



# Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter<sup>®</sup>

**CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization**



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## CWCA Huge Cleanup Event

We have put 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.

**Date:** Saturday, June 19

**Time:** 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Location:** Church for All Nations Parking Lot – 6500 W. Coal Mine Ave.  
(just east of McDonald's). Entrance to event is from Marshall St. only.  
(Do not enter from the McDonald's driveway.)  
From Coal Mine, turn south on Marshall St.  
From Pierce, turn east on Ottawa St (by Angie's Restaurant).

**Cost:** CWCA Members – FREE

Columbine West Non-Members – \$25

Cash or checks Only – no credit cards

Must have picture ID with valid Columbine West address or proof of address from a current Xcel bill.

No hazardous materials such as paint, oil, gas, and household or yard chemicals.

**Examples of acceptable items are as follows:**

- Document Shredding: Financial records, tax returns, bank/credit card statements, cancelled checks, other paper documents with personal information.
- Metal Recycling: Metal, Aluminum, Copper, Cords/Strings of Lights, Auto Batteries, Lawn Mowers, Microwaves, Dishwashers, Washers/Dryers, Stoves, Small Appliances, Silverware, Cast Iron cookware, Tools, DVDs, VCRs, Barbeque Grills.
- Dumpster: Fencing, branches, anything you would take to the dump.
- Electronic Recycling: TV's, all computers/accessories, cell phones, IPODs, CDs, floppy discs

No alkaline batteries.

The drop-off stations will be set up in the order above. If you have items for more than one station, load your vehicle with electronics in the back, then dumpster items, metal recycling next, and finally documents to shred in front. It will make it easier to motor through the stations and help facilitate the flow of traffic. Volunteers will be on hand to help unload.

Home pickups for those unable to transport their items will be available on a very limited basis. Please call the voice mail line at **303-904-8218** and leave your name, telephone

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## CWCA Calendar of Events

- **June 1st**, Yard of the Month Winner Announced
- **June 8th, 7 p.m.**, CWCA Meeting, Pool Pavilion
- **June 14th**, Flag Day
- **June 19th**, Dumpster/Recycling Day, "The Church For All Nations" Parking Lot, formally Trinity – Coal Mine/Pierce
- **June 19th**, Garden Party
- **June 20th**, Father's Day
- **July 13th**, CWCA Meeting

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## So Many to Thank

The upcoming Clean-up Event has taken many volunteers and numerous hours to put all the pieces together. Our CWCA Board and volunteer members have each taken on a task. Local Shiloh House boys will be on hand to assist with the many job details during the morning rush. Boy Scout Troop #459 will have young men aiding the community cause. Lastly a huge thank you to "Church for all Nations", Pastor Swalley and his family, who are Columbine West residents and have so generously allowed CWCA to use the parking lot to host this worthwhile event.

## Community Pool Party

Plans are underway for the community pool party and bar-b-cue on July 10th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The pool party will be open to ALL CWCA homeowners. To keep within the allotted budget, there will be a nominal cost of \$1.00 for a dinner meal, (hamburger/hotdog, chips and drink). It is asked that neighbors plan on bringing a dish or snack to share. Last year families came and enjoyed the spaciousness of the pool, without the crowdedness of a normal swimming time. We had door prizes and games for the younger kids, while the belly flop competition was hugely successful. The association encourages neighbors to drop in, cool off, enjoy some food and catch up with other community members. A table will be available to update CWCA dues if needed. As always, if you'd like to volunteer some time with party details, please call **Holly McMonigle at 303-703-8413**, **Natasha McCombs at 303-904-3301** or the voice mail line at **303-904-8218**.

## CWCA 2010 Meetings, 7 p.m.

June 8th, Pool Pavilion • July 13th, Pool Pavilion  
August 10th, Pool Pavilion

**Cleanup Event**, *continued from front page*

number, best time to be reached, and items needed to be picked up. Someone will call you back to discuss the details and determine if the pickup can be accommodated.

