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See You at the Recycling/ Dumpster Day & Local Food Drive

When: Saturday, June 9, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Where: Church for All Nations, 6500 W. Coal Mine Ave. (east of McDonalds). Entrance to event is from Marshall St only. Do not enter through the McDonald's driveway. From Coal Mine, turn south on Marshall St. (by Shiloh House). From Pierce St., turn east on Ottawa St. (by Angie's Restaurant).

Cost: CWCA Members – FREE, C.W. Non-CWCA Members: \$25

Cash or Check Only – No Credit Cards accepted.

Must have picture ID with valid Columbine West address or proof of address from a current Xcel bill. This event is open only to residents of Columbine West.

We will have on-site document shredding, metal recycling, electronic recycling, and trash trucks for dumping items that don't fit into any of the other categories. Having it all in one place on one day increases efficiency while saving residents time and hassle. CWCA is excited to sponsor this event, which helps keep our neighborhood clean and safe, through the Columbine West membership dues.

We are also collecting canned goods and/or non-perishable goods which will be donated to the Open Arms food bank which helps support those in need in our community.

Examples of acceptable recycling and/or dumping items are as follows:

Document Shredding: Financial records, tax returns, bank/credit card statements, cancelled checks, other paper documents with personal information.

Metal Recycling: Metal, aluminum, copper, cords/strings of lights, auto batteries, lawn mowers, microwaves, dishwashers, washers/dryers, stoves, refrigerators, small appliances, silverware, cast iron cookware, tools, DVDs, VCRs, barbecue grills, computer accessories. **Electronic Recycling:** TVs, computer monitors. **Dumpsters (Trash Trucks):** branches, bushes, doors, windows, scrap lumber, anything you would take to the dump.

The drop off stations will be set up in the order above. If you have items for more than one station, load your vehicle in the reverse order so that the documents are the first thing to unload, the metal items next, then electronics, and finally things for the dumpster. It will make it easier to motor through the stations and help facilitate the flow of traffic. Volunteers will be on hand to help unload. Remember, you can make as many trips as you want within the 4-hour event. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call the voice mail line at 303-904-8218 and leave your name and number. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.



Columbine Community Day: Saturday, May 5th

Community Day is a day for the community to get together and have some fun. It was developed so Columbine High School could give back to the community some of the love and support that we received after April 20, 1999. The event on May 5th will be hosted at Columbine High School with this year's focus being on the Run for Remembrance ONLY. There will NOT be a craft fair this year.



Next CWCA Meetings

7:00 p.m. Dutch Creek Elementary

* 6:30 p.m. CW Pool Pavilion

May 8th • *Jun. 12th • *Jul. 10th • *Aug. 14th

2012 CWCA Calendar of Events

- May 1st, Yard of the Month Begins
- May 4th, 5th & 6th, Neighborhood Garage Sale
- May 8th, 7 p.m., CWCA Monthly Meeting
- May 13th, Mother's Day
- May 26th, C.H.S. Graduation, Comfort Dental Amphitheater
- June 9th, Dumpster Day
- June 12th, 6:30 p.m., CWCA Monthly Meeting (Pool Pavilion)
- June 17th, Father's Day
- July, CWCA Pool Party TBA (Volunteer needed to coordinate)
- July 10th, 6:30 p.m., CWCA Monthly Meeting (Pool Pavilion)
- August 7th, National Night Out, CW Pool Pavilion
- August 14th, 6:30 p.m., CWCA Monthly Meeting (Pool Pavilion)

CWCA Elections

Elections will be held during the May 8th CWCA Board meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary. The positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are one year tenure and are part of the annual election process. Those individuals looking toward President and Vice President must have held a Board position to be considered for election. 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. 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.

Garden Committee Update

"And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere; And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast rose from the dreams of its wintry rest." ~Percy Bysshe Shelley, "The Sensitive Plant." If you would like to step up and help keep the garden duties scheduled or have your name added to the volunteer list or have any questions contact the voicemail at 303-904-8218.

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/cwca/. 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 Civic Association

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Mary Cole, *Vice President*

OPEN, *Secretary*

Mary Cole, *Treasurer*

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COHOPE Delegate

Cindy Coats and Floating Board Member

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Garden Club Coordinator: OPEN

Schools

Dutch Creek Elementary	7304 W. Roxbury Pl.
Ken Caryl Middle School	6509 W. Ken Caryl Ave.
Columbine High School	6201 S. Pierce St.

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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Staying in Our Own Homes as We Grow Older

Are you 55 or older, living in your own home, and planning to stay put? Older adults can stay in their homes longer and live more independently by joining a Village.

