

# **Columbine West Civic Association**

## Newsletter®

**CWCA — Your Homeowners' Organization** 



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## 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.

## Dutch Creek Elementary 2012-2013 Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Dutch Creek will be having an information night for parents of the 2012-2013 Kindergarten class from 6:30-7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7th, 2011, in the Kindergarten classrooms. Registration for Kindergarten classes for the 2012-2013 school year will be January 17th-23rd, 2012.

Kindergarten registration will start at 7:30 a.m. Children must be 5 on or before October 1, 2012. 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.

## 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. Please have your home decorated by December 21st, 2011. 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.

## **Halloween Decorating Winners**

Halloween weather was beautiful this year. The crispness in the air and an incredible eiry looking moon. It seemed that more Trick or Treaters than usual were out and about. Ghosts and goblins... oh, my! The 2011 nominees and contest winners are **Patricia & Lillian Hamilton** – 7413 W. Hinsdale Dr. along with **Brandi Beilman** – 7267 S Vance Ct. 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.

#### 2011 CWCA Calendar of Events

- December 1st-21st, Holiday Lighting Contest, CWCA Community
- December 3rd, 8 p.m. & December 4th, 6 p.m.,
   Parade of Lights, Downtown Denver
- December 13th, 7 p.m., CWCA Holiday Potluck, Dutch Creek Elementary

#### Happy New Year 2012

- January 10th, 7 p.m., CWCA Monthly Meeting, Dutch Creek Elementary
- February 14th, Happy Valentines Day
- February 14th, 7 p.m., CWCA Monthly Meeting, Dutch Creek Elementary
- March 11th, Daylight Savings, Spring Forward
- March 13th, 7 p.m., CWCA Monthly Meeting, Dutch Creek Elementary

## **Next CWCA Meetings**

7.00 p.m. Dutch Creek Elementary

Dec. 13 (Holiday Potluck), Jan. 10th, Feb. 14th, Mar. 13th

## We need your help!

Delivering the newsletter is completely volunteer based, helping us to save valuable resources. Please join the other 35+ newsletter delivery volunteers and grab your route today. We are always 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**.

#### **Open Routes:**

- 1) W. Hinsdale Pl., Reed Crt., north of Hinsdale Pl., S. Pierce Ct., south of W. Hinsdale Pl., W. Glasglow, west of Hinsdale Pl. (35 papers)
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Board Members: 5 Board positions FILLED, 1 OPEN

#### **COHOPE Delegate**

Cindy Coats and Floating Board Member

Newsletter Delivery Coordinators: 303-972-2387

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Website Coordinator: John Basila

Newsletter Ad Manager: Colorado Lasertype

Garden Club Coordinator: Ali Marshall

#### **Schools**

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

"What should I do when I receive a violation notice and feel that it is in error?" The first letter that a homeowner receives is a friendly reminder stating the covenant that is in violation. Check the website to find the covenant that is in question. There are a few steps that can be taken to help you address a violation notice. If you feel there has been a error, which does happen, (ie. wrong address is sited for the infraction), you should call the voicemail line at 303-904-8218 and leave a detailed message explaining your situation. You can request to have you questions answered at a scheduled monthly meeting, 2nd Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Lastly, you could write a letter to: Columbine West Civic Association, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162 or email CWCATALK@GMAIL.COM.

You should be contacted by a Board member or committee member within a few days of them receiving the request for further discussion. Remember that violation notices if left unattended, could lead to unwarrranted fees and possible court appearance. Columbine West continues to pursue a well balanced approach in allowing freedom of neighborhood expression, without the infringement on others in the community. As the Mission statement reads, "CWCA's primary mission is to enforce the covenants and to protect the property values of the Columbine West homes."

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#### GiveSpot.com

GiveSpot.com is a free volunteer and philanthropy resource center that makes it easy to find ways to make a difference in your community and around the world. Sites featured on GiveSpot.com are hand-selected for their quality, content and utility.

From the site, quickly and easily find and evaluate more than 900,000 nonprofits and charitable organizations, locate nearly 50,000 volunteer opportunities, research more than 100,000 foundations, explore social issues and much more.

You might think of volunteering as only a once a week or month activity. But there are paid volunteer positions out there for those who want to dedicate a year or two to using their skills to help others. Whether funded by the government or private organizations, these public service programs prove that service can be rewarding to both the volunteers and those less fortunate.

The umbrella program for national volunteering programs, the Corporation for National and Community Service was formed in 1993. The organization oversees Americorps, Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America. More than 2 million Americans serve in these programs every year. See what programs are available near you on the National Service in Your State page.

