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2010 Home Improvement Contest

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. Home improvement refers to anything outside of the home, such as landscaping, siding, cement work, windows and/or paint. Projects can be ongoing. This year's contest provided homeowners with the potential of earning bragging rights to 1st through 3rd place. Judging was done during a potluck dinner as entries were reviewed by interested Garden Club members. Thank you Gary Birkholtz and Chatfield Time Rentals for sponsoring the contest for another year. If you would like to know more about individual contractors used, contact the homeowner, they would love to share. If you would like to see the before and after pictures, they will be posted at Chatfield Time Rentals, on Ken Caryl Ave. Thanks to all who participated! A huge round of applause for the 2010 winners. Look inside the newsletter for all the winners and photos.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Annual Membership Drive Hits 88%

Congratulations on a fantastic year for the association. We have seen our memberships continue to climb this year. The most recent count was 371, which means we have achieved 88% of our 420 goal. Our newsletter circulation is 1,555, so this means that only 20% of all Columbine West households are civic association members. The membership fees are used in many ways to benefit the community. As next year's budget is being set, committees are searching for ways to continue to help the neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer time or talent, please call the voicemail line at **303-904-8218** and leave a message. Thank you to all who have paid the annual dues for 2010. Happy New Year!

Columbine Rebel Cards Still Available

During these economically challenging times, it is refreshing to save some change. The Rebel Card is a multi-use card that has many local merchants offering discounts on their products. The Columbine Football team sold them before school started as a much needed fundraiser for the football program. If you did not have a chance to get one, they are still available for purchase at the high school. They sell for \$20 and can save you many times that amount. Drop by the school office during regular operating hours while they last, supply is limited. Cash/check only.

CWCA Calendar of Events

2010

- **Dec. 3rd, 8 p.m. & Dec. 4th, 6 p.m.**, Parade of Lights
- **Dec. 14th, 2010, 7 p.m.**, Dutch Creek Elementary, CWCA Holiday Social/Get-together
- **Dec. 25th**, Merry Christmas!

2011

- **Jan. 1st**, Happy New Year!
- **Feb. 23rd, 24th & 25th, 7 p.m. & Feb. 26th, 2 p.m.** C.H.S. Musical Performance, Bye, Bye, Birdie

CWCA Holiday Potluck Gathering

On December 14th from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Columbine West Civic Association Board Members and volunteers are hosting a holiday get-together at Dutch Creek Elementary. The event is an open Potluck theme, bring a dish or sweet treat to share with other neighbors. Coffee, cider and hot chocolate will be supplied by CWCA. This year has flown by and the development has many activities to be proud of, with credit being given to all of the volunteers and a huge amount of hours invested back into the community. All are welcome, please stop in and grab a bite.

Halloween Decorating Winners

Ghosts and goblins... oh, my! The 2010 nominees and contest winners are **Russ & Rhonda Slade** at 7226 S. Pierce Court, along with **Laura & Graig Bresee** of 7285 S. Webster St. These 2 homes were called into the voicemail line as candidates for the contest. Thank you for giving of your time and talent to decorate your homes for the holiday. The winners each receive a \$25 Gift Card supported by CWCA membership funds.

We need your help!

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

2010 Home Improvement Contest Winners

1ST PLACE (\$250) 8126 W. FREMONT DR.



The McCombs Family has lived in Columbine West since 1994, when the family was transferred from San Diego's General Dynamics and merged with Martin Marietta. The front entrance to the house was a small non-descript concrete sidewalk encroached by spiky junipers. The front door was an odd double door that begged to be replaced. A new installation of a single door, flanked by half glass side panels, brings more light into the entryway and updates the entrance. In an effort to capture more outdoor living space, they had a large trex deck built by TK Quality Construction added onto the front. The driveway was also lined with small evergreens that began to overtake the area. Tearing them out with the help of a braided tow rope and a Toyota 4Runner, made way for flagstone to be installed and low voltage lights to enhance a well designated walkway. Garden beds edged with rip-rap began to emerge, planted with perennials and ground covers. Their mature Blue Spruce and Ash help to provide shade and seclusion. Evenings during the summer are spent enjoying the company of neighbors and watching the kids play in the cul-de-sac. The McCombs have 2 sons; Jeremy, a Senior at CHS and Evan, a Freshman. The family loves living in Columbine West for its proximity to the mountains for snow sports and lakes for fishing. Congratulations on a job well done.

