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CWCA — Your Homeowners' Organization

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Thank You For...



Helping Us, To Help You

We Are Good Neighbors

With 1500 homes in Columbine West our 2013 paid membership numbers equate to 25% participation and out of that roughly 10-12 volunteers show up to our meetings, actively striving to uphold CWCA's mission of enforcing and resolving covenant violations, interfacing with the Sheriff and Zoning dept. to maintain a safe and peaceful community. Our current volunteers are non-paid neighbors who donate their time and services while raising families, maintaining their own property and juggling other commitments. Columbine West has seen a rise in covenant violations, but we have lost precious resources to help address them. With more involvement we could address issues in a more timely manner, helping to ensure that as our neighborhood ages it doesn't necessarily decrease in value. The resources we need are YOU, your HANDS and a willingness to share your thoughts and time and talents with the community. The governing board members are inundated with neighbors asking WHY. Why are abandoned cars still sitting in driveways, why are yards still unkept, why are trash cans not hidden behind gates, why are trailers not properly stored, why, why, why. As we enter in to the new year, CWCA is asking community members to help address these why's, give some of your valuable time to work with others and get these why's under control. So, let's say you have a rock in your shoe. No one other than you can know exactly how that rock feels. Others may have read about rocks, seen rocks, or even had a similar experience with a pebble caught in a sandal. However, you are the expert on this particular situation because you are experiencing it. The same concept applies to social and community problems. People who directly experience a problem have a much different outlook on their needs. This thought process applies to neighbors who have issues with other neighbors. You may not personally know the particular person who has not painted their house for 20 years, or the reason for so may apparently abandoned cars in the driveway, or perhaps the unattended weeds taking over in the yard. One thing is obvious, CWCA needs more hands and hearts to help people affected by a problem in helping to solve the problem. We need to be able to listen to them so that we have a better understanding of the causes of the problem, the barriers they have to managing or preventing the problem, and their ideas for solving the problem. Maybe we can then invite them to become involved through participation in the initiative or program that is being developed by helping empower them to tackle the problems they confront. At the January CWCA meeting we will be hosting an Open House. Open for anyone to share an idea, voice and opinion and help us to help you. Plan on joining us, refreshments and homemade goodies will also be shared. Yum! The association strives to see our community defined by a sense of shared ownership and collective responsibility. Anyone can attend a monthly meeting, held on the second Tuesday, 7p at Dutch Creek Elementary. Drop by, say hello, bring questions to the Board or possibly volunteer to help on a project. All neighbors are welcomed and encouraged to attend and get involved. One of CWCA's Mission statements is – *To initiate civic programs that bring the community together and encourage residents to maintain the general appearance of Columbine West.*

Newsletter News

Newsletter Volunteers are very much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer for a route and get in some constructive walking, please call 303-972-2387.

Next CWCA Meetings

7:00 p.m. Dutch Creek Elem.
Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11,
Mar. 11, Apr. 8

2013 & 2014 CWCA Calendar of Events

- Dec. 1st-25th: Holiday Lighting Contest
- Dec. 9th: 2-6pm, Columbine United Church, Kiwanis Blood Drive
- Dec 10th, 7 p.m.: CWCA Meeting. Holiday Potluck
- Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve 2014. Cheers!!
- Jan. 14th: 7-8:30 p.m. CWCA Meeting "Open House" Dutch Creek Elem.
- Jan. 20th: MLK Day
- Feb. 2nd: Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 11th: 7-8:30 p.m. BRONCOS vs. ?? Maybe CWCA Meeting. Dutch Creek Elem.
- Feb. 14th: Happy Valentine's Day
- March 9th: Daylight Savings Begins. Spring Forward 1 hour
- March 11th: 7-8:30 p.m. CWCA Meeting Dutch Creek Elem
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day. Erin Go Bragh
- April 1st: April Fool's Day
- April 22nd: Earth Day. Be kind to Mother Nature

A Moment With The Board

Our Tuesday evening meeting was very positive and encouraging for the upcoming 2014 year of events. Looking over the past year participation the Board agreed that Dumpster Day will again be offered and supported by the budget. There will be some fee restructuring to help off-set the ever increasing cost of recycling. There was discussion on the lack of participation for National Night Out and how we might encourage future success. We have not offered a pool party for the last couple of years due to the lack of a committee chairperson, so the possibility of offering a FREE swim night, supervised by Foothills pool employees is being considered. Other community events are being looked at. The approved 2014 budget is based on 382 potential membership fees, which is our current year end total. If more members join then more funds will be available to support events, yet our most valuable and major need is for volunteers to run them. Please consider offering a small commitment of time to "help us, help you" and all of those in our community. The one Board position plus the officers of Vice Pres. & Sec. are still available. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas for next years Calender of Events, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting, next one is the Annual Potluck, December 10th, 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elem.



