

Columbine West Civic Association

Newsletter °





Newsletter Delivery

"Howdy, Howdy to Columbine West residents. Currently there is a need for a couple of routes to be filled. Call me, Don, and I can have you out and walking a route real soon." The newsletter remains the most important way of notifying neighbors about community events. Delivering is very easy. Our Newsletter Coordinator will give you a call and you pick up the newsletters at the beginning of the month. Maybe you have thought about trying to deliver a route but didn't want to totally commit, consider trying a substitution route. Please give some thought to helping as a substitute or taking on your own route. Contact Don via 303-973-2678 (Don Mullins, Newsletter Coordinator) or email CWCAtalk@gmail.com if interested in becoming a newsletter carrier.

CWCA Calendar of Events

Jan. 10th 2018: CWCA Monthly Meeting, Volunteer Appreciation Evening, 7:00p

Feb. 15th: CWCA Monthly Mtg, Dutch Creek Elem, 7:00p

March: CWCA Membership Drive begins.

Please join CWCA

March 14th: CWCA Monthly Mtg Dutch Creek Elementary, 7:00p March 24th: Easter Egg Hunt

Weather delay schedule March 31st

April 11th: CWCA Monthly Mtg Dutch Creek Elementary, 7:00p

May - Sept: Yard of the Month

May 4th & 5th: Community Garage Sale

May 9th: CWCA Monthly Mtg Dutch Creek Elementary, 7:00p (Board/Officer Elections)

TBD: Garden Day. Clean up entrance gardens

June 13th: CWCA Monthly Mtg June 16th: Dumpster Day Event

CWCA Meeting Dates

Jan. 10th, Feb. 15th, Mar. 14th, Apr 11th 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elem

January 2018

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Our Mission: "Promote neighborhood beautification and harmony through covenant enforcement, community based services, and social activities."

Columbine West Volunteers Are Appreciated

As the prospect of a New Year brings to many joy, peace, prosperity, and hope, Columbine West Civic Association would like to recognize and thank the following individuals for their time and contributions throughout the year. Without these neighbors dedicating their time and resources, our community would not be as great as it is. So many functions of our community take time and energy to insure we continue to have a beautiful and amazing neighborhood.

OFFICERS AND BOARD:

Officers:Board:Gary McCombs – PresidentBob BeersKen SweetJohn Basilla – Vice PresidentTim CooperKathi WaiteKelly Fiedler – SecretaryDave RomeroSue StevensCindy Coats – Treasurer

COMMITTEES:

Membership Committee: Cindy Coats; Welcome Committee: Sue Stevens, Kathi Waite; Newsletter Editor: Natasha McCombs; Newsletter Delivery Coordinator: Don Mullins; Covenant Control Group Liason: John Basilla; Entrance Banners: Jerry Stevens; Dumpster Day: Sue Steven; Holiday Contests: Dave Romero; Garage Sale: John Basilla; Night National Out: Tim Cooper; Landscape Maintenance: Mychelle Smith, Jim Slora, Leslie Slora

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COVENANT CONTROL GROUP:

The community members who help insure that the covenants, that protect our neighborhood, are in compliance have donated countless hours to continually improve the quality of life in Columbine West.

A Moment With The Board

The December 13th monthly meeting was canceled to allow the volunteers a well deserved break from their duties. This also means that the Holiday Potluck did not take place, but we are offering the Volunteer Appreciation Evening in January, after we ring in the New Year of 2018. Please plan to join us in January. The 2018 budget has included a newly anticipated event, The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for the weekend before Easter. Looking forward to having the event at the park by the Columbine West pool, but if the weather doesn't cooperate we hope to have an inside venue secured. We will again offer CWCA neighbors the opportunity to rid your garages of treasures when the Community Garage Sale advertises in May. We are also planning and securing the vendors that will be available for Dumpster Day. Look for Free Swim Nights, Yard of the Month, Garden Days & National Night Out too. All of these events are funded by the financial commitment of Columbine West neighbors who become paid members. The Membership Drive will commence January 1st and be valid for the entire year. Paid Members are voting members for annual elections in May. Paid Members can also participate at Dumpster Day without any additional entrance fee. (Electronic recycling is an extra cost) As advertised in the December newsletter there is a raffle drawing taking place for those who pay memberships early. Thank you all for your continued investment into the Columbine West Community.

If you have questions or any suggestion of ideas feel free to email CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is January 10th at 7:00 p.m., Dutch Creek Elementary School, second Wednesday of the Month. This month we would like to encourage anyone who has volunteered or is interested in volunteering to join us.

Drainage Areas; Roadway or Path?

There has been some discussion lately surrounding the usage of the drainage ditch between Victory Park and Dutch Creek Elementary. This is not an off-road area. It has been brought to our attention that the drainage area is being used by neighbors with ATV's, dirt bikes,

4 wheelers and an occasional late night drunken motor-vehicle drive. This area is not to be used and/or abused by those kind of activities. The area is popular with kids bicycling to and from school along with neighbors walking their dogs. Please remind your friends and family that these areas are technically controlled by Jeffco for flood control and not for your dirt bikes.