Columbine Community Village is being created as a membership organization to serve older adults in South Jefferson County. This nonprofit Village will be supported by member dues, contributions, and grants. Members may call for a volunteer to get a ride to the grocery store or doctor's office; fix a leaky faucet; or climb a ladder to change a light bulb. Villages arrange social and educational events, strengthening community.

Charter memberships are now being accepted. Area residents are invited to attend one of our public information meetings: Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. or Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m., at Columbine Library. For more information or to RSVP, see www.ColumbineCommunityVillage.org, or call Arnie Snyder at 303-730-6432.

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.

Littleton Elks ICS Regional Chili Cookoff

Join the Littleton Elks #1650 as they shake, rattle and roll while bringing some of the Best in the West chili to the downtown Littleton area. Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. They will have Celebrity Judges, cooks from several states, chili sampling from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; tasting tickets are 6 for \$5 or unlimited for \$15. The Lodge will remain open for an After Cookoff Party, (public welcome) starring DJ Perry Washington. The proceeds will go towards supporting Cowboys for Kids, summer camp experience for children of the National Guards. Eat, dance and feel good about supporting an amazing child based program. The Lodge is located at 5749 S. Curtice, Littleton, CO 80120.

Free Days in Denver

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DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

2001 Colorado Boulevard, Denver
303-322-7009, <http://www.dmns.org/>
May 6, June 17, July 2, August 12, August 20

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

1007 York Street, Denver
720-865-3500, <http://www.botanicgardens.org/>
July 26, August 28

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS AT CHATFIELD

8500 Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton
303-973-3705, <http://www.botanicgardens.org/>
June 1, July 6, August 3

DENVER ART MUSEUM

100 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver
720-865-5000, <http://www.denverartmuseum.org/>
May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4,
September 1, September 8 (Friendship Powwow)

HUDSON GARDENS & EVENT CENTER

Friday, June 15: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wow – Hudson Gardens turns sweet sixteen today! Our gift to you is free admission – Happy Birthday Hudson Gardens!

Patriot Day: Tuesday, September 11, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

We will never forget. Honoring those individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2011, Hudson Gardens' offers free admission on this special day of remembrance.

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Colorado State Patrol	303-239-4500	Planning & Zoning	303-271-8700
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JUNE

- **THU, JUN 7 (7-8:30 p.m.)**
Chris Daniels & the Kings – Funky Rock & Roll
- **THU, JUN 14 (7-8:30 p.m.)**
The Indulgents – Celtic Rock
- **FRI, JUN 22 (9:30-10:15 a.m.)**
Eric West – Music for Kids
- **SAT, JUN 23 (6-8 p.m.)**
Music Go Round – Battle of the Bands
- **THU, JUN 28 (7-8:30 p.m.)**
Rebecca Folsom Band – Rock/Blues/R&B

JULY

- **TUE, JUL 3 (5-10 p.m.)**
Red, White & YOU! Patriotic Celebration
Black Water – A Rockin' Tribute to the Doobie Brothers
- **THU, JUL 19 (7-8:30 p.m.)**
Some Train Yard – Blues Americana/Country Blues
- **SAT, JUL 21 (6-9 p.m.)**
Denver Municipal Band Wind Festival
– “Cannon Concert”
- **FRI, JUL 27 (9:30-10:15 a.m.)**
Total Performance Disc Dogs
- **SAT, JUL 28 (6-8 p.m.)**
Littleton Drum Studio – Local Talent Showcase

AUGUST

- **THU, AUG 2 (7-8:30 p.m.)**
Kort McCumber & The High Road
– Americana/Roots Rock/Blues
- **THU, AUG 9 (7-8:30 p.m.)**
Emma Henry & the Asteroids – High Energy Covers
- **FRI, AUG 10 (9:30-10:30 a.m.)**
Salida Circus – Scarlet Sisters Lost Circus an interactive performance for children of all ages

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Yard of the Month Winner

The first Yard of the Month for 2012 is **Susan and Mark Schwartz**, the homeowners of 6794 S. Webster St. Susan and Mark came to Colorado from Montgomery County, Kansas. They have adult twin daughters, Monica and Michelle, and four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. The Schwartz's have lived in their home for 26 years, adding and improving their yard each year. They have spent many hours making their yard look lovely. Their construction company, Into Wood, Inc., is a full service General Contracting firm serving the South Metro Denver Area. They specialize in kitchens, baths, woodworking and decks. Having their own business proves that they do not have much time to pursue hobbies. As you enter Columbine West on Webster from Coal Mine, take a look at the first house on your left and enjoy the fruits of their labor. Thank you to Columbine West resident, Realtor and CWCA President John Basila, who has agreed to sponsor this years' contest. 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. Beginning May 1st, while you are driving, walking, running or biking through the neighborhood, if you notice a yard that is beautifully maintained and shows unique creativity, nominate them for the award by emailing cwcatalk@gmail.com or by calling the CWCA hotline: 303-904-8218. John will also post photos of the winning homes on columbinewesthomes.com.