Baked goods and beverages will be available for a nominal charge. All proceeds collected will help fund the event.

We will also except canned and non-perishable food donations for the community food bank. Now is the time to clean up and clear out, never before has such an amazing event been planned and sponsored by the community. Membership dues are helping to cover the expenses.

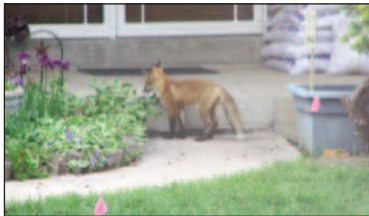
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*"Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad."*  
—Anne Geddes

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**Columbine West Welcomes the Foxes**

Maybe you have been lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the highly elusive foxes that have been catching those highly populated cottontails. It seemed that during the month of April they were being spotted pretty regularly, might they have a den somewhere close. That is exactly what was found out and reported to the newsletter. A family, consisting of the parents and (5-6) pups have made a home for themselves under a front concrete porch, of a neighbor. To protect their where-a-bouts, we have selected not to publish the address. We can tell you the neighbors name, it may even sound familiar from past newsletters, **Gary Radke**. Gary explained that he was not sure where the family had made camp, but was seeing a lot of activity in his front yard. A neighbor across the street was the one who finally saw where they seemed to be coming from. The pups are seen scampering around a few front yards and mom takes them up into the cul-de-sac for exploring. The pups play with recent catches, such as birds and small rodents, in the evening hours, on his porch. The next part of the story makes it all that more interesting. You see, Gary Radke's grandfather was a fox farmer in Wisconsin, back in the 20's. He would raise the foxes to harvest the pelts that were used to adorn the collars of ladies jackets. This was a very fashionable accessory among the high class during those days. Has the story come full circle? Gary has placed a sign by his porch designating it as a Wildlife Protection Area. Could he get some Federal funding for such a thing? After speaking to local law enforcement about the den, they commented that if the group is behaving according to their nature, hunting and maintaining a safe distance from people, let them be and when they are ready they will move on. As a precautionary measure, remember to bring your small animals inside at night. We have not had any reports of resident's pets being hurt.

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**Schools**

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Ken Caryl Middle School	6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.
Columbine High School	6201 S. Pierce St.

Check Facebook for information on Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

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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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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



## May Yard of the Month

Drum roll please... The first winners of 2010 are **Diane and Ray Benson**, residents at 7520 W. Portland Ave., corner of Webster/ Portland. You cannot possibly miss this house coming in and leaving the development. The Bensons have lived in Colorado for 50 years and moved into Columbine West 28 years ago. Ray worked for Lockheed Martin while Diane was employed by US West, both are now finally retired. When asked about how the gardens and landscaping began, Diane recounted a funny story. She mentioned that their yard was outlined by ever-green bushes along the sidewalks and driveway, pretty typical for the neighborhood. One evening a young driver had come to the four-way stop, became confused and inadvertently hit the gas pedal instead of the brake. Well, you can see this direction of this re-enactment. The car careened across the intersection, plowed through the bushes and ended up perpendicular to their driveway. With bushes destroyed, the reconstruction of the yard began. The South facing yard has now been transformed into an amazing display of Hybrid Irises, 50 different varieties. The planters are outlined in brick and stone and lend themselves to a very formal design. In the center of the iris beds are perennials including; gayfeather, snow on the mountain, coneflower, daisies and salvia. When we took the photos of the yard at the beginning of May, the irises had yet to bloom. Drive by and see what has happened since. Ray is extremely proud of Diane's "green thumb" and gives her all the credit for becoming the May "Yard of the Month" winner. Congratulations to the Benson's. The winning homeowners receive a \$50 gift certificate to Home Depot, compliments of Jenny James. They also proudly display a sign in their yard stating "Yard of the Month Winner." During your walks through the neighborhood this summer, if you would like to nominate a candidate, please call the voicemail line 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. Thank you, Jenny James, for bringing this great contest back to Columbine West and for your support in our community.



