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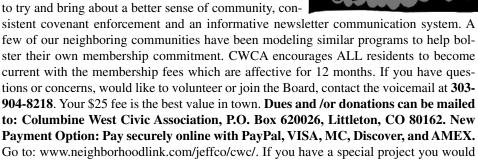


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CWCA 2011 Membership Drive Is On

It's that time of year again, the annual membership drive. CWCA neighbors can signup and join the efforts of the association to create an inviting and caring community. CWCA is encouraging all residents to become members and this year the deal is being sweetened. Everyone who turns in their membership dues by April 30th will have their names put in a drawing for a pair of Rockies regular-season tickets. Your membership dues gives the association the opportunity to maintain entrances, enforce covenants, support our local schools, team up with community organizations, sponsor special events and

help neighbors dispose of unwanted materials with the much anticipated Dumpster Day. Last year we were able to bring in a shredding truck to help our residents get rid of old and possibly sensitive material. We recycled over 8,800 lbs of electronics, 20,000 lbs of metal, 4,900 lbs of paper, and 2 and a 1/2 truckloads of trash and miscellaneous items. Neighbors are responding to a new wave of excitement that we hope to see expanded this year. Many hands have worked unlimited amount of volunteer hours to try and bring about a better sense of community, con-



Next CWCA Meetings

7.00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary Apr. 12th, May 10th

like to donate to, make that notation on your payment. Thank you for your continuing support in helping to restore property values and make Columbine West a great place to live.

Columbine H.S. After-**Prom Open House**

It is that time of year again; Columbine High School's Prom and the highly anticipated After Prom Party. This year's prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th. The After Prom party starts at midnight follow-

ing the dance and runs through 5 a.m. Sunday morning. This event is held at the school and is FREE, (thanks to the generosity from individual donors and local businesses) to all Columbine H.S. junior and senior students, whether they attend the dance or not. The hallways are completely transformed in keeping with the theme, including midway games, activities, a casino, great prizes and food all night. Not only is the event great fun for students and parent volunteers alike, it keeps the students safe in a drug and alcohol-free environment, all night long. The school will be open to the community from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the night of April 9th, for parents and friends to tour the school and take in the incredible transformation. Many thanks go to neighboring merchants who have donated food, prizes and volunteer hours to make this event possible. Plan on stopping by and checking out the After-Prom Open House.

CWCA Calendar of Events

- Apr. 1st, Membership Drive Begins
- Apr. 12th, 7 p.m., Dutch Creek Elem., CWCA Meeting Officer Nominations
- May 1st, Yard of the Month Begins
- May 8th, Mother's Day
- May 10th, 7 p.m., Dutch Creek Elem., CWCA Meeting Officer Elections
- May 20th-22nd, Community Garage Sale
- · May 28th, C.H.S. Graduation, Comfort Dental Amphitheater
- June 18th, CWCA Big Event, Dumpster Day
- June 19th, Father's Day

Yard of the Month Returns

Programs come and programs go, some continue to see growth while others find a different path. CWCA will once again have a "Yard of the Month" contest this summer. You will see a change on the signage that appears in the winners' yard. Thank you to Columbine West resident, Keller Williams Realtor, John Basila, who has agreed to sponsor this years' contest. Beginning May 1st, while you are driving, walking, running or biking through the neighborhood, if you notice a yard that is beautifully maintained, shows unique creativity or has that special "X" factor, nominate them for the award by emailing cwcatalk@gmail.com or by calling the CWCA hotline at 303-904-8218. The residents who win the "Yard of the Month" contest will receive a \$50 cash prize and get to display a sign in their yard recognizing their award. John will also post photos of the winning homes on columbinewesthomes.com, heck, maybe even videos...

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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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CWCA Elections in May

Elections will be held during the May 10th CWCA Board meeting. CWCA has (6) positions for Board Members, with three positions having alternating year elections. This year there are 3 Board positions that are coming up for election and one open position. These positions ask for a volunteer to make a 2 year commitment, attend monthly meetings and require that Board members reside in the neighborhood and be current paid members. Board members also have an opportunity to attend Co-Hope meetings on a rotational schedule. If you are interested in running for a Board position, please contact the voicemail at 303-904-**8218** and leave a message indicating your interest. You can also attend the April 12th CWCA meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary and request to be added to the slate for election. New members bring a renewed sense of community to the Board. CWCA has been able to accomplish many tasks in 2010, due to the commitment of its Board members and dedicated volunteers. At any time, community members who would like to volunteer on a project can attend a monthly meeting, which is open to all neighbors, or leave a message on the voice mail line.