Clubs West Swim Team Registration for 2012 Season

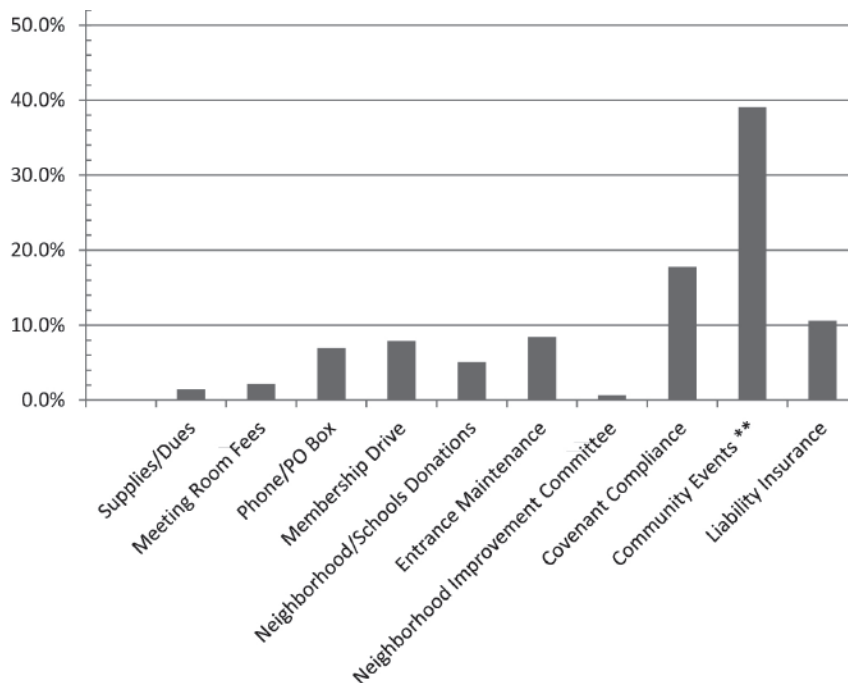
Our local swim team has posted the registration information for the summer swim program. All levels of swimming abilities are accepted and encouraged to participate. The team is made up of talented and inspiring swimmers. The swimmers are coached by qualified individuals along with assistant junior coaches that are local high school students. Parents are encouraged to participate in different areas such as heating, timing, data entry, concessions and fundraising. The group is very warm and incredibly fun to hang out with, while kids have the opportunity to make some new friends. Registration will be on Saturday April 21st, 2012 from 10-3, at The Ridge for interested swimmers. First practice for registered swimmers will be May 15th at the Ridge. When the Columbine West Pool opens, the swimmers will be in the water at 6:30 a.m. for morning practices. Check out the Clubs West website at, <http://clubswest.topcities.com/>.

Columbine West Budget at a Glance

Where did your dues go in 2011? The percentage chart below is a current representation of how the membership dues were spent during 2011. The top two areas that monies are spent on are Community Events and Covenant Compliance followed by Liability Insurance. The association continues to brain storm ideas for events within the community, but they all need volunteers to help out. Presently we are in need of neighbors to help with the entrance gardens and the summer pool event. With many hands we can accomplish great things.

Supplies/Dues	1.5%
Meeting Room Fees	2.1%
Phone/PO Box	7.0%
Membership Drive	7.9%
Neighborhood/Schools Donations	5.1%
Entrance Maintenance	8.4%
Neighborhood Improvement Committee	0.6%
Covenant Compliance	17.8%
Community Events **	39.1%
Liability Insurance	10.6%

** Dumpster Day, Pool Party, Garage Sale, National Night Out



*"Work is life, you know, and without it,
there's nothing but fear and insecurity."*

—John Lennon

Healthy Vision Month

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Cub Scout Pack 459 Join Night Coming Up!

Cub Scout Pack 459 will hold a join night for boys who will be in grades 1 through 5 next year on Tuesday, May 1st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elementary School.

