



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

**CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization**



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## National Night Out at the Park

Columbine West Park and pavilion was full of happy adults and children who participated in the 2nd Annual meet and greet your neighbors at National Night Out on August 3rd. Planned and hosted by CWCA and Shiloh House, attendees enjoyed hot dogs and root beer floats donated by Robert's Italian Deli. Target volunteers served up the floats and ice cream sundaes along with chips and beverages. They also provided sidewalk chalk and glow sticks/whistles for the children.

Tug-of-war proved to be great fun as teams fought to pull the other side into the portable pool full of water. Mini ping pong, bean bag throw, horseshoes, and ladder game kept everyone active, and of course the Monkey Bridge, built and supervised by Boy Scout Troop 459, was a huge hit again this year.

Highlighting the night was the Jefferson County Sheriff's department. First on the scene was the Swat Team. Officers showed off the vehicle and equipment used in Swat operations. Youngsters struggled to lift the 70 pound vest, then found walking around difficult when officers let them try on the vest. The surprise of the evening was the arrival of the Bomb Squad. Everyone was mesmerized when "Odie" the robot was

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## New Pillar

Some homeowners have called the voicemail number to inquire, "Why has it taken so long to get the entrance sign repaired and replaced?" The pillar at Coal Mine/Webster was successfully repaired by SPCS Contractors the middle of August. The time frame of the repair was dictated by the insurance company and the need to secure multiple bids for the reconstruction. SPCS Contractors were able to supply their own water and electricity supply, since neither is available at the site. The pillar needed some time to cure and then the Columbine West signage was reinstalled. The project was overseen by a few CWCA Officers and Board members.

## 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: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/2L82W73](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2L82W73).

If you'd prefer to give your feedback directly to John, call him at **303-589-9034**.

## Talking To Your Neighbors About Pesticides

Your neighbors use pesticides and you prefer not to. You may have wanted to talk to them about it but found it difficult or intimidating to do so. How do you bring the subject up, what would you tell them, and how should you handle it if they get angry or offended? You may feel that you don't know enough facts to answer their questions. You may feel that it's not worth risking your friendship, or at least your pleasant day-to-day interactions. After all, home yard care is like politics: personal and often controversial.

### WHY DO YOU WANT TO TALK TO THEM?

The dynamics of any conversation between neighbors about pesticides will depend on why the conversation is taking place, as well as personal knowledge and beliefs. The strong sense of property rights and personal privacy in this country can cause people to be defensive about how they manage their property. But remember that the non-pesticide user has rights, too! If chemicals drift across property lines or herbicide damage occurs, the need to act is urgent and the goals well defined. If, on the other hand, you are just generally concerned about possible health impacts to your children

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## CWCA Calendar of Events

- **Sept. 1st**, Home Improvement Contest deadline
- **Sept. 8th, 6 p.m.**, Home Improvement Contest Judging, Tucker's House
- **Sept. 14th**, CWCA Meetings, Dutch Creek Elem.
- **Oct. 12th**, CWCA Meetings, Dutch Creek Elem.
- **Oct. 31st**, Halloween Decorating Contest

## Next CWCA Meetings

7.00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary  
**Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th, Nov. 9th, Dec. TBD**

**National Night Out**, continued from front page

unveiled. Weighing 400 pounds, "Odie" was put through maneuvers to show off its capabilities. It was able to pick up a water bottle in its claw and place it in the dumpster. "Odie's" counterpart, the orange robot named "Garfield", weighs only 100 pounds and is used for sniffing out suspicious items in homes and businesses.

Littleton Fire Station 13 sent their fire truck and allowed eager young and old to view the truck and question the firefighters. One small girl even buckled herself in the back seat, and was ready to put on a helmet and race to the next fire call. She had to be coaxed repeatedly by her mother to get down from the truck.

Gift cards were donated by King Soopers, which were used to purchase all the needed paper goods.

We thank all those who attended and all the sponsors who helped make the event a success. Next year we are hoping more adults attend with their children. It is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and reconnect with those you have lost touch with.

*"The duty of helping one's self in the highest sense involves the helping of one's neighbors." — Samuel Smiles*

**Pesticides**, continued from front page

from playing on the neighbor's lawn, the issue is slightly different but still important. Concerns about water pollution or other environmental effects of pesticides need to be explained carefully and convincingly, noting that everyone's pollution is important even if it is small.

