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Eagle Project to Benefit Dutch Creek & Columbine West

Local Troop 459 Life Scout, **Evan McCombs**, will be pursuing his rank of Eagle and setting out to complete his project, which is the re-development/landscaping on the corner of Roxbury/Webster. Evan was born in Columbine West, attended Dutch Creek Elementary and is now a Freshman at Columbine H.S. Scouting has been part of his life since joining scouts as a Tiger Cub. He inquired with Ms. Pennel, Principal of Dutch Creek, about the prospect of creating a "welcoming environment" to the corner lot, which has been increasingly neglected. Due to budget cuts throughout the Jeffco District, her response was very enthusiastic. The plot will support a variety of xeriscape plant life due to lack of water availability. Evan needs to raise his funds for the project and has decided to offer the community the opportunity to support him. Included in the re-design, he is using Profit Resources to incorporate the installation of engraved "donor bricks," like seen on college campuses and ballparks. With a goal of 210 bricks, he will be canvassing area businesses and the community. This is an exciting project where anyone can purchase a brick and become part of the permanent installation. Attached to this article is an order form that can be filled out and sent to Evan. **Deadline for submissions is September 1st.** Please join in supporting this project that will enhance the neighborhood and help Evan to complete his advancement. Any questions, feel free to contact Evan at **303-904-3301**.

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Vegetation Covering Sidewalks

Recently the Garden Club has received a number of complaints concerning vegetation covering sidewalks, so we are hoping to rectify some of the problems. There are a number of areas in the subdivision where walkers must make a detour off the sidewalk into the street. It is the intention of the Garden Club to help notify homeowners to look at your property and cut vegetation back that makes safe passage on the sidewalks. Some bushes and/or trees that have become mature can conflict with "sight lines," also causing unsafe traffic conditions. If you have a stop sign or other road sign on your property, check to make sure drivers have a clear view. This means both height and width. Please help to improve these safety issues. Be advised that the Garden

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Community Input on Neighborhood Traffic Concerns

Do you have questions or concerns with traffic, traffic flow or safety in the neighborhood? Join us at our Tuesday, August 10th, CWCA Board meeting at the Columbine West pool pavilion, where **Tim Murray** of the Jefferson County Transportation & Engineering Division and **Kathy Hartman**, our County Commissioner, will have an open forum to discuss current issues and potential projects with residents of Columbine West. This is an exceptional offer from the Transportation & Engineering Division to speak with our development, just about our unique traffic items. Residents have raised concerns over speed on W. Quarto Avenue with the "blind curve," as well as speed at the crosswalk on S. Webster near the pool. There are many possible resolutions to the issues, including a voluntary "crossing guard" force on S. Webster, speed bumps, flashing speed limit signs similar to Grant Ranch Blvd or Bellevue (which HOA could purchase and move around under license from the county). The board meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at the pool pavilion on S. Webster St. and ends around 8:30 p.m.

CWCA Calendar of Events

- **Aug. 3rd**, National Night Out, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 10th**, CWCA Meeting,
Pool Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Aug. 14th**, Garden Workday, 9 a.m.,
Zephyr/Ken Caryl
- **Aug. 23rd**, School Starts
- **Sept. 1st**, Home Improvement Contest deadline
- **Sept. 14th**, CWCA Meetings, Dutch Creek Elem.

Next CWCA Meetings, 6:30 p.m.

August 10th, Pool Pavilion

Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th, Nov. 9th, Dutch Creek Elem.

Dec. TBD

Vegetation, continued from front page

Club will be referring addresses to the County beginning September. If vegetation has not been trimmed by September, you will receive a note from the County and given 3 weeks to complete it. The County has the authority to visit your property and so call "hack away" at your vegetation. Truth be told, they do not necessarily do a pretty job. Homeowners may even incur a fee for the visit. If you have some concerns about an area that needs to be checked out, call the voicemail **303-904-8218** and provide an address. Please help yourself and our community by taking some time to check around your yard and sidewalks.