## Scooters Illegal on Public Streets & Sidewalks

Most scooters are classified as "toy vehicles". Operating "toy vehicles" on public streets, sidewalks, or cul-de-sacs is illegal and can result in an \$18 ticket. Plus, a parent or guardian who knowingly lets his/her children operate a toy vehicle on public streets/sidewalks runs the risk of receiving an additional \$18 ticket.



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## Questions, Questions!

The [cwcatalk@gmail.com](mailto:cwcatalk@gmail.com) is available for neighbors to write in and have questions answered. In April the question was, *"I see that CWCA sponsors a park rules placard, bag receptacle and trash can off Ontario Place. What would it take to get the same at the Yukon trail head also?"* A CWCA volunteer was sent to take a look at the sign. Jefferson County Open Space is the primary sponsor of the property followed by Foothills P&RD. When Foothills lost the Mill Levy election they decided to offer up an opportunity for neighborhoods to help maintain some walking trails that ran within the community, called Adopt-A-Trail. CWCA has elected to help maintain the Yukon/Ontario trail. A Columbine neighbor donated some pet pick-up receptacles that have been placed at a couple of our parks, (ie. Dutch Creek playground). We are checking to see if a new sign can be placed at the Yukon trail head. Please be considerate of those in the neighborhood who use the trail, along with the dog walking population. Grab a bag, clean-up after your pets and enjoy the trails that we have available to all.

Feel free to contact the voicemail line at anytime to share your thoughts and/or concerns. Our voice mail line, **303-904-8218**, received 9 calls during the month of March/April. We will continue to post questions as we have space available.

## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month

Fruits and veggies are essential to good health, reducing your risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, and certain forms of cancer. Generally low in calories and high in fiber, fruits and vegetables can help you control your weight.

## 2010 Membership Drive Update

Mary Cole, Treasurer, reported that there are currently 244 registered members. Columbine West is continuing to offer events in the community based on a budget supported by the membership dues. It is hoped that the neighborhood will continue to back these programs and feel a sense of community from them. A survey was included in the February newsletter to help the association gauge which direction the Board should pursue in the coming months and year. Those of you who filled out your survey are greatly appreciated by the association. Many comments are helping to steer the community events this summer. Dues and/or donations can be mailed to: Columbine West Civic Association, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162.

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## Where Is Your Graduate Going?

Congratulations to the Seniors at Columbine High School. Commencement for the Class of 2010 was held at Fiddler's Green Amphitheater on Saturday, May 29th at 9 a.m. The CWCA is looking to highlight neighborhood students by acknowledging where they are heading after high school and/or college. Please contact **Natasha McCombs** at [nmccombs@yahoo.com](mailto:nmccombs@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing about their journeys.

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## 2010 – 2011 Kindergarten Registration at Dutch Creek Elementary

Registration for Kindergarten classes for the 2010-11 school year is currently being accepted. The school offers a full-day, tuition-based program and a 2.5 day program, (Mon/Wed 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Fri 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.). Children must be 5 on or before Oct. 1st, 2009. When you register your child, plan on bringing along copies of child's birth certificate, current immunizations and proof of residency. (i.e. phone bill, public service). If you are interested in attending Dutch Creek but live outside of the attendance area, please complete a Choice Enrollment form. Information will be given out at registration that will give you an overview of the programs at Dutch Creek.

Dutch Creek Elementary is invested in providing the best possible Kindergarten experience. They offer an in-depth academic and creative educational program that prepares children to be successful and confident students. The Kindergarten literacy program ensures a solid base for reading and writing. Kindergarten students are also well prepared in math with a focus on the processes and math thinking, using manipulative and connections to "life math".