**GETTING STARTED**

Relationships between neighbors can range from friendly, cordial, and polite to antagonistic, hand-waving basis only, or to cursory uncertain glances while both neighbors rush to and from work. Deciding how and when to talk about pesticides depends on the nature of the neighbor relationship and the personal reasons compelling the pesticide-free neighbor to broach the subject. In the case of pesticide overspray onto your property, a phone call or personal visit is certainly appropriate, and it is important to act quickly to document contamination. For less serious situations, do whatever feels most comfortable. Having a chat while working in the yard can be a non-threatening way to break the ice. Another approach might be to invite a neighbor in for a cup of coffee or a beer. Whatever approach is taken, be polite and ready for any reaction, and be prepared to listen. A positive approach is always more effective than one that puts people on the defensive. For example, mention a new lawncare service that doesn't use pesticides. Or suggest a new pest control product that is less toxic. That way, the talk turns to the alternative first, and the conversation can come around to the hazards later, perhaps as you explain why you made the choice you did. There are no magic words that will get your neighbors to change their practices. The best advice is to remember that they very likely do not know much about the negative effects of pesticide use or about available alternatives. The general idea with these conversations is to "start where they are." This means putting yourself in their place and understanding not only why they are using pesticides, but also what will be an effective way for them to begin thinking about changing their yard maintenance practices. Offering least-toxic substitute products can be an easy way to begin this, since many people equate killing pests with reaching for a spray bottle and healthy lawns with monthly visits from the spray truck. Just remember where they are coming from, and the conversation will be easier.

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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.

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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**

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Extension Service	303-271-6620	Voting Information	303-271-8111

**Pesticides**, continued from page 2**WHAT TO SAY**

Keep it as simple and non-technical as possible. If your concern is primarily human health, focus on that as a starting point. Watch for their reaction as you talk, and if any point seems to play well, you can enlarge on it. Here are some ideas for topics that you might discuss:

Children are so much more vulnerable than adults are. They are smaller, eat and drink more per pound, are still developing, and have behaviors that put them at risk (playing on the grass, mouthing their hands, going barefoot, etc.). There's so much we don't know about pesticides. Only the active ingredients are known, and they usually make up less than a few percent of the product. Full product formulations aren't tested for long-term effects. Exposures to multiple chemicals aren't considered. Many effective alternatives are readily available. More and more stores are stocking less-hazardous products for garden and lawn care. You can ask your neighbor what their major problems are and focus in on alternatives for those pests.

Many lawn care companies offer an organic or low-pesticide approach. It's true. There are companies that offer or even specialize in a sensible approach to pesticides. If you have experience with a company, you might make a referral. Some cities and counties now offer natural yard care pilot programs. You can ask neighbors if they would like to participate with you in one of these programs. Even if such a program isn't available locally, you can bring your neighbors together informally to share information.

**PETS ARE VULNERABLE TO PESTICIDES AS WELL**

A study of dogs exposed to the most frequently used lawn chemical, 2,4-D, found that when dog owners applied 2,4-D more than four times a year on their lawn, the incidence of common canine cancer (canine malignant lymphoma or CML) doubled. According to the National Cancer Institute, dogs with CML were 30% more likely to have lived in a home where the owners had applied 2,4-D or employed a commercial lawn company to treat their yard.

**ADDITIONAL TIPS**

- Begin where they are. Remember that they have a different perspective on pesticides, probably because they don't know much about them. Begin your conversation gently.
- Avoid a holier than thou attitude. After all, perhaps there are things you do that annoy them!
- Don't lecture them, have a conversation. Give them a chance to talk.
- Listen to what they say. Don't get so wrapped up in planning your next point that you don't hear them.
- Keep it friendly, avoid an accusatory tone.
- Offer to bring them additional information, then follow up.

**LET YOUR PESTICIDE FREE****ZONE SIGN BREAK THE ICE**

If you put up a Pesticide Free Zone sign in your front lawn, your neighbors or friends may ask about it and that will get the conversation started. Your neighbors may perhaps feel defensive if they think that the sign was put up to get their attention specifically. Or they may just be curious about why you garden the way you do or how you control pests without chemicals. In any case, wait a couple of weeks after you put up the sign and see if anything happens. If it doesn't, you can always start a conversation yourself by pointing out your new sign.