2ND PLACE (\$150) 7107 W. ROXBURY AVENUE



The Pagliasotti Family has been in Columbine West since 1975. If the name sounds familiar that is because they have been the past recipient of the "Yard of the Month Contest" in July, 2009. They are both native Coloradoans and have raised 3 children that have now blessed them with 3 grand children. The Pagliasotti's own and operate a sheet metal business called

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Columbine West Civic Association

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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.

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

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

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Classic Metals. Mark mentioned that the front yard had a very difficult time growing because of the grade and soil. Water would just run off and down the gutter. To increase their chances of success a short retaining wall was installed to level the lawn and a new sprinkler system. Attention was turned towards the small entryway sidewalk and stoop. A new concrete driveway, stamped walkway and front patio was installed. The most inviting part of their front yard has to be the sunburst porch. With an open posts and beams shaped in the sunburst design illuminated with lights. Seating is plentiful, accompanied by a portable fire grate in the middle. The exterior of the house received a coating of stucco and additional lighting helps to enhance the welcoming feel. Debi commented that sitting on the patio early morning enjoying her coffee before work has been extremely rewarding. Congratulations on polishing up a diamond in the rough.

3RD PLACE (\$100) 7769 W. FROST DRIVE



The Kane Family moved into Columbine West in December of 2008. Ronald and Jennifer relocated from California, he is employed by MDP Engineering as a Mechanical Engineer and she works for Hair Club for Men & Women in Greenwood Village. The couple is expecting their first child in May. The Kane's have been very busy making improvements to the yard and house. The front yard and entry way was overgrown with roughly 8 huge junipers, they were removed and the new beds were planted with new perennials and a small Red Thunder crab tree. The grass was pretty much non-existent, but with some TLC the grass was brought back to life. The house has been updated with a new paint color scheme, shutters added, re-roofed and front doors accented with a wonderfully warm and inviting red. Their fence along the front side of the house was blown down by a wind storm, so that too has been replaced and upgraded with composite materials. To see all of these improvements made in such a short amount of time is very commendable. Congratulations to the Kane's, who have made a great addition to the Columbine West community.

Holiday Lighting/Decorating Contest

It's wonderful to see Columbine West all lit up for the holidays. It showcases our community and makes the neighborhood festive and bright for the season. CWCA will once again sponsor the annual contest and two lucky households will be selected. If you'd like to make sure your house or your neighbor's gets looked at, please call the hotline before December 20th at **303-904-8218** and let us know the address. You can also drop a note to **CWCAtalk@gmail.com**.

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Thank you for helping with our Blood Drive on December 6. The Blood Drive was very successful because of your help. We will be ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army from December 11th to December 24th at two King Soopers stores. If you would like to help with these or others of our many service projects, call me or attend a meeting. Free breakfast at your first meeting. Kiwanis is group of volunteers dedicated primarily to children in our local community. We also have fun at our meetings and at social events. Come check us out. We meet every Wednesday at 6:45 a.m. at Roberts Italian Restaurant, 6745 Ken Caryl Ave. See us online at www.columbinekiwanis.org/

— **Ken Sweet Immediate Past President, Columbine Kiwanis.** K_sweet@kencomineral.com, 303-973-8253

What Is The Value Of My Home?

Some of you may be asking yourself, "Does my insurance coverage fit my needs?" "Do I have enough coverage to replace my home in the event of a serious loss?" "What affects my premium?"

These questions create a need for you to regularly review your homeowners insurance and to consider other questions such as: "Have you recently remodeled or improved your home?" "Has the rate of inflation risen since your last appraisal?" "What influences the building construction costs in your area?"

