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CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization



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Peter Pan the Musical Welcomes You

Peter Pan, like its namesake, is a tale which never ages. Children and adults alike have all fallen under the spell of Neverland, a place where children can fly and exciting, frightening adventures happen every day.

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Next CWCA Meetings

7.00 p.m. Dutch Creek Elementary
Nov. 8th, Dec. 13 (Holiday Potluck)

2011 CWCA Calendar of Events

- **November 6th**, Daylight Savings Ends, set clocks back 1 hr.
- **November 8th, 7 p.m.**, Dutch Creek Elem., CWCA Meeting
- **November 3rd & 4th, 7 p.m.**, Peter Pan Fall Play
Columbine High School Auditorium
- **November 5th, 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.**, Peter Pan Fall Play
Columbine High School Auditorium
- **November 12th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**, C.H.S. Craft Fair
Columbine High School
- **November 24th**, Thanksgiving Holiday
- **December 13th, 7 p.m.**, CWCA Holiday Potluck,
Dutch Creek Elementary
- **Dec. 1st-27th**, Holiday Lighting Contest, CWCA Community
- **Dec. 3rd, 8 p.m. & Dec. 4th, 6 p.m.**, Parade of Lights
Downtown Denver

Columbine High School Holiday Craft Fair

Columbine High School After Prom Committee is hosting a shopping extravaganza. There will be 140 booths filled with local crafters and vendors to choose from. Food vendors range from "homemade breakfast burritos" to "fresh baked goodies". Admission is \$1 at the door, with kids 5 and under FREE. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 12th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to be held at Columbine High School. The Craft Fair proceeds will help the After Prom Committee insure that our high school students have a safe and incredibly enjoyable place to hang out after Prom.

CWCA Holiday Potluck Gathering

On December 13th, 7 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 huge amount of hours invested back into the community. All are welcome, please stop in and grab a bite.

CWCA 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. Two lucky winners will be selected in our annual contest. CWCA members will be driving around the neighborhood to take note of the best decorated homes, but if you'd like to make sure your house or your neighbor's gets looked at, please call the hotline at **303-904-8218** and let us know the address.

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 within 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. Currently we are looking for people to add to our substitution list, which helps when someone is ill or out of town. If you would like to get in some constructive walking, please call **303-972-2387**.



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Origin of World Kindness Day

World Kindness Day evolved from a series of conferences in 1996-1997 in Japan by a group known as the World Kindness Movement. These conferences brought together groups interested in promoting more kindness around the world. It culminated in the "Declaration of Kindness" on November 13, 1997. With this declaration, a new and very special day was born. World Kindness Day encourages us to be kind to others, helping to create a nicer, better world. According to the World Kindness Movement website, World Kindness Day is intended to "build a kinder and more compassionate world". Use the day as an opportunity to be kind to family, friends, neighbors, and others. You will find kindness rubs off on others, and generates even more kindness.

Stop, Please Stop!

Stop signs are an important part of road and traffic safety. Our neighborhood is no exception. Some of our streets are very narrow and there are many blind spots, mostly from vehicles parked on the street. A caller to the voice mail line asked to put something in the newsletter about the problem of drivers not stopping at the stop sign at the intersection of Yukon and Ontario Pl., and then speeding along Ontario Pl. Since the speed bumps have been removed from Ontario Pl. some vehicles are not heeding the 25 mph speed limit. One resident referred to the street as "Ontario Speedway". The Sheriff department did post an automated speed sign on this stretch of road earlier in the year. Please think of those who have children or pets, along with anyone walking in the area. The stop signs are for everyone's safety, even those that are not paying attention to them.

Do Dogs Have Opposable Thumbs?

Websters definition is: a thumb that can be placed opposite the fingers of the same hand. Opposable thumbs allow the digits to grasp and handle objects and are characteristic of primates. Well, there is your answer. So, it is asked of our neighborhood dog walkers to use their "opposable thumbs" to pick up after their furry friends when they are out walking together. Dog poop does not biodegrade like wild animal poop, dog poop contains harmful bacteria and parasites, dog waste pollutes groundwater and water bodies, plus county ordinances requires cleanup of dog poop. Jefferson County ordinances make "failure to clean up dog feces in public places" a petty offense with a fine of at least \$30*. Many local park districts have similar regulations and fines. *Part 3 Regulations, Chapter 5 Animals, Section 1, D4h. There are 6 doggie bag receptacles in the neighborhood and it is asked of all residents to help replenish the stock by depositing any extra plastic newspaper or grocery bags into the receptacles. The location of the receptacles are: 2 at Columbine West Park (Dutch Creek Elementary School park area), one at Victory Park, one on Quarto Dr, and one at either end of the Dutch Creek Trail. There is no poop fairy: please clean up after your dog. Thanks for helping to keep the doggie doo where it belongs, in the trash.