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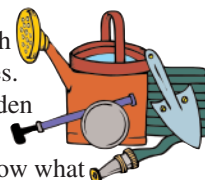
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## Garden Club News

### Garden Workday – August 14th

It has been a hard summer to get much done. Dirt diggers have very busy schedules. So, when we planned to have our Garden Workday on August 14th, being only the second workday of the summer, we didn't know what to expect. Thankfully, the following people showed up to help weed and take care of the Ken Caryl/Zephyr entrance: **Marcia Patullo, Lisa Hatch, Jan & Greg Glazner, Jim Slora, Mel Ochs, Jack Woodman, Howard & Deb Tucker, Bobby & Sherri Hanson and Jackson.** With so many hands, we were able to finally get ahead of the game. Thanks to everyone who participated! We will be having another workday on August 28th. Plan to join us!



### Home Improvement Contest Voting/Potluck

Garden members are cordially invited to the Tucker's on Wednesday, September 8th at 6 p.m. for our Annual Home Improvement Contest voting. We will be having a potluck dinner. Main dish (Cashew Chicken) and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Any questions, please contact Deb at **303-973-4230** or [tuckerinn6@msn.com](mailto:tuckerinn6@msn.com). Thanks! Hope to see you then!

If you think you can share some time and talent with CWCA, call the voicemail **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.

### Home Improvement Contest T.B.A.

The 4th Annual Home Improvement/Landscaping Contest was offered again this year by Gary Birkholtz, owner of Chatfield Time Rentals. CWCA is extremely thankful to Gary for offering this contest and its prizes. September 1st marked the deadline for submissions that required homeowners to submit before and after pictures for qualification. Home improvement refers to anything outside of the home, such as landscaping, siding, cement work, windows and/or paint. 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. Judges will be looking for that dramatic difference. Garden Club will meet early September and judge the entries. Winners will be announced along with photos and details, 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.

### National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 6-12

Nearly 8.3 million adults in the U.S. had serious thoughts of suicide in 2009, according to a study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). In addition, 2.3 million adult Americans made a suicide plan, and 1.1 million adults actually attempted suicide in the past year. To recognize the warning signs and save a life, go to the American Association of Suicidology website.

## Some Secretarial Help is Needed

Once a month, the CWCA Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs and any interested homeowners come together to share what has been happening in the neighborhood and what is being scheduled. Over the last few months the association has been without an official Secretary. By far the most important duty is the taking of the minutes. The minutes are records of what was done, not what was said. Minutes should not contain discussions, personal opinions, adjectives, or interpretations. The secretary signs the minutes when they are written, and the president signs after they are approved. CWCA is also looking for (1) more member to join the Board. A Board Member is entitled to rely on the advice of other officers, professional people, or CWCA committees. Members of the CWCA Board, must perform their duties in good faith, in a manner that is in the best interest of the association. Responsibilities may include: Chairing or co-chairing committees/activities, attending monthly meetings, participating in community activities, providing input/helping resolve resident's issues/complaints, working for the betterment of Columbine West, and acting as liaisons to county, state, and private agencies, businesses, and other HOAs. All Board members have voting privileges and holding a Board position is a prerequisite to a possible Officers position. If you would like to become an involved community member within the association, call the voice mail line, **303-904-8218**, and leave a message or plan on attending a monthly meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary. The Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

## 2010 Membership Tally

Our summer has been packed full of community events and a huge "Thank You" to all of those who paid their dues to help support CWCA. We will continue to host activities, check the Calendar of Events to see what is being planned and maybe how your own talents could be put to use. Presently there are 360 paid memberships, which is 86% towards reaching 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/cwca/](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/jeffco/cwca/).** 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. September 9: Starbucks, 7403 W. Chatfield Ave.

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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 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.



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For more information call the Market Hotline  
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## Pollution Prevention Week, Sept. 19-25

This week is an opportunity for individuals, businesses, and government to emphasize commitment to preventing pollution and supporting sustainability activities and achievements.