Christmas in July for Charity

The Shiloh House Christmas in July campaign will benefit many agency locations including The Sanctuary, a new 24/7 emergency youth shelter. Non-profits receive most of their charitable giving from individuals and the corporate community during the Christmas season. During the summer, non-profits can experience a lull in giving. Shiloh House hopes, with their Christmas in July program, to make going back to school a more successful experience for the underserved children in our programs. Shiloh House currently serves children from birth to 18 years old. Shiloh House will serve 200 to 500 youth this year!

Here are some items that we are in desperate need of:

Books, Board Games, Toys, Back Packs, School Supplies – note books, dividers, paper, pens, pencils, rulers etc., Arts & Craft Supplies – coloring books, crayons, markers, sketch pads, etc., Sports Equipment – footballs, basketballs, baseballs, soft balls & gloves, soccer balls, volley balls, Hygiene Supplies – toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, combs, brushes, hair picks, etc., lotion, feminine products, First Aid Supplies/Kits – Band aids, Peroxide, Rubbing Alcohol, Cotton Swabs, Q tips, etc., Infant supplies – diapers, wipes, formula, breast pumps, nursing pads, etc., General – totes, small, medium, large to organize & store all of the wonderful donations!

Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Shiloh House: 6400 W Coal Mine Avenue, Littleton, CO 80128. (303) 932-9599
- The Sanctuary: 8461 Delaware Street, Thornton, CO 80260. (303) 720-292-2730
- Shiloh House: 745 Highway 119, Longmont, CO 80504. (303-772-1802)

Any questions, contact Rev James Martino at jmartino@shilohhouse.net or www.shilohhouse.org.

Garden Club News

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.

Garden Workday: We will have a formal workday on August 14th at 9 a.m. We will meet up at the Zephyr/Ken Caryl intersection.

Columbine West Civic Association

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www.neighborhoodlink.com/jeffco/cwc**

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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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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

Community Safety Awareness Day

Don't miss this extraordinary safety event! The District Attorney's Community Safety Awareness Day will be August 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds with free safety tips and tools for the entire family.

They are providing free recycling of small electronics, document shredding, free credit reports printed on-site and consultation with bank officers; kids activities; safety presentations; and over 50 booths with demonstrations, valuable information and giveaways.

Sponsored by the Jefferson County District Attorney, this event is the first of its kind with a complete range of safety services. Don't miss free fun for the entire family. Visit the link: <http://jeffco.us/da/index.htm> or call Cary Johnson at 303-271-6970 for more information.

Better Pay Attention To This One

NEW TRAFFIC LAW – 2010

New Law: If a patrol car is pulled over to the side of the road, you have to change to the next lane (away from the stopped vehicle) or slow down to at least 20 mph under the posted speed limit. Every state except Hawaii and Maryland and the D.C. has this law. In California, the "Move-over law" became operative on January 1, 2010. <http://www.moveoveramerica.com/> A friend's son got a ticket for this recently. A police car (turned out it was two police cars) were on the side of the road giving a ticket to someone else. He slowed down to pass but did not move into the other lane. The second police car immediately pulled him over and gave him a ticket. He had never heard of the law. It is a fairly new law that states if any emergency vehicle is on the side of the road, if you are able, you are to move into the far lane. The cost of the ticket was \$754, with three points on your license and a mandatory court appearance. Please let everyone you know that drives about this new law. It is true (see details at the following web address). www.moveoveramerica.com

Jeffco Schools Places Nutrition On The Menu

Linda Stoll, Executive Director of Food and Nutrition Services, and her dedicated staff have been named 2009 Public Health Champions by Jefferson County Public Health. The staff was honored for their work on providing healthy food choices to the county's 85,000 students. Stoll and her staff introduced many important changes in 2009 that will positively enhance the nutritional status of students for years to come. The department is going green by returning to plastic trays in the elementary schools instead of Styrofoam plates and implemented a district recycling program, reducing waste from all the milk cartons. Updated equipment including ovens, ranges, freezers, walk-in coolers and steamers will help develop new healthy recipes. Unhealthy ingredients are disappearing, flavored milk and yogurt has been reformulated to leave out the high fructose corn syrup. Whole wheat products with no additives or preservatives hit the shelves and canned veggies have been replaced with fresh or frozen. Local products from places like Phil's Fresh Foods in Boulder and marinara sauce from the Blue Parrott in Louisville are now standards.