## New Program for Shiloh House

Shiloh House, currently providing residential and non-residential services to boys and young men whose lives have been impacted by abuse, neglect, and trauma, will begin a new program for pregnant teens called the "Teen Mothers Program". This program will be licensed and begin operating May 24th and will accommodate up to 6 teens and live-in staff. Donations are needed for the teen mother's program which include, baby swings, bassinets, changing tables, diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, high chairs/booster chairs, car seats, toys, blankets, baby clothes – newborn to 18 months, maternity clothes. Shiloh is also opening a teen shelter in Thornton that will offer law enforcement authorities an alternative rather than taking juveniles to jail under certain conditions. It will provide short term housing of 24 hours to 2 weeks depending on individual circumstances. The teens will have access to social workers and other support personnel. Donations of clothing and personal hygiene items for young boys and girls ages 7-18 are welcome and needed for both the new teen shelter and the ongoing residential programs.

Monetary or material donations may be dropped off at Shiloh House or mailed to 6400 W Coal Mine Ave, Littleton CO 80123. All donations are tax deductible; please request a receipt if needed.

## Motorized Bicycles Must Be Licensed

A motorized bicycle has two or three wheels, an engine not exceeding 50 cc, and an automatic transmission producing a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour. It has a headlamp on the front, a red reflector or lamp on the rear, a bell or audible warning device, and a permanent attached seat. If your scooter has all of these features, then it is considered a motorized bicycle. In order to operate a motorized bicycle, you must have a valid driver's license. Normal traffic laws apply, and the vehicle must be registered. Failure to obey traffic laws or register the vehicle may result in an \$18 ticket. The reason for this is that there are serious safety issues when children operate motorized vehicles around other traffic.

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## Coffee With A Cop

Wondering what it would be like to sit down and chat with the local law enforcement? A new series of walk-in community meetings called Coffee With A Cop began in spring 2010. These informal events are opportunities for Jeffco residents to speak one-on-one with our agency's command staff, and ask questions about crime and quality-of-life issues in their neighborhoods or on the roadways. On May 6th, the Einstein Bros. Bagel Store at Simms/ Ken Caryl was the place to do such a thing. Jeffco Sheriff Dept. had 4 officers available to sit and discuss any issues pertaining to the neighborhood. **Capt. Woodin** brought her laptop along to show the community how the Sheriff's are tracking crimes and criminals within our sectors. She was able to pinpoint where crimes were heating up, which allow them the opportunity to place more officers in and around that area. The officers were very engaging and sincerely interested in hearing from the public audience. This outreach event is being planned at more Jeffco businesses. June 10, Panera Bread at Southwest Plaza, 8501 W. Bowles Ave.; July 6, Einstein Bros. Bagels, 8246 W. Bowles Ave.; August 10, IHOP Restaurant, 12634 W. Indore Place, September 9, Starbucks, 7403 W. Chatfield Ave. Thank you, **Don Welsh**, Columbine West resident and Einstein Bros. Store Manager, for opening up your doors to the officers who have chosen to serve and protect our community.

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

## 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.



*"To me, good health is more than just exercise and diet. It's really a point of view and a mental attitude you have about yourself."*

— Angela Lansbury

## 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. Kickoff is June 1st, remember to have your before and after pictures for qualification. Projects can be ongoing. The only exclusion will be for those individuals who won last year on their particular project. Previous winners may enter on a new project. Home improvement refers to anything for the home, such as landscaping, siding, cement work, windows and/or paint. Judges will be looking for that dramatic difference. Entries must be received by September 1st and winners will be announced in the October newsletter. The contest guidelines are as follows:

- Entrants need a "before" picture. The sooner the better, because as springtime progresses the lawn/yard will look better when it greens up.
- Improvements can be to the outside of the home and/or landscape. Perennial plants and xeriscaping are encouraged, but not limited. The improvement contest is emphasizing long-term neighborhood improvements, after all.
- The contest begins June 1st, and runs through September 1st. Entries must be received by September 1st for 2010. Please include your "before" and "after" pictures (make copies so we don't have to return your originals), your name, address and phone number. Send to: CWCA, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162.