Tastes Like Candy, But Addicting

Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) is warning parents about deceptive tobacco sticks, orbs and strips products that come in colorful packaging, dissolve in your mouth and smell like candy. R.J. Reynolds, maker of Camel brand cigarettes, began test marketing dissolvable tobacco products in many Jefferson County communities. According to JCPH, these tobacco products can lead to nicotine addiction or accidental nicotine poisoning.

The Colorado State Board of Health recently approved a resolution asking R.J. Reynolds to remove candy-like sticks, orbs and strips from the state until a decision by the Food and Drug Administration regulates the products.

If your school or parent organization would like a presentation about the new tobacco products, other tobacco industry tactics and what you can do to reduce youth tobacco use in your school/community, please contact Donna Viverette at Jefferson County Public Health, 303-275-7555, or dviveret@jeffco.us.

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CWCA Mission Statement

The Officers and Directors of Columbine West Civic Association (CWCA) are elected by the dues-paying members who make up the civic association. Each board member is a civic association member and serves on the board without any compensation for time and labor. CWCA's primary mission is to enforce the covenants and to protect the property values of the Columbine West homes.

Our main objectives are as follows:

- To resolve covenant violations
- To work cooperatively with Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Planning and Zoning Department and the Colorado State Patrol to maintain a safe and peaceful community
- To initiate civic programs that bring the community together and encourage residents to maintain the general appearance of Columbine West
- To foster community pride among the Columbine West residents

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 effective 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 voice mail 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.

Columbine West Military Members

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Cpl. James Casey Hawkins, US Marine Corps, stationed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Columbine West Community Update

Following numerous complaints about our neighborhood looking trashy, 97 covenant violation letters were mailed to homeowners and renters in October. Some violators were cited for improper storage of recreation vehicles such as boats, trailers, and campers. While other violators were cited for improper storage of trash bags/cans/receptacles, piles of dead branches/bushes, and numerous other items cluttering driveways or porches, or stashed behind bushes or alongside the house. Additionally, 13 letters from CWCA's attorney were sent to those who had received prior covenant violation letters but failed to comply.

The covenants were designed to help keep our neighborhood looking clean, neat, and safe. Boats, trailers, and campers either on driveways or in the street pose a safety hazard to everyone. Neighbors pulling out of their driveway or motorists driving down the street may have a hard time seeing another car, person (especially children), or animal due to obstructed views. Trash attracts wild animals searching for food posing a danger for children and pets, and wind can blow cans over and scatter trash into your neighbor's yards. We understand these are tough times for people struggling to keep their homes and put food on the table. But it doesn't cost anything to store your trash containers or recreational vehicles properly either in the garage or behind a wooden fence. It keeps them out of sight and helps make the neighborhood more livable for those who make Columbine West their home and more marketable for those trying to sell their homes. We sincerely thank those residents who appreciate and abide by the covenants. And we also thank those who have received a violation letter and have taken action to resolve the issue promptly.

We saw many properties in distress this summer; yards that

were not maintained and houses that were in various states of disrepair. It is hard to say what effect the down economy had in all this, but these distressed properties do have an impact on all of our property values. The original developers, expecting people would take pride in and maintain their property to preserve their largest investment, didn't include a covenant that stipulates that residents maintain the condition of their house as well as their surrounding property. So CWCA is limited in what we can do to resolve these situations. But maybe as a community there is something we can do. If you or your neighbor needs help to repair some loose gutters, overgrown bushes, or other minor home improvements, communicate your needs or willingness to help to those nearby. Initiate or contribute to a Neighbor Helping Neighbor event in your immediate neighborhood. If you have the necessary skills, offer assistance to those in need. If you are the one in need, see what you can offer in return, be it money, babysitting, running errands, cooking a meal, etc. You'll not only be helping the neighbor, but you will be helping yourself and the entire community. And please keep an eye on a neighbor in need this winter. Offer to shop for groceries, shovel the sidewalk, or drive the neighbor to an appointment when the weather is bad. Reach out a helping hand and be rewarded by knowing you did the right thing and made someone else's day.