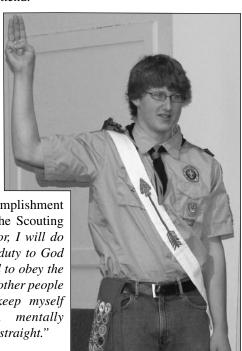
Local Scout Celebrated

It is reported that 4% of boys that begin scouting actually stay long enough to earn the highest rank of Eagle. On March 12th, at Columbine United Church, Troop 459 inducted another young man into the ranks of Eagle Scout. Congratulations to **Luke Powers.**

Charley and Mary Powers moved into Columbine West before Luke was born in 1992. Luke became a Cub Scout with Pack 459, meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary and serving the Columbine area. In the summer of 2005 the family moved to Highlands Ranch where Luke has attended Rock Canyon High School. He participates in and has Lettered in Band, playing percussions. He is also involved in the Music Club, an outside group called Band Dynamics and Praise Band at Shepherd of the Hills, Lutheran Church. Luke is pursuing a college education to become a Music Teacher, undecided at the moment which of the 5 colleges he wishes to attend.

Luke's Eagle Project was to build and install 3 benches to over look the playground area at his church's school, where the teachers can sit and watch the children. Once again we would like to congratulate

Luke on his accomplishment and dedication to the Scouting Oath, "On my honor, I will do my best, To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."







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Clubs West 2010 Swim Team Registration

Clubs West Stingrays has been running a competitive swim team for 30 years in the Columbine West Community. Young swimmers love the skills learned to successfully make it across the total length of the pool. Older swimmers are challenged to beat their previous year's race scores. Parents enjoy the safe environment of the community pool. Some swimmers even arrive at sun up on their bicycles, allowing neighborhood parents the opportunity to have their kids experience some independence. Our local swim team has posted the registration information for the 2010 summer swim program. On April 16th from 10-2 p.m. at Lilley Gulch Recreation Center and April 17th from 12-4 p.m. at The Ridge, interested and returning swimmers can sign-up to become part of the Clubs West Swim Team. All levels of swimming abilities are accepted and encouraged to participate. The team is made up of extremely talented and inspiring swimmers. The swimmers are coached by qualified individuals along with assistant junior coaches that are local high school students. A fun swim will be offered on April 23rd at the Ridge from 7-9 p.m., for interested swimmers to check out the team. 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/.

Coffee With a Cop

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.

April 14, 8-10 a.m.: IHOP Restaurant,

12634 W. Indore Place (Ken Caryl and Shaffer)

Community Garage Sale Set For May 20th-22nd

The weather continues to tease us into thinking that we can do more outside than we really should, we all know that March is the snowiest month. When snowflakes fall take the opportunity to get closets cleaned out, garages organized or basements under control. Along with that, you can mark your calendar for the community garage sale. Take advantage of the free advertising CWCA provides each homeowner that signs up and lists their house as a participant. Maps, balloon markers and the large banner that hangs from the entrances, help potential buyers find your treasures.

Columbine Kiwanis

Working with the Channel 9 Health Fair on April 9th. If you want to help with these or other Kiwanis projects give me a call. Kiwanis is group of volunteers dedicated primarily to children in our local community. They also have fun at their meetings and at social events. Come check them out. For information call, **Ken Sweet at 303-973-8253**. Weekly scheduled meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. at Roberts Italian Restaurant, 6745 Ken Caryl Ave. Visit their web site at **www.columbinekiwanis.org**.

Free Full-Day Kindergarten At Dutch Creek Elementary

2011-2012 School Year

We are thrilled to announce that Dutch Creek Elementary (303-982-4565) has been approved to maintain its FREE FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN for the 2011-2012 school year! Kindergarten registration is currently taking place at Dutch Creek. Please bring birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residence with you to registration. If you live outside of the school's attendance area, please also fill out a choice enrollment form. Children must be 5 years old by October 1, 2011. Dutch Creek has an academically rigorous program that focuses on social and academic development. Please contact us if you have additional questions or if you'd like to visit because we expect to quickly fill our sections.

Handling Misbehavior Without Breaking A Sweat: Learn Techniques To End Whining And Arguing

Thursday, April 7, 2011, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elem.

This is a free workshop open to the Dutch Creek parent community. To RSVP, please call the school at 303-982-4565. A pizza dinner will be provided for parents who attend. Childcare is also being available for parents attending. We are accepting children ages 5-12 and dinner will be provided for them as well. Learn more about Kerry and her upcoming classes at www.KerryStutzman.com.