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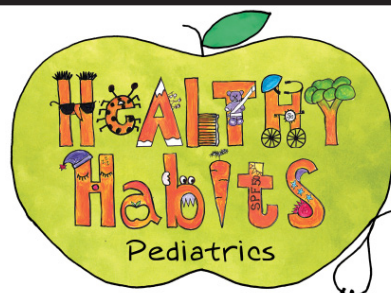
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NIC Mission Statement

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.

Automated Voicemail Line

Columbine West pays for an automated phone message service that helps a community volunteer to direct calls to the correct individuals within the association. This service is NOT checked daily, but at least 3-times a week. The voice mail is not in someone's home, but merely a service that we use. **CWCA membership dollars cover the cost of having this service available.** It is important that you as a caller leave a name and number, if you want a response, and to please speak clearly and repeat your information. If research is necessary, it may take a few days to get back with an answer. The voicemail line at 303-904-8218, has been a very helpful tool for the community. You can also contact the CWCA by email at CWCATALK@GMAIL.COM.

Jeffco School Board Votes To Sever Ties With inBloom

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the Board of Education voted to sever ties with inBloom, however, the district's work on the classroom dashboard will continue. It's work that will make a profound difference for our teachers and students. We want our teachers to have information, not just data. A dashboard could give Jeffco teachers approximately 1,400 additional hours per year for work that is more directly related to planning, teaching and decision-making. Without inBloom, the work on the dashboard will take longer and could be more costly, but it's the right work.

— Chalk Talk – News for parents from Jeffco Public Schools

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New Shiloh House Running Clubs

Shiloh House staff has recognized the benefits of running and have recently implemented new programs for the youth to experience and enjoy. Ryan Knuth is a Clinician at the Shiloh House Littleton Campus. Ryan has been an avid runner throughout the majority of his life and recently came up with the idea to start a running club with the boys at the Yarrow house. The club has just gotten started and Ryan's goal is that in the near future Shiloh House will be able to give clients at all campuses the opportunity to be a part of a running club. Ryan believes the basic principles of running are transferable to most things that he is trying to teach his clients as he works with them on a day to day basis. Ryan's goal is to provide a model of how those principles can be implemented in life so the results of the experience are a win for everyone involved. Ryan states that "the feedback from the clients has been so positive and the way they feel after the group is finished is worth all the work it took for us to get the group assembled. I am happy to be a part of this group and am hopeful for the strengths that can be fostered for its members". The running club is constantly looking for new places in the community to run and the clients love the change in scenery. The group is a positive way to release some stress and for staff and clients to gain rapport and build their relationships.

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If you have questions or concerns about cell phone or Internet safety please contact your local law enforcement agency or the First Judicial District's CHEEZO unit at 303-271-6766. Helpful information is also available at www.CHEEZO.org.

Question? Question?

Looking For Local Friends For Your Child? I am a resident of Columbine West and have two small children. We have lived in the neighborhood for several years, and our children still don't know many kids their own age within our community. I am hoping to meet some new local friends for them! If you have small children (ages 0-4), and would like to meet weekly, biweekly or monthly for park playdates, neighborhood walks, etc, please email me at colwestplay13@gmail.com. Let me know your children's ages and hopefully we'll be able to set up some regular dates for these kiddos!

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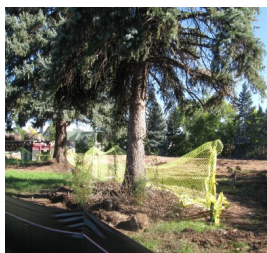
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Halloween Decorating Contest

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The neighborhood was full of color in October, not just with the changing of the leaves, but because of all the Halloween decorations. CWCA wishes to thank all of those residents who took their time and talents to decorate for the holiday. We had a few brave souls, actually volunteers, who set out across the development, far and wide in search of displays that they would deem worthy of recognizing. The voicemail line also gave them an idea on where to start. It was reported that the decision was a tough one. Neither winner is a first or second, just equally enjoyed and celebrated. The two homeowners each received a gift certificate for \$50 to King Soopers. Drum role please... Tracey and Granby Hillyer, along with their son Cole, live at 7273 S. Yarrow Way. They have been residents for 9 years. The entire family loves to decorate for Halloween and Christmas, hmmm, maybe a drive-by will be in order for the Holiday Lighting/ Decorating Contest. Congratulations also to Cliff and Erin Addenbrooke, along with their 2 children, who live at 8254 W. Plymouth Pl. Their family has been in the



development for 10 years and decorating is a passion for them. Cliff took many hours to completely replicate what looked like a wrought iron fence around his yard, it was really made from wood. It seems that this time the energy and talent paid off. Thank you again for getting into the holiday spirit or spirits. Boo!



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CWCA Mission Statement

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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/cwcl. 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.

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. The prizes will be \$50 for (2) homeowners. Because of our early deadline for the January newsletter, you'll just have to be surprised of the winners in the February newsletter.