As you consider these issues, it is important to understand that real estate values measure the market value or selling price for a home. For insurance purposes, it is important to estimate the current replacement cost which is the amount needed to hire a contractor to repair the damage or to rebuild the home to its pre-loss condition. Dwelling replacement costs used by insurance companies do not include the value of the land. Market conditions in your area may impact the amount it will cost to rebuild your home if you experience a loss.

Building contractors or professional replacement cost appraisers are a good source for obtaining an estimated replacement cost for your home. Estimates from these sources should reflect your home's specific features and details. If you are unable to obtain a detailed estimate from these sources, I can help provide an estimate.

Once you know the estimated cost to replace your home, you can decide how much insurance coverage fits your needs. You should also consider other policy endorsements such as back up of sewer and drain coverage, or additional coverage for personal articles with high values such as jewelry, fine arts, and collectibles. You may want to consider higher personal liability coverage or the need for flood insurance which is provided by a separate policy.

In addition to the amount of coverage you decide to purchase, your premium is impacted by optional endorsements you select, your claim history, the amount of your deductible, company longevity and multiple policy discounts such as home/auto. Finally, remember to periodically review your insurance coverage with your agent. That will ensure you have the coverage you need.

— **Sean Morton, Insurance Agent**

Dutch Creek Elementary 2011-2012 Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Dutch Creek will be having an information night for parents of the 2011-2012 Kindergarten class from 6:30-7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, in the Kindergarten classrooms. Registration for Kindergarten classes for the 2011-2012 school year will be January 18-24th, 2011.

Kindergarten registration will start at 7:30 a.m. Children must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2011. When you register your child, you **MUST** have copies of his/her birth certificate and current immunization. (For your convenience, copies of both can be made at the office on registration day.) Your child will not be guaranteed a place in the kindergarten program until these items are on file with the school. If you are interested in attending Dutch Creek but live outside of Dutch Creek's attendance area, please complete a Choice Enrollment form during registration. If you have any questions, please contact the school at **303-982-4565**.

Ways to Support Shiloh House

There are many ways to support Shiloh House's Mission. Each of the opportunities empowers the Shiloh community to improve the lives of boys impacted by neglect and abuse. You can assist Shiloh House by making a tax-deductible contribution or by donating your time, goods or services. Shiloh's boys need your help. Together we can improve their lives. You can donate online at www.shilohhouse.org, in kind donations of items; sports equipment, boys clothing (ages 7-17), board games, toiletries, linens (twin bedspreads and sheets, towels), kitchen ware, furniture and household appliances in good condition. If you would like to receive their quarterly newsletter electronically, send your request to jmartino@shilohhouse.net. It is the mission of Shiloh House to create a nurturing, therapeutic environment for youth whose lives have been impacted by abuse, neglect and trauma. It is through nurturing adult guidance that the lives of youth can be restored so that they can become productive members of the larger community.

Questions, Questions!

A letter was received by CWCA, dated October 20th and was in reference to a newly painted house in the development.

"Why can someone choose to paint their house obviously unconventional colors and the association chooses to put someone in violation for trash cans?"

The colors that residents choose to use on their house, is not and has never been, a covenant controlled issue. It is hoped that individuals would take the effort to pick complimentary colors that enhance the overall design of their homes. Color choice is very individualistic, which therefore may be a matter of one neighbor's opinion over another. Does one house painted more creatively affect the neighborhood as a whole? Maybe, maybe not? Does this house affect surrounding home values? Maybe, maybe not? Columbine West Civic Association has a modest set of Rules and Regulations that volunteer members help to enforce to try and maintain a neighborly community.

"Do you know where a local tree recycling center is for us to drop off our tree?"

You can recycle your Christmas Trees at the Rooney Road Recycling Center for \$1 per tree. All ornaments and decorations must be removed prior to drop off. Bagged leaves and grass clippings may also be recycled for \$4 per 5 bags. The Rooney Road Recycling Center is located at 151 S. Rooney Rd, just south of Highway 40 (Colfax Ave).

If you have a question, feel free to ask it on the CWCA voice mail line, **303-904-8218**. We will continue to post questions as we have space available.