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Trash Company Survey

Some residents in different neighborhoods all have the same trash day. This can be very nice for monitoring traffic and less wear and tear on the roads. Columbine West has not required residents to subscribe to a particular trash service, but would like to explore the idea of offering it.

Board member **John Basila** is in the process of researching the availability of discounted rates for the neighborhood from various trash companies. Since Columbine West does not have a unique trash removal provider, you can see garbage trucks in the neighborhood on any given weekday. Would you prefer a single pickup day for the neighborhood? Would you like to save money on your trash service? Please take a few minutes to give us your input on Trash Collection: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2L82W73>. If you'd prefer to give your feedback directly to John, call him at 303-589-9034.

School Starts Just Around the Corner

The official 1st day of school for our Jeffco students is August 23rd. Each year, we put out a gentle reminder to our residents to use extra caution in the school zones, those within our development and those outside of it. Dutch Creek is considered a "walk-to" school, which refers to a larger number of children on foot than in cars. Neighborhood kids look forward to riding their bikes, scooter and skates to and from school, while the weather accommodates. Be watchful in the morning as the kids head out, from 7:45 a.m. to 8 a.m. and once again in the afternoon hours of 2:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. Check out the school calendar at the listed site, <http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/>, you can also access the "Back to School" web page. CWCA would also like to invite any homeowner to our Tuesday, August 10th meeting at the pool pavilion from 6:30 to dusk, where representatives from the County will be discussing traffic and pedestrian issues. See the traffic article for additional information.

Nice Party at the Pool

Thanks to all of those who helped at the Community Pool Party. Special thanks to **Holly McMonigle** for arranging the food/drinks and pool toys. The weather was perfect, no storm clouds or thunder to rush us away. Our belly flop contest is always a highlight to the evening and all those that participated had very nice looking red bellies. Each community event is sponsored by paid memberships. As always we appreciate those who volunteer their time in any way, bringing events to the community.

Search for CWCA Secretary & New Board Members

The CWCA is accepting inquiries for a new Secretary. The duties will include taking minutes at the monthly meetings and posting information on the website. CWCA is also looking for 1 more member that might want to join the Board. If you would like to become an involved community member within the association, call the voicemail line at 303-904-8218 and leave a message or plan on attending a monthly meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary or the Pool Pavilion during the summer months. You can also send a written request to CWCA, at P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162.

July Yard of the Month

The nominations continue to keep coming; during the last month we had 4 neighborhood yards that were selected to be looked at. This month's winner is a hidden treasure and I mean hidden. Some of the cul-de-sac's in the neighborhood are well designated areas, then again, others are small and intimate. Finding the July Yard of the Month winner was a google trail. Longtime resident, 38 years to be exact, **Jack Schenck** at 7488 S. Teller St., moved into Columbine West when he was transferred to Colorado from N.J. with many others who worked for Johns Manville Co. In 1972, he bought 1 of only two houses that this particular builder built. There is not another house with the same design or plan in the Columbine West development. Entering the front of the yard gives you the opportunity to admire the "putting green" quality of his lawn, which is stunning. He has planters filled with geraniums, petunias and roses. A water feature complete with statue has a place of honor built upon a double layer brick construction. You might think that he has had help but nope, it is all Jack. "Famous Jack" as many of his longtime friends referred of him. What is he famous for? During the afternoon interview he shared many stories of his adventures sailing, skiing and traveling, which have not stopped this proud 81 year young gentleman. He claims that having something to do keeps him quite fit, along with the 9 miles of walking he religiously does, everyday. It was a pleasure to meet Jack and get a closer look at his front and back yard and his home. Thank you, Jack, for creating your very own hidden treasure. The winning homeowner receives 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 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.



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Corrections, Corrections!!

The June Yard of the Month article must have been created under a full moon, or high heat, due to the unusual amount of errors in it. The Armstrong boys graduated in '88 and '91, we were an entire decade off. It was reported that 3 cottonwoods were removed, when it should have read, 4 cottonless cottonwoods and 1 locust tree were removed and the whole remodel time was two years. We are always striving to bring correct information into our articles and appreciate the heads up when we error.