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The ordinance requires the owners of foreclosed or vacant and hazardous properties to register with the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning department and provide emergency contact information. The registry will help Sheriff's Office personnel reach the owners of distressed properties upon discovery of graffiti, trespassers, squatters, hazardous structural problems, and other issues. The ordinance will go into effect in November.

America Recycles Day

America Recycles Day encourages us to recycle, and use products made from recycled material. Recycling is not difficult. It sends less material to the waste stream, and it results in consuming less of our precious and limited natural resources. According to the National Recycling Coalition America Recycles Day "is dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products". Use this special day to create awareness of the importance of recycling, and to increase recycling. The world will thank you for it. Even if you practice recycling today, there is probably more you can do. We encourage you to look around at home, at work, or in school, to identify ways you can practice recycling. Take an active role in encouraging others to recycle, too. The Boy Scouts of America has the right slogan for this topic: "Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle" Did You Know? According to a presidential proclamation by President George W. Bush, each person in America produces about four pounds of waste every day!

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Corner Lot Finishes Up

The construction tape has come down and the corner lot has been finished up. It was a long, hot summer filled with hauling rock, planting plants, digging a pathway and eventually installing the brick pavers. Working on the corner re-landscaping was a great opportunity to feel part of the neighborhood. People drove by with a "thumbs-up" or an encouraging honk of the horn. Others actually pulled over to talk and thank all of us that were working so hard. The project took a few more days than the original plan, but the results are well worth it. I would like to thank the Troop 459 volunteers that worked along side me this summer, including **Nora & Bart Lund, Scott & Al McKinney, Scott Cole, Isaiah Like, Ben, Brian & Jim Dieling, AJ Barrows, Tres & Dennis Klermond, Jesse & Don Welch, Jeremiah & Bill Miller, Tristan, Ryan & Todd Dunning, Devon, Connor & Jon Slack, and especially my mom, dad and brother Jeremy.** One afternoon we even had a neighbor from the townhomes bring over fresh made cookies. It was my job to lead the project and see it through to completion, but I had some of the best workers and thinkers to assist when I needed it. If you ordered a brick and do not see it installed, we have a small order that was delayed and will arrive soon. We may or may not get them installed before the snow flies. Thank you to all of those who did purchase a brick or made a donation. In an effort to help Columbine West look better and create community pride, I hope everyone enjoys the transformation for years to come.

— **Evan McCombs**



Jefferson County Sheriff's South Sub-Station is Moving

This November, the Sheriff's Office south precinct office is moving from 8100 Shaffer Parkway just around the corner to 11139 Bradford Road. The new location will house our south precinct, including walk-in services, and a Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder's Motor Vehicle office. The move is scheduled for mid-November. Please visit our website at www.jeffcosheriff.com to check for updates to the moving schedule. Several walk-in services are available. Call **720-377-2001** to reach the south precinct main desk.

In Columbine West, Results Count!



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Columbine West Statistics for October 2011

Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 282,500	\$ 282,500	1
4-Level	\$ 195,000	\$ 259,800	3
2-Story	\$ 225,000	\$ 271,900	3
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	\$ 232,500	\$ 232,500	1

Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 218,000	\$ 250,000	2
4-Level	\$ 189,997	\$ 219,900	3
2-Story	\$ 175,000	\$ 259,900	6
Tri-Level	\$ 169,999	\$ 169,999	1
Bi-Level	\$ 174,900	\$ 180,000	3

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West Jan. 1, 2011 to Oct. 14, 2011

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 138,000	\$ 250,000	7
4-Level	\$ 150,500	\$ 266,600	11
2-Story	\$ 122,500	\$ 304,000	14
Tri-Level	\$ 206,000	\$ 206,000	1
Bi-Level	\$ 171,000	\$ 240,000	10

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For appointments call: 303-316-6262

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Save the Date: Shiloh House Fundraising Banquet

Shiloh Home cordially invites you to our 2011 Fundraising Banquet, taking place Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. This year our event will be held at the beautiful Stonebrook Manor Event Center & Gardens located at 650 East 124th Ave., Thornton, Colorado 80241 (southwest corner of 124th & Washington).

Join us for a night of celebration, music, dinner, and a live and silent auction. We would be grateful for your donation of silent auction items such as golf packages, vacation packages/homes, sporting event tickets, etc. for the event. Please contact Beth Miller at bmiller@shilohhouse.net for more information.

— Sincerely, Steven Ramirez, Co-founder and Operator

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