

# **Columbine West Civic Association**

## Newsletter o





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#### Home Improvement / Landscaping Contest

The 5th Annual Home Improvement / Landscaping Contest is being 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. 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. Even if you completed a project years ago, you may submit photos for consideration. Home improvement refers to anything for the home, such as landscaping, siding, cement work, windows and/or paint. Judges will be looking for that dramatic difference. Entries must have been received by Sept. 1st. If you dropped off or mailed your entry, a reminder call would have been made in August. Mary Cole at 303-973-3190, is the Committee Chairperson for the contest. Garden Committee 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. Think of Chatfield Time Rentals when you are in need of rental services. Many thanks, to Gary for being a great neighbor, and continuing to care about Columbine West.

## 2011 CWCA Calendar of Events

- September 1st, Home Improvement Contest Ends
- September 5th, Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- September 13th, 7 p.m., Dutch Creek Elem., CWCA Meeting
- September 15th, C.H.S. Homecoming Game
- September 17th, C.H.S. Homecoming Dance
- October 11th, 7 p.m., Dutch Creek Elem., CWCA Meeting
- November 8th, 7 p.m., Dutch Creek Elem., CWCA Meeting

#### Stuff To Do In Frisco

Frisco, Colorado sits right in the heart of Summit County, and, while it may look and feel charming, inside this town beats the heart of adventure! That heart keeps a wholesome rhythm, and pushes pure Colorado Rocky Mountain lifestyle that includes the whole family through our streets and sidewalks.



Oktoberfest Frisco is hosted by Andy's Kitchen and the Summit Concert Band. This is the second year for the event and it should be a terrific time for all. This event is located at the Frisco Peninsula Recreation Area by the Nordic Center building. **September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Many people have enjoyed Andy's Austrian cuisine at events and festivals across the state. Brats, Schnitzel, kraut and more are especially tasty when enjoyed at an authentic Oktoberfest atmosphere. A little German beer and a polka or two will make you feel as if you were on a European vacation. The Summit Concert Band will be the non-profit beneficiary for the 2011 Oktoberfest. The band has been performing at Oktoberfests for the last 6

years. It is traditional for the town band to kick off the festivities. The Summit Concert Band has opened the day for Breckenridge, Frisco and Denver Oktoberfests. Each day will be filled with plenty of entertainment including: Liter Mug Holding, Leg Wrestling, Nail Driving competition. Parking is limited so bring a friend and carpool.

On **September 10th** in Frisco, also so fondly called "Main Street of the Rockies", check out Beetle Fest. A zany day of fun and education with an art show, 4k beetlestomp,

lumberjack shows, carving demostrations, music, and fabulous food. Admission is FREE. The Lumberjack Athletes have battled it out in The Olympics of the Forest, featuring athletes

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#### **Next CWCA Meetings**

7.00 p.m. Dutch Creek Elementary Sep. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8

## We need your help!

The CWCA Newsletter is a primary source of information for the neighborhood. Upcoming events, current neighborhood issues and articles to help the community stay informed. Delivering the newsletter is completely volunteer based, helping us to save valuable resources. We are given the opportunity to report in the newsletter because of the advertisers currently listed with-

in the pages. Please join the other 20+ newsletter delivery volunteers and grab your route today. Many have done routes for years and find much satisfaction in walking the neighborhood.

**Another open route:** S.Webster St. from Roxbury to Ken Caryl Ave., W. Geddes Place, East of S. Webster St. & W. Glasglow Place, 2 homes west of Webster.

**Still open route:** W. Fremont Ave., East of S. Allison Way, East of S. Webster St., S. Yukon Ave., South of W. Fremont Ave.

If these routes are in your area or even if they are not and you would like to get in some constructive walking, please call **303-972-2387**.

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#### **Questions, Questions?**

A neighbor's question was, "Can we still save on our trash collection fee by calling Allied Waste Service?" Here is a testimonial from another neighbor. "I called Allied Waste Services, who I have had for a couple of years and told them I lived in Columbine West and they reduced my trash to \$37.00 every three months. It's well worth doing." Contact Allied Waste/Republic Services at 303-286-1200 and ask for the Columbine West Civic Association discount. Thanks for the information and remember you do not need to have a CWCA membership to reap the benefits.



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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.