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Fall in Jeffco: We've Got Some Wild, Wild Life

Jefferson County is an intersection of urban and rural living. Its geography and population mean that residents sometimes find themselves in the middle of something wild.

BEARS: In September alone, our county experienced six reported "bear burglaries" – black bears entering homes and cars in search of food. No residents were hurt, although several were understandably panicked. Division of Wildlife officers killed at least three of the bears afterward, due to the bears' aggressive pursuit of food linked to humans.

Bear encounters aren't limited to Jeffco's mountains. It's not unusual for a bear to make its way east of C-470, such as the one that surprised Chatfield Bluffs residents in late September.

For your own safety, and for the safety of bears, please remember to keep your doors shut and locked. Smells from dog food, fruit and other foods left out in kitchens can lure bears. Adult bears are freakishly strong, and small cubs can easily fit through pet doors. Bears will continue their exhaustive search for food until they hibernate this winter. Do all you can to keep them from finding food in and around your home.

ELK: Our longtime Evergreen and Conifer residents know that this time of year is a wild one for elk because of the rut. During the rut, bull elk are frisky, aggressive and sometimes plain out of their minds. In recent weeks we've had elk near Evergreen standing their ground in the middle of roads and charging at vehicles. Last year a bull elk gored a woman in front of her house. This fall, be aware of their temperament, and give them a wide berth.

OTHER WILDLIFE: For safety tips on living with mountain lions, coyotes, skunks, raccoons and more, visit DOW's website. Jeffco Public Health also features information on rabies, a growing problem among small mammals in Colorado.

WILDFIRE: Despite a brief soaking in mid-October, fire danger is still a reality. In recent weeks, fires have broken out among several counties to the north of us, from Weld to Boulder to Grand. Wildland fire and weather experts are predicting continued dry weather this fall.

On October 14, the Jefferson County fire ban that had been in effect was cancelled in favor of fire restrictions. These restrictions prohibit fires except in a permanent fire grate in a park, campground or picnic area. Charcoal grills in residential neighborhoods are permitted provided the appropriate safety precautions are taken. For a complete explanation of the current fire restrictions, visit our website. For the safety of our entire community, please observe the fire restrictions until they are lifted.

WILD AND CRAZY: Finally, you can't talk about fall and "wild life" without talking about our favorite wild ones: our kids. School is back in, after-school activities have ramped up, and there's a lot going on with the youngest among us!

Please exercise caution and slow down while driving in residential neighborhoods and school zones. Stop for pedestrians and bicyclists in crosswalks. Kids are walking, playing, running, texting, studying, laughing, biking, skateboarding, scootering, and just being kids. They need grown-ups to be careful and to keep an eye out for them.

— Sheriff Ted Mink

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Creative Youth Corner

The newsletter has been asking homeowners to submit articles to help represent the varied talents that comprise our neighborhood. We will be highlighting young writers for the next few months. If you happen to have a written piece you would like to submit, email the editor at ncmccombs@yahoo.com. Deadline for each month is the 15th.

*"A snowflake is one of the most fragile creations,
but look what they can do when they stick together!"*

– Unknown

Would You Like To Be A Secretary?

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. If you would like to become an involved community member within the association, call the voice mail line at **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.

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Columbine West Statistics for November 2010

Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 209,950	\$ 265,000	2
4-Level	\$ 161,900	\$ 274,900	4
2-Story	\$ 185,000	\$ 255,000	4
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	\$ 165,000	\$ 249,900	8

Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
4-Level	\$ 229,000	\$ 264,500	4
2-Story	None	None	0
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	\$ 179,900	\$ 179,900	1

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West Jan. 1 to Nov. 13, 2010

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 175,000	\$ 256,000	8
4-Level	\$ 188,500	\$ 259,000	10
2-Story	\$ 207,000	\$ 304,000	15
Tri-Level	\$ 180,000	\$ 234,000	6
Bi-Level	\$ 160,000	\$ 235,000	9

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Date: _____

Description of alleged violation: _____

Violator's Address: _____

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