Cub Scouting is fun (for kids and parents)! No matter what grade you are in, 1st through 5th, it can be a blast. Do you like to learn by doing? This is just the place. You can learn to tie knots, set up a tent, shoot a bow and arrow (archery). Have you ever cooked a meal on a campfire? Sent a secret code to a buddy? Built a bird house? Play Ultimate? Hike? Earn rewards for doing these things in Cub Scouts.

Cub Scout Pack 459 has been an active part of the life of the Columbine West community and Dutch Creek Elementary for many years. We are looking forward to a fun filled summer of activities for the boys. Please join us for Raingutter Regatta races and more information. If you are interested, but unable to attend, please contact Carter Laing at 720-289-9359 or arbormcl@qwestoffice.net.

Cut Your Grocery Bill Down To Size

You don't have to subsist on beluga caviar and \$3,600-a-pound white truffles to realize that food can be expensive. When a simple trip to the grocery store threatens to send you into shock, remember these tips to take control of your budget:

- **Eat healthfully.** Fresh fruits and vegetables, in addition to being better for you, tend to be less expensive than chips, soda, snacks, and processed foods. Focus on nutrition to maintain a healthy budget.
- **Track prices.** Pay attention to the prices your regular grocery store charges for most of the items you buy. That will give you a better idea of whether a sale price, or a competitor's price, really is a good deal.
- **Be careful with bulk buying.** Buying in bulk can save money, but only if you do it right. Don't buy huge quantities of food that's likely to spoil or go stale before you can finish it.
- **Stock up.** One time that buying in bulk makes sense is when non-perishable items go on sale. Toothpaste, pasta, canned goods, and other items will last, so take advantage of savings when they're available.
- **Double-check your receipt.** Grocery store scanners can make mistakes if a sale price hasn't been entered into the system correctly. Pay attention as your groceries are rung up, and don't be afraid to point out an error to the cashier.
- **Embrace store brands.** Store brands are often produced by the same companies that supply name-brand goods, but their prices are lower. Don't ignore them.
- **Pay with cash.** Leave your credit cards at home when you go to the store. Paying for groceries with cash forces you to stay within your budget, cutting down on impulse buying.

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Hudson Gardens Community Drum Circle

Join people of all levels of musical expertise to share your rhythmical spirit in an oasis of beauty! Community drum circles are popping up throughout the nation as a fun way to celebrate community and life through recreational music making. No drumming expertise is necessary! All ages and abilities are welcome to attend this family-friendly event. This guided session will include basic and traditional rhythms, guided imagery, and freestyle. Sessions are located at The Hudson Residence and may be held outdoors; please dress for the weather and bring a chair or blanket for seating. Sessions are scheduled one evening per month from 6-8 p.m.. Upcoming dates are as follows:

Tuesday, May 15

Wednesday, June 20

Tuesday, July 17

Wednesday, August 22

Registration: \$5/person

or \$10/family at the door, cash only. Registrations are

required, contact 303bob5280@comcast.net. When registering, indicate whether you will need to borrow percussion or if you will be providing your own. Loaned equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Here Comes The Bride... What's On Her Mind?

What's the bride really thinking as she walks down the aisle? That may be between her and the groom, but brides have a lot to think about before the wedding. A survey conducted by wedding dress consultant David's Bridal reveals what's on the minds of brides in 2012:

- **Trust.** Whom does the bride trust most to help plan her wedding? Her spouse-to-be (56 percent); her mother (52 percent); her best friend (50 percent).

- **Dresses.** What if the bride's mother thinks her choice of a wedding dress is inappropriate? Fifty-six percent would wear the dress anyway. Is one dress enough? Thirty-eight percent are thinking about buying a separate dress for the wedding reception.

- **Veils.** Roughly five in six brides (83 percent) plan to wear a veil during their wedding ceremony. And 63 percent plan to hang onto their veil as a memento.

Columbine West Military Members

"Every human being is intended to have a character of his own; to be what no others are, and to do what no other can do."

— William Henry Channing

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) now @ Camp Lejeune.

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

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

Tyler Brown, 21yr, Lance Corporal, US Marine Corp, Stationed in Okinawa Japan

Distinguishing the Eurasian Collared-Dove from the Ringed Turtle-Dove

John Schmitt

The recently introduced and rapidly increasing Eurasian Collared-Dove will most likely be confused with the very similar Ringed Turtle-Dove which is a popular cagebird often encountered in the wild as an escaped or released bird. Their respective songs are quite different: the collared-dove's song is a coarse rapidly delivered three-part cooing which contrasts with the hollow rolling two-part cooing of the Ringed Turtle-Dove.

