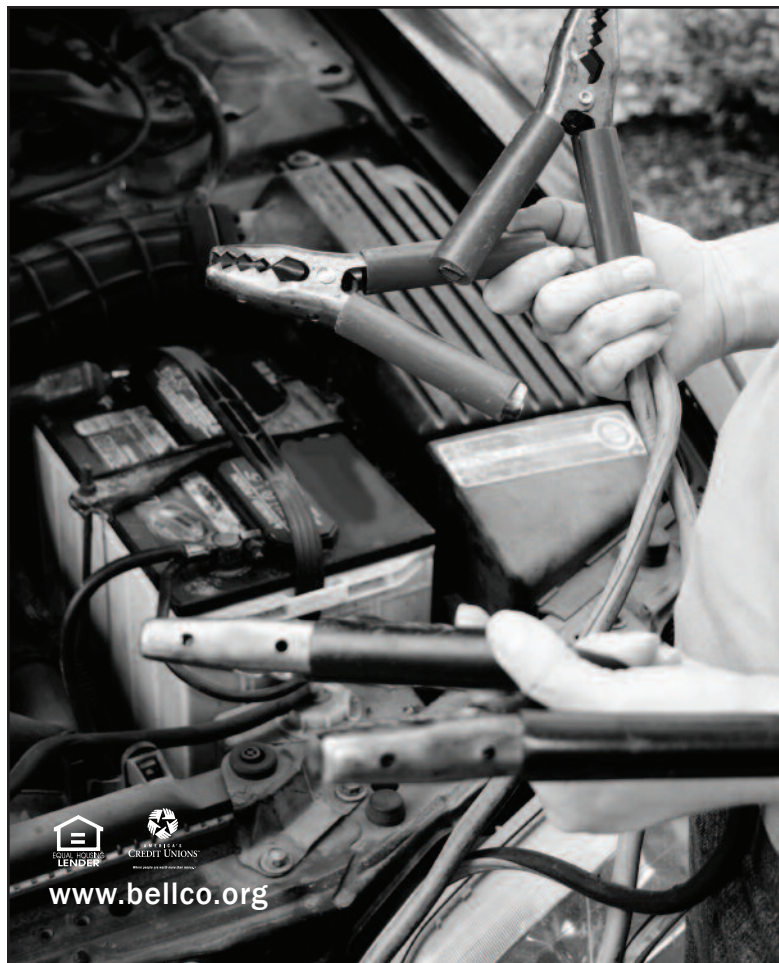
The winning homeowners will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Home Depot, compliments of Jenny James. They will also proudly display a sign in their yard stating "Yard of the Month Winner." Thank you to Jenny James for bringing this great contest back to CW. Thank you for your help and thank you Jenny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

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" or excess trash, please contact Jefferson County Planning and Zoning at **303-271-8725**.

Clubs West 2010 Swim Team Home Meets

Clubs West will host 3 meets this summer at the Columbine West Pool. They are scheduled for June 12th against Govenor's Ranch, July 10th against Ken Caryl, and July 17th against Grant Ranch. During these home meets, the parking lot and surrounding streets by the pool will have more than usually traffic. The meets start early and are usually wrapped up by early afternoon. Please be careful driving around the pool area. The swim team continues to added talented swimmers to its team even after official registration has happened. 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/>.



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Dutch Creek Shares More News

Prospective parents – Did you know that by the middle of this school year, 98% of our kindergarten students were performing at or above grade level in reading, specifically on a measure called nonsense word fluency? This measure requires them to know their letter-sound association and be able to blend sounds into nonsense words. This measure is the best predictor for future reading success. In first grade we examine reading fluency. By the middle of the year, 87% of our students were reading at or above grade level. An additional 7% were close to grade level in terms of their reading fluency. Educational research has consistently found that students who read at or above grade level by third grade have higher graduation rates and greater success in post-secondary education and training. By emphasizing reading in the early grades and carefully monitoring for the success of each student, we are setting our kids up to be successful citizens.

I would also like to take a moment to highlight the longitudinal comparative research study we are conducting at Dutch Creek. These are fancy words for saying we are piloting the next version of Scott Foresman's comprehensive reading resource in partnership with Pearson Publishing and Gatti Evaluations in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We are 1 of 8 schools in the United States that is participating in this research study for the 2009-10 and the 2010-11 school years. The \$60,000 resource will be provided to Dutch Creek for free as a result of our participation in the study. Members of the research team report that the Dutch Creek staff has the most consistent implementation of the resource and the most positive attitude of the 8 schools that are currently participating in the comparative study.

Positive Behavior Supports is going extremely well. This is a program designed to provide consistent recognition of students who exemplify our DIVE expectations: Demonstrate **Respect**, **Improvement of Self**, **Valuing Learning and Environmental Care**. Students are given DIVE slips when they demonstrate these behaviors, which are handed to the Main Office staff (who provide more praise for students) and submitted into our DIVE Bingo game – students are able to win prizes and further recognition for their positive decision-making. We are proud of our Dutch Creek students and our staff members and parent volunteers that make this process happen.

Many students expressed interest in a chess club and student newsletter. Dutch Creek is looking for volunteers to sponsor a chess club that would meet twice a month next school year. We are also looking for a sponsor for a student newsletter that would be published once a month. If you or someone you know would be willing to help with these or other opportunities, please contact Dutch Creek at **303-982-4565**.

The Dutch Creek students and staff want to extend our thanks for another great year together. Also, thank you for your understanding this summer as we are having our HVAC, lighting, electrical and writing updated in the older half of the school. 2005 Budget and Bond money is being used to update Dutch Creek. Thank you for your patience.

This has been a year of amazing growth and forward momentum at Dutch Creek. I am humbled and blessed to have been selected to work in partnership with you. As we continue along the path of improvement, I am always willing to listen to your feedback and ideas. Our goal is to make Dutch Creek the best option in everyone's mind when it comes to selecting a school that will meet the social, emotional and academic needs of all students. Thank you for your ongoing support.

— Jennifer Pennell, Principal Dutch Creek Elementary



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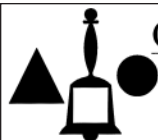
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Teen Services

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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Megan	14	B/P	720-587-9267

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 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
- Musical Performances
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Columbine West Statistics for April 2010

Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$205,000	\$251,000	2
4-Level	269,900	269,900	1
2-Story	230,000	300,000	8
Tri-Level	179,900	294,950	8
Bi-Level	229,000	244,900	2

Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
4-Level	\$189,900	\$249,900	3
2-Story	231,000	259,900	3
Tri-Level	205,000	245,000	3
Bi-Level	165,000	220,000	4

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West for 2009

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$216,000	\$256,000	3
4-Level	None	None	0
2-Story	229,900	281,000	2
Tri-Level	180,000	210,000	2
Bi-Level	160,000	235,000	2

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Gear up for fun and exciting classes, activities and events this summer with Foothills Park & Recreation District's 2010 summer catalog. Foothills offers unique programs for all ages with qualified staff in sports, swimming, ice skating, hockey, art, dance, music, drama, golf, fitness, youth activities & camps, gymnastics and so much more. Online registration is available at www.foothills.org or visit any Foothills facilities to pick up a catalog. For more information or to find a facility near you, call 303-409-2100.

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