2010 Memberships are on the Rise

Each time the mail is picked up from the CWCA P.O. Box, there happens to be a few more checks from homeowners to cover membership dues. At the pool party in July we also received a few renewals. Presently, there are 353 paid memberships helping to reach the 2010 goal of 420.

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. Membership dues are accepted all year long. Thank you for your continuing support in making Columbine West a great community to live in.

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. This outreach event is being planned at Jeffco businesses. **August 10: IHOP Restaurant, 12634 W. Indore Place, September 9: Starbucks, 7403 W. Chatfield Ave.**

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

Vacant Homes in Columbine West

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**.

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Home Improvement/Landscaping Contest

The 4th Annual Home Improvement/Landscaping Contest is being 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 was 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 outside of 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.

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 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. & Fri 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.). Children must be 5 on or before October 1st, 2010. 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."

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- Mail you are expecting doesn't arrive, especially related to financial matters; bills you paid are still showing due
- You apply for a credit card or loan and are denied

Preventative Steps:

- Carry a close-fitting pouch instead of a purse or carry a wallet in your front pocket
- Reduce the items you carry in public such as extra credit cards, social security card, and checkbooks; remove your Social Security Number from your driver's license
- Shred, tear into small pieces, or cut up all mail and documents that contain Social Security, bank and credit card numbers
- Place mail with bills to be paid at the Post Office. Ask that new boxes of checks be held at your bank or credit union rather than mailed to you.

TELEMARKETING FRAUD

Warning Signs:

- You live alone and enjoy talking to anyone calling
- You believe it's rude to interrupt a caller or to hang up
- You must pay money up front for taxes or fees to participate
- You must make an immediate decision, before the call ends, or the offer will be rescinded

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Preventative Steps:

- Never talk to strangers on the telephone – they are not calling to wish you a good day. They are invading your privacy – as though they have walked into your home
- Use an answering machine, voice mail, or Caller ID to screen calls
- Never, under any circumstance, give any portion of your credit card, bank account, or Social Security numbers to a caller

MAIL AND INTERNET FRAUD

Warning Signs:

- You play sweepstakes daily because you think you need extra money, holding out hope you will win a big prize some day
- You believe that because your mail is delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, it must be legitimate
- You open and read all of your mail because many pieces look like official government documents or heart-felt solicitations for charity – and you don't have anything better to do
- You're getting the same offers through e-mail that you used to receive through the mail

Preventative Steps:

- Even though it may be fun or give you something to do, stop participating in sweepstakes, lottery, and contest offers
- If you were to truly win something, you NEVER have to pay any fees, taxes, or costs of ANY kind before receiving your winnings – that's the law!

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- Don't even give temptation a chance. If you receive a mailing or e-mail that promotes sweepstakes, lotteries, charities, credit repair, work-at-home offers, or a Nigerian letter, throw the envelope away or delete the e-mail without opening it

CONTRACTOR FRAUD**Warning signs:**

- A home repair contractor solicits you at your door, insisting you have a problem which must be repaired right away
- A contractor offers a bargain price or claims to have materials left over from another job
- A contractor requires a substantial payment in advance or charges significantly more after the work is completed
- An inspector appears at your door, claiming to work for the city or a utility company and must come into your home to inspect your water heater, furnace, or back yard

Preventative Steps:

- BEWARE of door-to-door contractors who use high-pressure or scare tactics to get an immediate decision
- DON'T do business with someone who comes to your door offering a bargain or claims to have materials left over
- Get at least 3 written bids. DON'T always choose the lowest bidder – almost all complaints to the District Attorney's Office are contractors with very low bids. You get what you pay for!
- Require the contractor to use a written contract that lists materials, costs, and the completion date.
- Don't allow any stranger into your home, no matter who they claim to be. City inspectors do not go door to door!