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#### **Re-Paving Neighborhood Streets**

Columbine West will be seeing construction trucks in the development yet again towards the end of summer. We were able to secure a list of areas that will be impacted, so take a look and see if your street is scheduled. It looks like milling and overlaying will take place on Fremont Ave. to Webster to CDS (cul-desac), Roxbury Pl. to Webster to Pierce, Pierce Ct. to Roxbury Pl. to Portland Pl., Portland Pl. to Pierce Ct. to Pierce, Plymouth Pl. to Ammons to CDS, Zephyr St. to Ontario Pl. to CDS and Zephyr Ct. to Ontario Pl. to CDS. This work should be done in late August and early September. This is what is currently on the schedule and is subject to change.

Ask About

**Our Fuel** 

#### **Frisco,** continued from front page

you've seen on the ESPN Great Outdoor Games the Outdoor Life Network and the Lumberjack World Championships. They travel with a completely self-contained portable lumberjack arena that assures you the most professional and eye catching show in the business. This day is designed to bring education and awareness regarding the devastation caused by the mountain pine beetle. The event will benefit the Friends of the Dillon Ranger District.

This year they have added a fun and unique addition to Beetle Fest that will be here the whole summer. Beetle Blockers Beetle Art is a public art project with 7 larger than life artistically designed beetles on display in Frisco through the summer until September 10, 2011. Two of the beetles are currently located in Breckenridge at the Riverwalk center and the Arts District. Both beetles in Breckenridge are also promoting Frisco's Beetle Fest in addition to fire mitigation education. The remaining 5 beetles are displayed throughout Frisco at the Marina, Historic Park, Visitor Information Center, Town Hall and Ollies Pub and Grub. The Colorado State Extension office is working to raise money through an auction of the beetles at the end of the summer at Beetle Fest, in Frisco.

#### Yard of the Month Winner

The Yard of the Month for August is 7235 S. Yarrow St. CWCA congratulates Tom and Gloria Koeler for their hard work. Tom has lived in the house since 1978. It was one of the first houses built on the block. Tom has done most of the landscaping himself bringing moss rock and drift wood from their log home in the mountains. Incidentally, he built that log home himself, taking about 12 years to complete. Having had a large cottonwood tree in the yard, whose roots were growing on top of the ground, the tree was removed and dirt was hauled in. The yard was then sprayed with grass and the new landscaping began to take shape. Both Tom and Gloria are natives of the Denver area. Gloria's niece, Arianna who is 20, attends D.U. and currently resides with them due to the death of her mother. On August 29, she leaves to study English and journalism in Rome, Italy. Tom worked for King Soopers for 35 years, but since retiring he helps Gloria with her Pepperidge Farm franchise in Highlands Ranch. They enjoy spending time in their mountain home and have season tickets to the Colorado Rockies games. The residents that win the Yard of the Month contest receive a \$50 cash prize and gets to display a sign in their yard recognizing their award. Thank you to Columbine West resident, Keller Williams Realtor John Basila, who has agreed to sponsor this years' contest. When you are out in the neighborhood, stop by the Koeler's home and enjoy what they have done to their yard. If on the way you see another beautiful yard, please email cwcatalk@gmail.com or call the CWCA hotline at **303-904-8218** to nominate them for the honor. Photos of the winning homes will be posted on columbinewesthomes.com.





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#### **COHOPE Point of Interest**

Ron Hopp, Foothills Parks and Recreation District, spoke to COHOPE on July 6th, 2011 and reported that they are selling property to developers. When Ron started in May 2008, there was a \$2.8M shortage. In 2009, there was a \$1.4M shortage. Now they have a \$1M overage. However some of this was achieved by not doing things like addressing capital and infrastructure improvements. At this time, \$45M needs have not been done. FHPRD has been fixing instead of replacing.

They are also trying to do things that generate revenue with only a small investment like putting a bar in the Ice Arena. They use the heat from compressors in the Ice Arena to heat the pools. They expect to save \$285K / year in utilities after paying for it for 10 vears.

They refinanced general obligation bonds through 2026 for a reduced interest payment which will save \$1.4M over 10 years. Overhead costs have been reduced from 20% to 10.2%. They also refinanced golf revenue bonds for a savings of \$50K / year. By reorganizing, 2 positions have been eliminated. When asked "When will the next mil levy be"?, Ron Hopp answered possibly November 2013 or May 2014.