## Check Out Rooney Road Recycling Center

Many household chemicals pose a serious health hazard if not properly handled, stored and disposed. It has never been easier to remove these hazards from your home. The Rooney Road Recycling Center will accept most types of household hazardous waste materials. The Rooney Road Recycling Center is split into two sections: one for organic materials and one for hazardous materials. The organics side collects brush, wood waste, grass, leaves, combustible slash, etc. This portion of the recycling center is open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (please make final drop-offs by 4:45 so the center can close promptly). There is no appointment necessary when dropping materials off. To contact them directly, please call **303-710-9120**.

Yard Waste Recycling Program accepts yard waste such as leaves, compost, grass clippings, tree branches, construction lumber, and logs for chipping and mulching. Residential and commercial customers are encouraged to utilize this service. For more information on the Yard Waste Recycling Program, please call **1-800-776-1644**.

The hazardous materials side will accept most types of household hazardous waste materials. Many household chemicals pose a serious health hazard if not properly handled, stored and disposed. This portion of the recycling center is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays only, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You must make an appointment when bringing materials to the hazardous side. Please call the office at **303-316-6262** (open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) for questions or to schedule an appointment. Recycle your Christmas Tree at the Rooney Road Recycling center for the charge of \$1.00 each.

## Library Card Sign-Up Month

Library Card Sign-Up Month is to promote the accessibility of your local library. Children who use the library as a resource tend to perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library for learning and exploring new opportunities throughout their lives.

## Important Numbers

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

Unwanted scrap metals of any kind, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, washers/dryers, microwaves, vacuums, shelving, mowers and car batteries. Metal is found in many household items; please feel free to call before you throw them away. The more we recycle, less piles up in the landfill. Fees are charged where necessary; otherwise this is a FREE service.

### 2) Rooney Road Recycling, 303-710-9120

For appointments call: 303-316-6262

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## Microbial Life On Mars? Conditions May Be Right

Mars may not be home to four-armed green warrior giants or octopus-like creatures intent on invasion, but it could support simple forms of microbial life, according to scientists. A methane-eating bacterium discovered in the extreme northern reaches of Canada is one example of the type of life we might someday find on the Red Planet.

The bacteria survives in the Lost Hammer spring, where the water is so salty it doesn't freeze even at subzero temperatures. As probes have discovered both methane and frozen water on Mars, similar bacteria could be waiting in gullies that might contain springs like the Lost Hammer.

Mars is a cold, inhospitable environment, but in some areas it's actually warmer than the Lost Hammer, making it more conducive to the development of microscopic life.

## Risky Business Down For Teens, At Least A Little

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveys teens every two years for trends in risky behaviors. The 2009 Youth Risk Behavior Survey offered these results:

### Alcohol

- Had at least one drink in their lifetime: 72.5 percent, down from 75 percent in 2007
- Had one drink within the previous 30 days: 41.8 percent, down from 44.7 percent

### Marijuana

- Had used marijuana at least one time in their life: 36.8 percent, down from 38.1 percent
- Had used marijuana within the last 30 days: 20.8 percent, up from 19.7 percent

### Cigarettes

- Had tried smoking during their lifetime: 46.3 percent, down from 50.3 percent.
- Had smoked at least once during the past 30 days: 19.5 percent, down from 20 percent in 2007

*Note: Although most of the changes in behavior reported by the survey are statistically insignificant, the decreases in having had a drink within the past 30 days and experimenting with smoking were considered legitimate trends.*

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## Get Children To And From School Safely

September brings the start of a new school year and the sight of children nationwide walking to school in the morning and back home in the afternoon. If you're concerned about their safety (and that's only natural), follow these tips for making sure your children know how to navigate the streets without trouble:

- **Choose the right route.** Have your child use the most direct route to and from school. Look for intersections with stoplights and well-defined crosswalks, as well as adult crossing guards.
- **Walk it yourself.** For the first week or so, walk with your younger children to be sure they know where and how to cross the street. Tell them to avoid shortcuts, abandoned houses, and anything else that might hide them from sight.
- **Dress children for visibility.** Brightly colored coats and clothing will make your children more visible to drivers.
- **Discuss safety.** Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from anyone they don't know. Be sure they understand what traffic signals mean and the importance of paying attention to what's happening around them.
- **Check their knowledge.** Be sure small children know their own address and home phone number, as well as contact information for another trusted adult.
- **Keep the lights on.** Be sure to leave your porch or outdoor lights on in fall and winter afternoons when darkness comes early.