In addition to their vocal differences a few external traits aid in distinguishing between these two doves.

The story of the Eurasian Collared-Dove is captivating. A century ago, this species was found primarily on the Indian subcontinent, although its range extended slightly in Europe, in Turkey. In the early 1900s, however, the species began expanding its range significantly and by 1950 had reached the British Isles. Today, collared-doves are living above the Arctic Circle in Scandinavia. Eurasian Collared-Doves were introduced into the Bahamas in the 1970s, and their populations soon expanded around these islands. What happened next was unclear. At some point in the 1980s, Eurasian Collared-Doves migrated, without assistance, from the Bahamas to Florida. And because they look much like the Ringed Turtle-Dove, the collared-doves started to spread unnoticed. It wasn't until the mid-1980s that ornithologists realized the suddenly prolific and quickly spreading "turtle-doves" they were watching were actually Eurasian Collared-Doves. Citizen Science projects such as Project FeederWatch and the Christmas Bird Count provide the unique opportunity to monitor the invasion of a new bird species, such as the Eurasian Collared-Dove from its inception.

Don't Throw That Out! Unusual Uses For Everyday Objects

The television hero MacGyver could come up with some truly outlandish applications for whatever was lying around (one time patching a car radiator by cracking an egg into it, according to Wikipedia). You may not have his level of knowledge or ingenuity, but here are a few offbeat uses for common household items:

- **Coffee grounds.** Instead of tossing them in the trash, take used coffee grounds out to your garden to use as fertilizer for roses, azaleas, and tomatoes. Or take them into the shower; they make an effective body scrub for washing away dead skin.
- **Jars and bottles.** Once empty, they can be used as flower vases, or for storing pennies, buttons, or bath accessories.
- **Coca-Cola.** The popular soft drink can remove stains on clothing and fabrics, remove rust from patio furniture and car bumpers, or tenderize and sweeten meat as a marinade.
- **Blue jeans.** Protect your fingers when drinking hot beverages by snipping out an inch or two from a used pair of jeans and hemming the top and bottom.
- **Tennis balls.** Cut a tennis ball along its seam, remove the material inside, and you've got two jar openers capable of gripping even the tightest lids. Or carefully glue some colorful thread in neat rows over the ball, add a hook, and you've got a homemade Christmas tree ornament.
- **Polo shirts.** With a sewing machine and a little creativity, an old polo shirt can be repurposed as a tank top, a mini-backpack, or a reusable tote bag.

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Quarterly Statistics for Columbine West:

6 currently listed, 7 under contract and 9 sold.

Sold median price range: \$229,000

Currently listed homes price range: \$256,000

2012 1st Quarter Headlines

- The market is clearly changing – Rapidly!
- Inventory levels have been reduced to only 3 months supply, making it a great time to sell.
- Homes are selling faster and have begun to sell with multiple offers during April.
- 1st time buyers are being motivated by low interest rates and rising rents.
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Teen Services

To add your teen's name, please email **Colorado Lasertype** at getinfo@coloradolasertype.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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Teen Services Updates in July

To ensure accuracy, we update the teen services list each year. If you would like to remain on the list, **you must email Colorado Lasertype** at getinfo@coloradolasertype.com by **June 15th** or your name will be deleted. Please leave the following information: your name; age; what category you want: **(B)** Babysitting, **(L)** Lawn Care, **(S)** Snow Removal, and **(P)** Pet & House Sitting; whether or not you are Red Cross certified for CPR; and **neighborhood you live in** (this is very important – we do 31 different newsletters and need to know which one your name is in). **If you have renewed your information after January 1st of this year, you do not need to email us to update.** Thank you.

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If the assignment promises to stretch your skills or teach you something important, do your best to make time for it. And remember that your boss probably wouldn't ask you to take on the job unless he or she has confidence in you. Do your best to live up to his or her trust.

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Columbine West Statistics for April 2012

Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
4-Level	None	None	0
2-Story	\$ 187,500	\$ 285,000	4
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	\$243,000	\$243,000	1

Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 179,500	\$ 179,500	1
4-Level	\$ 209,000	\$239,900	3
2-Story	\$ 168,000	\$ 270,000	4
Tri-Level	\$169,999	\$169,999	1
Bi-Level	\$ 195,000	\$ 234,000	4

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West Jul. 1, 2011 to Apr. 17, 2012

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 133,000	\$ 238,200	9
4-Level	\$ 193,000	\$ 259,800	10
2-Story	\$ 122,500	\$ 289,000	19
Tri-Level	None	None	0
Bi-Level	\$ 154,500	\$ 259,900	6

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