FHPRD also analyzed all of their assets for what they had, what they need, and how much it costs to maintain it. Some of their real estate is not good for parks or open space. Out of 28 parcels, they found 6 that were not needed and were viable for selling. They placed the parcels with Cassidy, Turley, and Fuller. Four of these parcels may have commercial potential, while two parcels have residential potential. They hope to generate \$4.5 - 6M. The monies will be used for capital improvements, operations, or debt reduction. Their expenses are growing 3% per year. Their revenues are growing at 1.6% per year. And as property is developed, it increases their tax base and they hope to get more patrons. The six parcels were chosen because they were vacant, had marketability, had visibility, had a good location, and had development potential. The parcels have been declared as surplus. The parcel locations are:

- NE corner of W. Coal Mine Ave./ S. Wadsworth Blvd.
- NW corner of W. Coal Mine Ave./ S. Wadsworth Blvd.
- SW corner of S. Wadsworth Blvd./W. Columbine Dr.
- NW corner of S. Simms St./ S. Ward St.
- NE corner of S. Simms St./ S. Ward St.

There are no for sale signs. It is being marketed through interest and contacts.

COHOPE website: http://www.cohopejeffco.com

#### **Columbine West Military Members**

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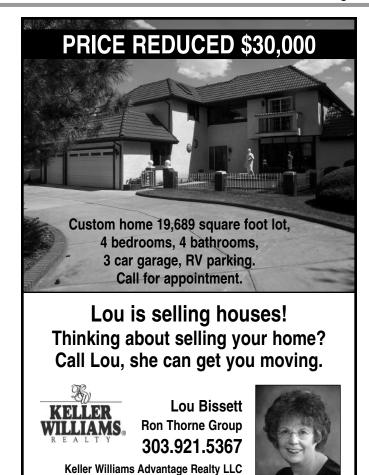
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#### **Outreach by Merrell**

Merrell believes in encouraging and equipping everyone to get outside. The organizations they support share in a mission to increase participation in the outdoors, especially among children, and ensure that they have a natural playground in which to recreate for generations to come. Here is a like minded organization they support.

#### **CONSERVATION ALLIANCE**

Merrell is a member of The Conservation Alliance, an organization of outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots environmental organizations and their efforts to protect wild places where outdoor enthusiasts recreate. The Alliance was founded in 1989 by industry leaders REI, Patagonia, The North Face, and Kelty, who shared the goal of increasing outdoor industry support for conservation efforts. We now have more than 175 member companies, and plan to disburse \$1,000,000 in 2011. Since their founding in 1989, the Alliance has contributed more than \$9.5 million to conservation projects throughout North America. The results of their funding have been remarkable. Their grants have helped organizations in their work to protect more than 50.5 million acres of land, stop or remove 28 dams, and preserve access to thousands of miles of rivers and several climbing areas. They follow a rigorous grant proposal review process that ensures their grants go to organizations that can succeed given the necessary financial resources. In August of 2008, The Conservation Alliance introduced ConservationNEXT to engage individuals in conservation efforts. ConservationNEXT seeks to create the next generation of stewards who will help protect our threatened wild places.



#### What is A Kiwanis?

Founded in 1915, Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for college students, Key Club for teens, Builders Club for adolescents, K-Kids for elementary students and Aktion Club for adults with disabilities, dedicate more than 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children annually. The Kiwanis International family comprises of 586,000 adult and youth members in 80 countries and geographic areas. For more information about Kiwanis International, please visit **www.kiwanis.org**.

Columbine Kiwanis is group of volunteers dedicated primarily to children in our local community. We also have fun at our meetings and at social events. Thank you to those who donated at our August 22nd Blood Drive. Other upcoming projects, Junglemobile – come and find out what it is, Meals on Wheels, and back to school supplies teamed with Jeffco Action Center. Come check us 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. or visit our website at www.columbinekiwanis.org.

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#### **CWCA Budget Buster**

Currently there are 390 Columbine West residents who signed up for membership and that puts us over our budgeted goal for the year. Along with their \$25 dues, there was yet another resident that included an extra \$25 payment to be used on whatever project the committee thought was needed. Extra money will be put towards enhancing already online projects, such as the Garden Committees need to water/weed the entrances. Thank you to those who have made the commitment to be part of the association. CWCA encourages ALL residents to become current with the membership fees which are affective for 12 months. If you have questions or concerns, would like to volunteer or join the Board, contact the voicemail at 303-904-8218. At anytime, 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 voicemail line. Your \$25 fee is the best value in town. 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. Thank you for your continuing support in helping to restore property values and make Columbine West a great place to live.