Contact **Deb Tucker at 303-973-4230 or tuckerinn6@msn.com**. We can then have an idea of how many entrants. Reminder calls will be made in August. If you decide late in summer to do an improvement, you can still apply.

Garden Club will meet early September and judge the entries. Winners will be announced in our October newsletter.

Prizes are: 1st Place = \$250, 2nd Place = \$150 and 3rd Place = \$100. Projects that are not selected may be resubmitted next year for consideration. Properties chosen as winners this year can continue to submit entries, but must be on new projects.

## See How It's Made

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— **Sid Kirchheimer**

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The Echobana Candles studio in Golden, Colorado is a small, entirely handcrafted candle operation offering short, fun tours demonstrating the art and craft of fine hand poured candles. Echobana Candles creates beautifully handcrafted, lightly scented candles using food-grade paraffin wax, all-cotton, lead-free wicks and essential oils to create candles of impeccable quality and beauty. Echobana Candles are known for their distinctive frosted and cracked finish and signature swirl design. They feature a full line of pillar candles, votive candles, dinner candles, candle accessories and seasonal candles. Each candle is totally made by hand and this tour offers the visitor the opportunity to see each step and speak to the owners.

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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.

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

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

## Vacant Homes

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.

## Recreational Vehicles in Columbine West

It's time once again to enjoy the best that Colorado has to offer; great outdoors, hiking and camping in the mountains, and RVing and boating. But remember – Columbine West covenants state that no trailer, camper, boat, RV, or like mobile unit may be stored temporarily or permanently upon any lot or right-of-way, unless hidden from view behind a 6 foot fence. Additionally, Jefferson County ordinance prohibits parking a recreational vehicle or trailer on the street for more than two weeks (14 days) in a calendar year. That's plenty of time for loading and unloading for some amazing camping trips. Please don't take advantage of it.

The law is in place to protect the safety of the residents of the community. Young children on bicycles or playing near the street are really tough to see around a big RV; they deserve to be able to play safely. It is also a courtesy to your neighbors, and in some areas like cul-de-sacs, parking spaces are limited. Nearby RV storage areas are available for storage if your property doesn't allow proper storage options. Limit your loading and unloading time to less than 24 hours to help keep our neighborhood safe and to comply with the covenants. Remember to lock up your trailer, boat, etc to effectively reduce the occurrence of theft. If you see someone abusing the privilege, parking RVs on the street or on driveways, fill out the covenant violation form in the monthly newsletter, or contact us at **303-904-8218**.

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## Top Tips for a Safe Summer

### Think "Stranger Danger" for Grown-ups

In early May, our office learned that four people in the metro area had jewelry and cash stolen from their homes after opening the door to people calling themselves "neighbors." As the weather becomes nicer, watch for this and other door-to-door scams.

Be savvy if approached by traveling home improvement contractors, magazine salespersons, or any stranger who comes to the door. Of course, not everyone who comes to your door has bad intentions. We simply advise a healthy dose of caution and a firm "no" if necessary.

Do not let a stranger into your home. If he/she is selling something or asking for a donation, take the organization's information and say you'd like to research it before making a decision. If you question the legitimacy of the company, contact the Better Business Bureau. Please report any suspicious persons or crimes in progress by calling 911 immediately.

### Register for e911 Calls

Summer means wildfire season. To ensure that you receive e911 calls from the Sheriff's Office during wildfires or other emergencies affecting your neighborhood, register your VOIP phone line(s) or mobile phone(s). This service is available to any Jeffco residents, and it's especially important for those living in mountain communities susceptible to wildfire. Please note: if you have a traditional land-line phone, you are already in the system to receive these calls. For more information or to register, visit our website.