— Kerry Stutzman, MSW Becoming a Love & Logic Parent® Instructor

Garden Committee Members Needed

Spring is just around the corner (thank goodness!), and we're ready to start digging in! This year, the garden duties will need to be tended to in a creative manner. The entrances have been completed as planned, so community members are needed to assist in periodic watering, weeding and trimming. In order to get more participation, we will have a calendar listing the entire summer's agenda so that you know when we'll be meeting. We will also have signs stating, "CWCA Garden Club Workday this Saturday," and these will go up on the Mondays before that Saturday's workday at each of the five main entrances. Since so much time and energy have already been invested in the entrances, it is necessary to ask community members to offer some support. The Columbine West Calendar of Events will post dates for meetings, workdays, and other Garden Committee related events. Additional dates may also be planned by interested groups looking to help, ie. Girls Scout Troops, Boy Scouts, Shiloh House, or others that may want to volunteer their time, whether it be a few hours, an afternoon or a day. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m. To have your name added to the volunteer list or have any questions, please call or email the Garden Committee Coordinator, Ali Marshall (ali marshall@remax.net or 303-907-2338).

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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.

2nd Annual Columbine West Big Event

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and plan to attend the 2nd Annual Columbine West Big Event. This combination event includes Electronic Recycling, Metal Recycling, On-site Document Shredding, and Trash Trucks for miscellaneous disposal. Columbine West residents who took part last year will tell you what a great event it was and we hope those residents as well as many more participate this year. We recycled over 8,800 lbs of electronics, 20,000 lbs of metal, 4,900 lbs of paper, and 2 and a 1/2 truckloads of trash and miscellaneous items. It is a great opportunity to clean out your house and/or yard at little or no cost to you.

Here is a brief list of acceptable items:

Electronic Recycling - TVs, all computers and accessories, cell phones, IPods, CDs, etc.

Metal Recycling – anything metal or aluminum, wires, cords, lawn mowers, auto batteries, microwaves, dishwashers, stoves, barbeque grills, DVDs, VCRs. Large items such as refrigerators and washers/dryers are also welcome.

Document Shredding – any receipts, checks, financial records, and personal information including social security numbers and bank or credit card numbers.

Trash – anything you would take to the dump. No hazardous materials such as paint, oil, gas, and household or hard chemicals.

We will also be collecting canned goods and other perishable food items for the local food bank. Watch for additional details in the May newsletter. Please make sure your collected items are stored properly so you don't violate any covenants.

Ashes to Jewelry

A recently published article in the COSTCO Connection magazine highlighted a very unique option for a loved one's ashes. Linda Markellis had been making fused-glass pieces for several years when a veterinarian asked if she could make a piece of jewelry that incorporated ashes from the vet's recently deceased dog. After several attempts, Markellis' efforts yielded a bracelet that the woman wore on her wedding day. Through word of mouth, Markellis, who lives in Whitefish, Montana, began to receive more orders, and within a year she had a request to use human ashes. Finding that there are no laws against it, she accepted the assignment and Over the Rainbow Memorials (www.otrmemorials.com) was born. Markellis, along with her daughter, make pendants, sun catchers and more to help people remember their loved ones. Prices start at \$100 and are based on the size and type of object commissioned. She needs only a teaspoon of ashes, which are visible in the pieces. Markellis explains that for each commissioned item she asks for photos and stories about the loved ones. "We hold the stories of the people in our hearts as we work," she says. "The innate personality comes out of the work." She admits that her service is not for everyone, but adds, "It gives people something to hold onto during the grieving process."

Watch Out For These Wire Fraud Scams

Wire fraud is a pervasive and growing crime in Jefferson County and across the country. Money transfers can be useful when you want to send funds to someone you know and trust, but remember:

- Wiring money is like sending cash; once it's sent, you can't get it back.
- Never wire money to strangers or someone you haven't met in person.
- Never agree to deposit a check from someone you don't know and then wire money back. The check will bounce, and you'll owe your bank the money you withdrew. By law, banks must make the funds from deposited checks available within a day or two, but it can take weeks to uncover a fake check. It may seem that the check has cleared and that the money is in your account. But you're responsible for the checks you deposit, so if a check turns out to be a fake, you owe the bank the money you withdrew.