## **High Land Beekeeping Club Swarm Dispatcher** 2011 Bee swarm dispatch call list.

Jerry Webb will be dispatching for the South Metro area including: Littleton, Englewood, Centennial, Roxborough, Chatfield, Highlands Ranch, and Lone Tree. 303-791-1777

#### Teen Services

To add your teen's name, please email Colorado Lasertype at getinfo@colorado lasertype.com and leave the following information: the neighborhood you live in, your age, phone number and the categories you would like included. Categories: (B) Baby-sitting; (\*) Red Cross Cert for CPR; (L) Lawn care; (S) Snow removal; (P) Pet & House sitting. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by the homeowners association board or Colorado Lasertype.

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#### Do You Know About Sunflowers?

Sunflower (Helianthus annuus L.) is one of the few crop species that originated in North America (most originated in the fertile crescent, Asia or South or Central America). It was probably a "camp follower" of several of the western native American tribes who domesticated the crop (possibly 1000 BC) and then carried it eastward and southward of North America. The first Europeans observed sunflower cultivated in many places from southern Canada to Mexico. Sunflower is an annual, erect, broadleaf plant with a strong taproot and prolific lateral spread of surface roots. Stems are usually round early in the season, angular and woody later in the season, and normally unbranched. Sunflower leaves are phototropic and will follow the sun's rays, the sunflower head is not a single flower (as the name implies) but is made up of 1,000 to 2,000 individual flowers joined at a common receptacle.

While the vibrant, strong sunflower is a recognized worldwide for its beauty, it is also an important source of food. Sunflower oil is a valued and healthy vegetable oil and sunflower seeds are enjoyed as a healthy, tasty snack and nutritious ingredient to many foods. Sunflower is an important agricultural crop choice for US producers in the northern plains of the Dakotas to the panhandle of Texas. Taste is tops, but health and nutrition rank high for consumers who want foods that are as good for them as they are good to eat. Sunflower oil and kernels meet that challenge with their combination of health benefits and flavor. From phytochemicals and important vitamins and minerals to convenience of size and cost effectiveness, the amazing sunflower kernel is a powerhouse compared to no other! The use of sunflower oil (and other vegetable oils) as a pesticide carrier, and in the production of agrichemicals, surfactants, adhesives, plastics, fabric softeners, lubricants and coatings has been explored. Sunflower oil contains 93% of the energy of US Number 2 diesel fuel (octane rating of 37), and considerable work has been done to explore the potential of sunflower as an alternate fuel source in diesel engines. Blends of sunflower oil and diesel fuel are expected to have greater potential than the burning of pure vegetable oil. The sunflowers around the neighborhood have been loving the rain and the heat this summer. Drive down Webster St. from Ken Carvl Ave. and see some sunflowers that have now reached the roofline of a house.

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## In Columbine West, Results Count?



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## Columbine West Statistics for August 2011

#### Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 219,900	\$ 282,500	3
4-Level	\$ 189,997	\$ 258,900	4
2-Story	\$ 180,000	\$ 300,000	7
Tri-Level	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	1
Bi-Level	\$ 192,400	\$ 240.000	3

#### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 174,900	\$ 218,000	3
4-Level	\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	1
2-Story	\$ 119,900	\$ 293,000	6
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	\$ 180,000	\$ 185,000	2

#### Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West Jan. 1, 2011 to Aug. 16, 2011

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 138,000	\$ 250,000	5
4-Level	\$ 150,500	\$ 266,600	9
2-Story	\$ 169,000	\$ 304,000	9
Tri-Level	\$ 206,000	\$ 206,000	1
Bi-Level	\$ 171,000	\$ 240,000	10

#### 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

\$20 drop-off charge/cash or check. \$30 home scheduled pick-up

#### Columbine West Civic Association Membership Coupon

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

Send to CWCA, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton CO 80162

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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.

\*Open by appointment only: Wed. & Sat. (8am to 2pm)

CWCA Covenant Violation Report  Mail to: Columbine West Civic Association, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162
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Description of alleged violation:
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