#### **Holiday Giving**

Give a gift that keeps giving.

It's an annual quandary. What do I get for the person who has everything? This year, don't turn to the standard popcorn tin or bottle of bubble bath. Instead of getting grandma one more picture frame, why not pay for a child's inoculation in her name?



Your money can purchase food, plant trees or teach kids to read. Most organizations will mail a gift card to recipients notifying them of gifts you have purchased in their name. To top it off, many donations are tax-deductible.

#### For charitable gifts ideas, explore these sources:

- Alternative Gifts International. Choose from categories like Child Survival and Medical Assistance. A lifetime of clean water for one person in Burundi costs \$38. One night of shelter for a person in the United States costs only \$15.
- Heifer Project International. Founded on the idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief, the Heifer Project has been supplying people around the globe with sustainable food sources for decades. In addition, each family who receives an animal passes on the first female offspring to another family, so the giving continues! Purchase heifers, sheep, chicks, ducks, geese and more.

## **Jefferson County Numbers**

Information	303-279-6511	Motor Vehicles	303-271-8100
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Clerk & Recorder	303-271-8168	Transportation	303-271-8495
Colorado State Patrol	303-239-4500	Planning & Zoning	303-271-8700
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Holly Zimmerman, AARP Magazine, October

#### 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 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 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**

"The characteristic of a genuine heroism is its persistency. All men have wandering impulses, fits and starts of generosity. But when you have resolved to be great, abide by yourself, and do not weakly try to reconcile yourself with the world. The heroic cannot be common, nor the common heroic."

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GM2 David Tuey, 24yr, US Navy Weapons Handler. Gunner's Mate Second Class · Stationed in Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan

HM3 Michael Tuey, 22yr, US Navy, Hospital Corpsman (Doc) Attached to the 3rd Battalion 2nd Marine Division-Expeditionary forces, Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

LCpl. Tyler Mc Manus, US Marine Corps, stationed in Washington D.C.

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

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#### Neighborhood Snow Removal

As we wait for the leaves to finally fall, it is also that time of year that we await snowflakes. They will soon be flying and accumulating on the roads and sidewalks. As a reminder to everyone, shoveling the sidewalks around the perimeter of your property, and yes, even in the cul-de-sacs is the resident's responsibility whether that be the homeowner or renter (whoever is living in the house). Numerous people travel the sidewalks to traverse the neighborhood; children on their way to school, residents out for a walk to stretch their legs or walk their dogs, workers on their way to the bus stop, newsletter carriers, and mail carriers trying to make their way to the mailbox. Many people coming home from work or shopping just pull into the garage, never using the front sidewalk, so they might not see the need to shovel. Oftentimes when the sidewalk is not shoveled, pedestrians are forced to walk in the street where the plows have at least made the walking easier. This is extremely unsafe for both the walker and the driver. Sidewalks that are not shoveled may become icy and increase the danger. Should someone slip and fall on an unshoveled or icy sidewalk causing injury, the homeowner could be held liable. If you need assistance, make arrangements with your neighbors or contact the voice mail line at 303-904-8218. Leave your name and number and we will try to arrange a volunteer to assist you. But plan ahead so arrangements are in place when it does snow. Please do your part to keep our neighborhood safe.

#### **Virtual Memories**

To help ease the grief and honor those who have departed, a website has been created to showcase digital memorial pages, **Legacy.com**. The pages can include music and photos. Welcome to the age of high-tech bereavement. Legacy.com attracts 15 million users a month, with customers paying \$39.99 to create and post a website for a year and \$79.99 for a permanent entry. Other tribute sites include **remembered.com** and **gonetoosoon.org**. Of Americans 40 or older who attended two or more funerals in 2010, 16% visited memorial sites, a recent survey finds.

#### **Columbine Kiwanis**

November was another busy month: Many projects including; The Action Center – Thanksgiving Food Distribution, Road Pick up, Meals on Wheels, High School Key Clubs, and volunteering at the symphony. We had several interesting speakers including Cindy Stevenson. Our big project for December is ringing the bells for the Salvation Army in addition to Meals on Wheels and a working with the Action Center. We are planning to ring for 9 days at 2 (possibly 3) stores. We ring the bells, count the money, and prepare deposit slips for the Salvation Army. We can use help; contact Ken Sweet at 303-973-8253 if you want to help us.

Columbine Kiwanis is a group of volunteers dedicated primarily to children in our local community. We also have fun at our meetings and at social events; we will have a fun Christmas party. Come check us out. Weekly scheduled meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. at Roberts Italian Restaurant, 6745 Ken Caryl Ave. Free breakfast for first time visitors. For information, call Ken Sweet at 303-973-8253 or visit our website at www.columbinekiwanis.org.