Money wiring scams can involve dramatic or convincing stories. Here are some you may have heard about:

- Family Emergency Scams: You get a call or email out of the blue from someone claiming to be a family member or friend who says he needs you to wire cash to help him out of a jam to fix a car, get out of jail or the hospital or leave a foreign country. But he doesn't want you to tell anyone in the family. This is probably a con artist using your relative's name. Ask the caller some questions about the family that a stranger couldn't possibly answer.
- Lottery/Sweepstakes Scams: A letter or phone call says you just won a lottery. All you have to do is wire money for "taxes" and "fees." The fraudster may also send a check to be deposited and you then use those funds to wire the "taxes" and "fees." Regardless of how legitimate the check looks, it's no good and you're on the hook for the money.
- Overpayment Scams: Someone answers the ad you placed to sell something and offers to use a cashier's check, personal check or corporate check to pay for it. But at the last minute, the buyer (or a related third party) comes up with a reason to write the check for more than the purchase price, asking you to wire back the difference. The fake check might fool bank tellers, but it will eventually bounce, and you'll have to cover it.
- Re-shipment Scams: You're hired for a job, usually online, and are sent merchandise to re-ship. After you re-shipped the item you receive a check for more than you expected. You are instructed to deposit the check and wire back the overpayment portion. Here's the catch: the merchandise you shipped was stolen and the check was a forgery. Now you've helped move stolen goods and you owe your bank the money for the check.
- Apartment Rental Scams: In your search for an apartment or vacation rental, you find a great prospect at a great price. To get it just wire money for an application fee, security deposit or the first month's rent. Once you've wired the money, it's gone, and you learn there is no rental. A scammer hijacked a real rental listing by changing the contact information and placing the altered ad on other sites. Or, he made up a listing for a place that isn't for rent or doesn't exist. If you're the one doing the renting, watch out for the reverse: a potential renter will say she wants to cancel her deposit and ask you to wire the money back before you realize the check was fake.

Unfortunately, we meet many Jeffco citizens who have fallen victim to a scam like the ones listed above. Educate yourself about these scams, trust your instincts, and don't become a victim!

- Sheriff Ted Mink

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Home Improvement/Landscaping Contest

The 5th Annual Home Improvement/Landscaping Contest will be offered again this year by Gary Birklholtz, owner of Chatfield Time Rentals. We are extremely thankful to Gary for offering this contest and its prizes, in light of the unpredictable economy. Think of Chatfield Time Rentals when you are in need of his services. The HIL contest does not actually have a start date - you determine that. To be included in this years' contest, the only time requirement is to have before and after pictures in by September 1st. Even if you completed a project years ago, you may submit photos for consideration. Many thanks, to Gary for being a great neighbor, and continuing to care about Columbine West. More details will be in the upcoming newsletters.

Girl's Night Out in Columbine West

There is a new group forming in Columbine West. Join a ladies Columbine West Bunco group. It will be a wonderful time to socialize and make new friends that live right here in your neighborhood. Bunco is a social dice game that no skill is involved – it's all luck and the roll of the dice. Here are some of the basic rules: In order to become a member you must agree to host a game at your house, once in a 12 month calendar year, or help another member set up at theirs, if you don't have enough room. Also, members are responsible for showing up every month and if unable are required to find a replacement. The hostess agrees to provide a main dish and the rest of the members will bring a side dish, refreshment, appetizer, salad, or dessert. Bunco games will be held the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at a members house. To get more details and to become a member, please email Mychele Smith at buncocw@yahoo.com or call 303-886-9023.

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How To Find That Spark Of Inspiration

Like a bolt of lightning, creativity can strike anywhere, at any time. But creativity, like lightning, needs the right combination of elements in the air. Here are some strategies for mixing it right:

- Do something different. Don't try forcing inspiration to come. Give yourself time to explore other activities and think about other subjects. Often, working on something unrelated to your problem or situation can spark an idea when you're not actively searching for one.
- Go forward in time. Instead of struggling over what to do now, relax and pretend you've already found a solution. Imagine what it looks like and how it worked, as well as how you feel about it. This technique can relieve some of the pressure and trigger new ideas.
- Surround yourself with creativity. Abstract art can help you think past superficial appearances and obvious solutions. Keep some offbeat pictures in your office or on your computer to relax your mind and help you tap your ability to find patterns in unexpected places.

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Columbine West Statistics for March 2011

Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 199,900	\$ 209,950	2
4-Level	\$ 199,997	\$ 262,900	4
2-Story	\$ 224,900	\$ 290,000	4
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	\$ 180,000	\$ 234,900	3

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 149,900	\$ 210,000	2
4-Level	\$ 170,000	\$ 239,900	3
2-Story	\$ 119,900	\$ 220,000	4
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	\$ 174.900	\$ 244.900	6

Homes SOLD in Columbine West Jan. 1, 2010 to Mar. 16, 2011

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 175,000	\$ 256,000	8
4-Level	\$ 150,500	\$ 266,600	17
2-Story	\$ 207,000	\$ 304,000	16
Tri-Level	\$ 180,000	\$ 234,000	7
Bi-Level	\$ 160,000	\$ 235,000	13

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

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Columbine West Civic Association Membership Coupon

Please fill out the membership coupon and mail it with your \$25 check to CWCA.

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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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