## The History Of Labor Day

Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement, a yearly celebration of the American worker, and a national tribute to the laborer's contribution to the social and economic achievements of the United States.

There is some uncertainty about the origins of Labor Day. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first to suggest a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold." Other research suggests that machinist Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the official holiday.

The first governmental recognition of Labor Day came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886.

The State of Oregon passed the first law recognizing the Labor Day holiday on Feb. 21, 1887. Four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York – followed suit that same year.

On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in all the states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories.



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## **Bye, Bye Summer...**

### **Summerset Festival Is Almost Here!**

It's time to mark your calendar for the 26th Annual Summerset Festival. Scheduled for Friday, September 17 from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, September 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Clement Park at the corner of S. Wadsworth Blvd. and W. Bowles Ave., the festival will draw over 40,000 festival-goers. General admission is free.

Friday night kicks off this annual community event with a live concert and food vendors. Weather permitting, hot air balloons will participate in a tethered glow to honor the Columbine High School tragedy. The evening will end with the traditional fall fireworks display.

This year's festival will include more than 100 craft exhibitors, business and non-profit exhibitors, pancake breakfast, fishing derby, Sheriff's Safety Fair, entertainment, athletic events, kids attractions and fun for the entire family!

On Saturday, the Wild West Auto Fest car show will be in full speed with over 500 cars. Sunday will feature the Fun Day for the Dogs event. For more information and entertainment schedule, call **303-409-2120** or visit **www.summersetfest.com**.

## **3 Questions To Boost Your Child's Confidence**

Talking about the positive events or accomplishments in your child's life can have a profound effect on them. It boosts their self-esteem and gives them every reason to expect better things in the future. Help kids build their self-image by asking these questions:

- **What makes you feel proud of yourself?** When you know what makes them feel great, you can build on it with more questions about where they want to go in their lives.
- **What family memories do you think about?** When you hear how they view the family, you can ask them where they see themselves in the mix.
- **Were you ever surprised by someone?** Knowing what surprises them can give you hints for future reference.

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- **Hold weekly family meetings.** Use them to schedule everyone's activities for the week, from school meetings and athletic events to family outings. Give your kids a say on decisions; it makes them feel like an integral part of the family.
- **Share your child's interests.** Yes, that means enduring their rap music on the family-room stereo. Get them subscriptions to magazines associated with their hobbies or activities, and commit to reading at least one kid-related article each month to stay abreast of their world.
- **Share your work with them.** Bring them to your workplace. Show them what you do and how your work relates to the entire organization. When you have a particular success at work, celebrate it with your family.

## Baby Safety Month

Baby Safety Month is to educate consumers on safety issues involving car seats, strollers, cribs and beds, toys, and other accessories for infants. Sponsored by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association. Visit [www.jpma.org](http://www.jpma.org) for ideas and details.



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## Columbine West Statistics for August 2010

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

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 209,950	\$ 275,000	4
4-Level	\$ 189,900	\$ 289,950	10
2-Story	\$ 189,900	\$ 290,000	5
Tri-Level	\$ 240,000	\$ 249,900	2
Bi-Level	\$ 184,000	\$ 254,900	5

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

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 244,900	\$ 244,900	1
4-Level	\$ 189,900	\$ 229,900	2
2-Story	\$ 249,900	\$ 304,000	3
Tri-Level	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	1
Bi-Level	None	None	0

### Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West Jan. 1 to Aug. 19, 2010

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 175,000	\$ 256,000	6
4-Level	\$ 188,500	\$ 246,000	5
2-Story	\$ 210,000	\$ 299,900	11
Tri-Level	\$ 180,000	\$ 195,000	4
Bi-Level	\$ 160,000	\$ 235,000	7

## Columbine Library Book Club Selections

The Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Columbine Library. Time is 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 7: Shadow of the Wind –

Carlos Ruiz Zafron – Fiction

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Dec. 7: East of Eden – John Steinbeck – Fiction



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