### Drive Safely

Driving: it's something most of us do every day. Even though the number of traffic crashes in Jefferson County has dramatically decreased in the last four years, we have not been immune to tragedy. In 2009 in Jefferson County, 13 people died in traffic crashes, including a cyclist. Remember to keep your eyes on the road, and be especially cautious when sharing the road with bicycles.

### Beware Pepé le Pew...

In early 2010, local health departments reported several rabid skunks. Experts now believe that rabies is spreading among the skunk population. This strain of the disease can easily spread to a dog or cat that comes in contact with a rabid skunk. A domestic animal contracting rabies must be euthanized. Our Animal Control unit urges pet owners to stay current on their pets' rabies vaccines, and prevent pets from roaming.

### ...and Wile E. Coyote

While we're on the subject of wildlife, let's talk coyotes. This once-skittish canine has come to enjoy life in the 'burbs, where it has lots of things to eat, many places to hide, and no natural predators. But although it's a common sight, the wily coyote is still a wild animal. And it may be more aggressive in the summer, defending its new pups. If you encounter a coyote on a walk, haze it by yelling, clapping, or throwing a stick. Do this to help re-instill a healthy fear of humans in our local coyote populations. Find more tips at the Colorado Division of Wildlife's website.

### Request a Vacation Check

Finally, if you're going on vacation, you can request a vacation check on your home by calling the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at **303-277-0211**. Deputies will make an effort to do extra patrols, and will know how to reach you if there's a problem at your house.

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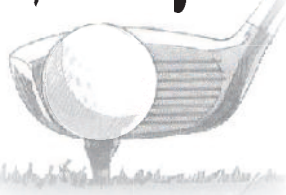
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## Clubs West 2010 Swim Team Home Meets

Clubs West will host 3 meets this summer at the Columbine West Pool. They are scheduled for June 12th against Governor'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 usual 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 add 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/>.



## CLASSIFIEDS

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## Community Comment

At the CWCA monthly meeting, a letter from a neighbor was asked to be submitted into the newsletter. This article was directly addressing some concerns about how the neighborhood looks. Over the past couple of years, we have been educating homeowners on their responsibility to take care of their property. Hopefully to also take the pride in ownership that many have in the development. A concerned Columbine West resident, in the hopes of raising the awareness of some residents in our community, wrote the following submission. CWCA motioned for approval for inclusion in the newsletter.

**Do your neighbors appreciate you?**  
**Below is a self evaluation. How do you rate?**

House: Fresh paint, broken windows fixed, Christmas lights taken down in a timely manner, shutters and gutters affixed properly, etc.

Front Porch: Clear of clutter, inviting

Yard: Grass watered and cut, weeds removed, clear of clutter

Driveway: Items used during the day stored in the garage at night

Fence: In good repair

Trash Cans: On trash day, trash cans/bags not placed on sidewalks obstructing walkers and strollers, and then put away out of sight by end of day

Cars: Parked in garage, parked on driveway, off the street whenever possible

Trees/Bushes: Kept trimmed off sidewalks, dead trees or limbs removed

Sidewalks: Snow removed

If you can answer "Yes" or "Usually" to the above items, you deserve a pat on the back and a big thank you from the Columbine West community. If not, could you please step up your efforts to respect your neighbors and help protect the property values of our community?

P.S. What do your backyard neighbors see when they gaze upon your backyard?



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## Columbine West Statistics for June 2010

### Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$192,900	\$224,900	2
4-Level	269,900	269,900	1
2-Story	249,900	300,000	10
Tri-Level	220,000	289,950	7
Bi-Level	209,000	244,900	3

### Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$249,900	\$249,900	1
4-Level	189,900	249,900	3
2-Story	225,000	281,000	4
Tri-Level	205,000	245,000	3
Bi-Level	165,000	220,000	3

### 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	230,000	299,900	4
Tri-Level	180,000	210,000	3
Bi-Level	160,000	235,000	3

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