MORTGAGE AND QUIT CLAIM DEED SCAMS**Warning Signs:**

- You've fallen behind in your mortgage payments or you are already in foreclosure
- You're getting phone calls and visits from companies offering to help you pay off your debts
- You're receiving numerous fliers in the mail or on your door offering low interest cash loans
- A friend, advisor or relative asks you to sign some forms – you do, without reading them

Preventative Steps:

- Beware of companies who contact you in person or by fliers offering a foreclosure relief service.
- Don't sign any forms or papers without reading and understanding what you're signing. If you're uneasy or feeling pressured, get advice from a lawyer or other advisor
- Don't deed your property to anyone. First consult an attorney, a knowledgeable family member, or someone else you trust completely. Once you sign legal papers, it can be difficult, or even impossible, to reverse the action.

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND INVESTMENT FRAUD**Warning Signs:**

- High pressure sales tactics with an insistence on an immediate decision
- Unwillingness to let you discuss the deal with another advisor or to get a second opinion
- A guaranteed investment or one with "no risk"

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- Unwillingness to provide written information, including state securities registrations and verifiable references

- A suggestion that you invest on the basis of trust or faith

Preventative Steps:

- Surround yourself with several advisors – don't become solely dependent on one financial advisor or consultant
- Thoroughly check out any offer – don't be rushed into making a hasty decision. Contact the Colorado Division of Securities at 303-894-2320 if you have questions
- Carefully review your financial statements and look for signs of unauthorized or excessive trading. Periodically check your account online or by phone with the fund managers
- If you have trouble retrieving your funds, don't let a false sense of trust keep you from demanding a return of your investment

CAREGIVER FRAUD

Warning Signs:

- Unusual activity in bank and credit card accounts
- Caregiver tries to isolate the victim who comes to rely solely on the caregiver
- Caregiver has total control over finances and has all financial statements mailed to him or her
- New acquaintances appear on the scene and the adult is either completely charmed, or fearful of the caregiver

Preventative Steps:

- If your Power of Attorney or anyone else suggests you make a change in your assets, your investments, or insurance, always get two or three other opinions from within your team of advisors. Only a potential crook will not want you to discuss the change with others
- No matter how much you know, love or trust someone, never sign papers you have not read or do not understand
- Even if you have a representative payee, Power of Attorney or other advisor who manages your finances, insist on receiving and reviewing copies of all bank and financial statements

Note: Jefferson County has the only Elder Abuse Unit in Colorado. If you or another senior you know is being abused physically, verbally, financially, sexually, or another form of abuse, notify the Adult Protective Services at 303-271-4673 or the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at 303-271-0211.

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Call phone companies and others with whom you do business and ask that they put you on their "Do Not Call" lists.

Call the credit reporting agencies "Opt Out Line" to get off mailing lists for unsolicited credit card offers: **1-888-567-8688** or www.optoutprescreen.com.

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Opt out of e-mail and direct mail by contacting the Direct Marketing Association as www.dmchoice.org (this is free) or by sending a letter to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY, 10512 (\$1 fee).

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TIPS TO STOP UNWANTED CALLS

Keep this script near your telephone. If you are contacted by a telemarketer or someone soliciting contributions, read from the script and hang up when you have finished.

I/we do not do business over the telephone.

(I/we do not donate to charities over the telephone.)

Please put me/us on your "DO NOT CALL" list.

Thank you.

The District Attorney's Suggestion: Do not allow the caller to interrupt you or try and get you to stay on the line by trying to engage you in further talk. Read the script and hang up. This is NOT BEING RUDE. It is protecting you from unwanted, and perhaps criminal, offers and intrusions.

If telemarketers call you back and are rude, interrupt and say: "We don't have a good connection – call me back on my other line." Give them the Jefferson/Gilpin DA's Fraud Hot Line Number **303-271-6980**.

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Columbine West Statistics for July 2010

Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$209,900	\$249,900	3
4-Level	215,000	215,000	1
2-Story	199,900	290,000	7
Tri-Level	212,000	265,000	13
Bi-Level	189,000	259,900	6

Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$184,900	\$184,900	1
4-Level	189,900	189,900	1
2-Story	249,900	254,900	2
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	165,000	165,000	1

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West for 2010

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$175,000	\$256,000	5
4-Level	220,000	220,000	1
2-Story	210,000	299,900	10
Tri-Level	180,000	246,000	7
Bi-Level	160,000	235,000	6

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