Columbine Kiwanis Need Bell Ringer Help

The Kiwanis will be ringing their bells at King Soopers on Coalmine/ Pierce & Chatfield/ Wadsworth, December 14th- 24th. They will also be seen at the Ken Caryl/ Simms King Soopers, December 22nd, 23rd & 24th. Last year these dedicated volunteers collected \$16,000 in donations to the Salvation Army. In the 25+ years the Columbine Kiwanis have been ringing in our community they have raised over \$250,000. The group is always willing to train more volunteers to help with the ringing, call Ken Sweet #303-973-8253. Stop at one of the kettles sponsored by the Columbine Kiwanis, located at local King Soopers. By texting the word "KETTLE" to 80888, donors can send \$10 to the Red Kettle Campaign.

Columbine Kiwanis is group of volunteers dedicated primarily to children in our local community. We also have fun at our meetings which include an interesting speaker and social events. 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. Membership dues are \$33.00 per month which includes meeting breakfasts. Guest and Interclub breakfasts are \$6.50 each, payable to the Treasurer. For information call Ken Sweet at 303-973-8253 or visit our website at www.columbinekiwanis.org.

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One Minute Wellness... Christmas Cheer

When we think about Holiday parties we think about food! The kind of food we eat "only once a year" right?

It is a yearly ritual for so many of us. We eat through Thanksgiving all the way through New Years Day. Then we make the New Years Resolutions which often revolve around taking better care of our health.

I have asked myself what I would do differently, if I were the queen of the land (other than wave a wand and let everyone do what they want with no health consequences or risks) and I have decided that if I were hosting holiday parties I would choose foods with a lot of protein as the main attraction and make the trays as attractive as possible. I would serve less desserts and fatty foods. Some options for high protein "treats" would be:

- Deviled eggs made with Greek yogurt instead of mayo
- Smoked Salmon wrapped around roasted (and cooled) asparagus spears
- Turkey slices wrapped around pickles
- Refried bean dip with rice crackers
- Cottage Cheese with veggies or spices (ex: dry Ranch Dressing) in small tomato boats
- Skewers with marinated grilled chicken pieces (or beef chunks)
- Low fat sausage discs

As for alcoholic beverages I would pick one or two different wines and serve them as spritzers, mixing half wine with half sparkling water. When it comes to alcohol, non drinkers don't really care and drinkers put up with whatever the host chooses. No one has all the choices to suit everyone anyway.

Holidays are great and should be filled with all the joy of the

season. They really are a time to laugh with family and friends. Bringing up old subjects that invoke negative encounters should be avoided. Resist all the judgments and stereo-types. Pretend you are meeting the person in front of you for the first time and be intrigued with whatever they are telling you. Words like "That is really interesting... or amazing... or fascinating" bring smiles. So, go ahead, be interested, amazed and fascinated by people and life and make this the best-ever holiday season... with no regrets!

Marybeth Van Horn is a registered nurse, internationally certified personal trainer and certified specialist in performance nutrition who has worked with numerous clients using nutritional supplements for over 20 years. Feel free to contact her with questions at 303-809-1134.

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In Columbine West, Results Count!



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Columbine West Statistics for November 2013

Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 239,950	\$ 285,000	3
4-level	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri-level	\$ 239,700	\$ 239,700	1
Bi-level	\$ 240,000	\$ 259,000	2

Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 208,900	\$ 208,900	1
4-level	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$ 225,000	\$ 264,900	3

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West (Jan. 1, 2013 – Nov. 15, 2013)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 182,400	\$ 281,500	8
4-level	\$ 210,000	\$ 312,000	20
2-story	\$ 171,200	\$ 320,000	19
Tri-level	\$ 200,000	\$ 307,500	6
Bi-level	\$ 185,000	\$ 326,000	24

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.

Alexis A.	15	B/P/S	303-587-9439
Hunter E.	14	S/P	303-933-9850
Dylan & Kate F.	14/12	B/L/S	720-468-3321
Joe H.	14	L/P	303-933-4879
Jordan H.	18	B*/P	720-884-6321
Laura L.	13	B*/P	303-483-3935
Madison L.	13	B/P	303-641-3571
Jacob P.	13	B*/P	303-932-2596
Kayla G.	13	P	303-972-7895
Karissa G.	13	P	303-972-7895
Angie W.	15	B/S	720-569-0552
Tim	16	L/S	720-298-1714
Gabe	15	L/S	720-298-1714
Zack	13	L/S	720-298-1714

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**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Garden Committee Update

"A garden should make you feel you've entered privileged space – a place not just set apart but reverberant – and it seems to me that, to achieve this, the gardener must put some kind of twist on the existing landscape, turn its prose into something nearer poetry." – Michael Pollan-Second Nature: A Gardener's Education

If you would like to have your name added to the volunteer list or have any questions contact the voicemail at 303-904-8218.

CWCA Covenant Violation Report

Mail to: Columbine West Civic Association, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162

Date: _____

Description of alleged violation: _____

Violator's Address: _____ ☐ I would be willing to appear in court as a witness.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

All reports will remain confidential and you can send this in anonymously, but we are unable to supply progress reports.