#### NIC Mission Statement

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Clinics: Saturday, December 17th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Monday, December 19th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Performance:** Tuesday, December 20th (arrive at 6:30 p.m., DRHS – Tip-off at 7 p.m.)

**Optional extended day care:** Sat., December 17th (12 to 2 p.m.) Bring a lunch, and participate in crafts and other fun activities after the clinic.

**Registration:** Cheer Clinic & Performance only: \$45

Clinic & Performance plus extended care: \$55 Parent's Day Out only (Sat. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.): \$35

Dakota Ridge High School, 13399 W. Coalmine Ave. Please register by calling or emailing ASAP to reserve your spot! **Coach Vikki:** 303-250-8413; vikki.c.brown@gmail.com

Coach Ashante: 720-331-5373; AC10492@aol.com

#### Teen Services

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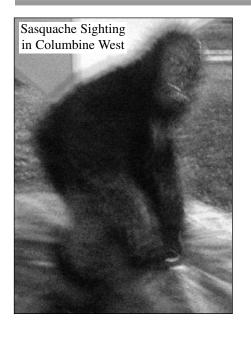
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#### Know Your Mistletoe

Kissing under the mistletoe is a custom that has spawned any number of popular songs, love affairs, and slaps across the faces of unwanted suitors. The origins of the tradition are unknown.

Here's one story: In Viking mythology, the god Baldr was killed through the trickery of Loki, who caused Baldr's blind brother to shoot him with a poisoned dart made of mistletoe. Baldr's mother Frigga, the goddess of love, was stricken with grief. When her tears fell on a mistletoe plant, the berries turned from red to white (mistletoe has both red and white berries), and this brought her son back from the dead. Because Frigga was so grateful to have her son restored, she kissed everyone who walked beneath the mistletoe.

The berries are important to the tradition: According to etiquette, a man who kisses a woman under the mistletoe is supposed to remove one berry for each kiss. When the berries are gone, no more kisses are allowed.

#### Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Don't let potentially harmful presents turn your holiday celebration into a trip to the emergency room. Prevent Blindness America cautions gift-givers to buy age-appropriate toys, review warnings, and avoid any toys with pieces that shoot or fly off.

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## In Columbine West, Results Count?



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## Columbine West Statistics for November 2011

#### Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
4-Level	\$ 259,800	\$ 259,800	1
2-Story	\$ 210,000	\$ 269,000	2
Tri-Level	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	1
Ri-Level	\$ 200 000	\$ 229 900	3

#### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 137,000	\$ 219,900	4
4-Level	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	1
2-Story	\$ 175,000	\$ 300,000	8
Tri-Level	\$ 169,999	\$ 200,000	2
Bi-Level	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	1

#### Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West Jan. 1, 2011 to Nov. 18, 2011

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 138,000	\$ 250,000	8
4-Level	\$ 150,500	\$ 266,600	14
2-Story	\$ 122,500	\$ 304,000	15
Tri-Level	\$ 206,000	\$ 206,000	1
Bi-Level	\$ 154,500	\$ 240,000	11

#### 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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\$20 drop-off charge/cash or check. \$30 home scheduled pick-up. \*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: Wednesdays & Saturdays (8am to 2pm)

#### Will The Grinch Steal Christmas This Year?

How much do you plan to spend on gifts this holiday season? As you might imagine, economic turmoil has forced many Americans to cut back on their shopping. Still, in November 2010, Americans said they planned to spend an average of \$714 on presents, according to figures from the Gallup Organization.

That was actually an increase from the previous two years, when consumers said they anticipated spending an average of \$638 (2009) and \$616 (2008). But it's a fairly deep dip from the good old days of 2008, when Americans were looking at an average of \$866 on gifts for family and friends.

#### The Email Flood: How Irritating Can It Get?

Approximately 2.8 million emails are sent every second. That's a lot of email: The average American sends or receives 112 messages every day. According to ccLoop.com, the most annoying email problems are:

- Attachment overload. Email users complain about the problems involved in attaching documents, downloading them, and finding them, especially in long email chains.
- Message deluge. Even without spam, wading through a flood of email

messages waiting in your inbox every morning can be intimidating and time-wasting.

- Spam attack. Thirteen million spam email messages are sent every day. That's a lot of offers to buy Viagra or help out a displaced foreign millionaire trying to move his or her money.
  - Forwarding frenzy. The temptation to cover your back by forwarding irrelevant messages to all your colleagues or friends can be overwhelming, and it can lead to even more inbox stuffing.

#### Columbine West Civic Association Membership Coupon

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