Columbine West Civic Association

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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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Clerk & Recorder	303-271-8168
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Colorado State Patrol	303-239-4500
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County Commissioners	303-271-8525
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CWCA Covenant Vi Mail to: CWCA, P.O. Box 6200	Olation Report Date:
Description of alleged violation:	
Violator's Address: ☐ I would be willing to appear	in court as a witness.
Name:	Address:
Phone:	E-Mail:

Volunteers, continued from front page

PARTNER NEIGHBORS:

In 2017 we had 378 homeowners (too many to list here) pay the voluntary dues or donate additional money to the Civic Association. These funds support the services and activities throughout the year that so many neighbors participate in. Many of these partners do not have the time to donate, so they add a little extra with their voluntary dues, which makes them valued volunteers too. All of those who do pay dues are a key to making this community better.

HELPFUL NEIGHBORS:

THANK YOU! To all those that gave just a little extra, helped a neighbor shovel snow, brought in a neighbors trashcan, helped the child that scraped their knee when they fell off their bike, or just went that extra step to help. To those neighbors who decided to attend a monthly meeting and give valuable feedback to CWCA, it is appreciated. Every moment giving to someone in this neighborhood makes us that much better, and without you we would not be as strong as we are. May the New Year bring you and your family warmth and prosperity. As always we hope to continue making new friends and dedicated volunteers.

Membership Drive News

The 2018 annual memberships are valid from January 1st thru December 31st. We will be holding two separate membership drawings. Those paying from Dec 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018 will be included in the first drawing. While those paying during the official membership drive, March 1st -31st, will be entered into the second drawing. Winners will receive gift cards to local businesses. Postcards for the Membership drive will be mailed mid to late February. If you would like to pay prior to receiving the postcard there are a couple of options. You can clip & mail in the membership coupon form found inside any monthly newsletter with your check or you can pay through paypal. Membership dollars are used to support all the activities that are brought to Columbine West. We thank and appreciate members for your continued support of CWCA and encourage all homeowners/renters in Columbine West to become members, which helps the efforts to keep our community engaged and working together to maintain our neighborhood.

- Membership Chair

Wood Burning Standards

All new wood-burning stoves and fireplaces installed in Jefferson County must meet stringent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emission standards. During high pollution days (red days), no wood-burning is allowed below 7,000 feet elevation, except by using EPA Phase III stoves, approved pellet stoves or approved masonry heaters. Complaints about wood-burning during high pollution days should be directed to your city officials (usually the zoning department). If you live in unincorporated areas of Jefferson County, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 303-271-8700. https://www.jeffco.us/2360/Wood-Burning, http://apcd.state.co.us/air_quality.aspx





Columbine West Veterans

"America's Veterans have served their counrty with the belief that democracy and freedom are ideals to be upheld around the world." — John Doolittle

Dan Chism, Sr., USMC, 1963-69,(Vietnam 1965-66), 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, stationed Danang, Chulai & Thubi

Bill Morrissey, U.S. Army, 1969 -, 1970(Vietnam) 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade

Roy A. Bundy (Al Bundy), USAF, 1968-1972, Max Airlift, Vietnam, PI, Calif. & Japan.

Jim Slora, U.S. Air Force, 1961-1965, Special Weapons Maintenance, 1910th Communication Sq., Lowry AFB, Co.

Jerry Stevens, U.S. Air Force, 1963-1967, Jet Engine Mechanic

Joel Mendelson, USN, 1967-1971, Aircraft Carrier USS Saratoga CVA-60, V A-44, VA-105 Heavy Attack Squadron, Fighter Jets

John Weksler, USN, 1960-1966, Aircraft Carrier Essex, Pensacola, FL., U.S. Army, 1966-1973 (Vietnam), Helicopter Pilot, Colorado National Guard, 1973-1987, Buckley AFB, CO. (Retired)

Annie Weksler, U.S.A.F, 1968-70, Nurse, George AFB, CA

Sidney Nelson, USN, 1968-1972 (Vietnam) GMG2 Riv Div 591, Brown Water Navy

Craig Martin, USMC, 1976-1982, Presidential Guard (Carter Administration) & Mountain Survival Instructor

Wade Gardner, U.S.A.F., 1986 - 1990, C-141B Loadmaster, McGuire A.F.B. New Jersey

Belinda Gardner, U.S.A.F. 1987 - 1991, 438th Comptroller Squadron, McGuire A.F.B. New Jersey

David E. Garcia, USMC, 1963-67 (Vietnam War),

Radioteletype Operater (RATT), 1st Marine Air Wing, returned to Yuma, AZ.

Tony Monte, USMC, 1968-1975 (Vietnam War)

Cynthia Draper, U.S. Navy, 1954-58 (Korean War), Draftsman, (CNATRA) stationed in Pensacola, FL

Ken Sweet, U.S. Air Force, 1967-71, Fighter Aircraft Electronics, MI

Columbine West Military Members

"He has honor if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct though it is inconvenient, unprofitable, or dangerous to do so".

— Walter Lippmann

Francis (Mik) Benson, U.S. Army, 349th Physiological Operations, Fitzsimmons Reserve Center, Colorado

LCpl. Evan Doop, U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at 29 Palms, California

Chaplin, Major, William Harrison, U.S. Army, Operations Chaplain, stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

Spc. Jeremy McCombs, Army National Guard, 1157th Engineer Division, (Firefighter Brigarde) stationed in Ft. Carson.

Sgt. Bethany Jaggers, U.S. Army, 282 Engineering Company, stationed at Ft. Carson, CO

GM2 David Tuey LCS-10, Combat Ship Training, San Diego Naval Base, CA

HM2 Michael Tuey, IDC, Fleet Marine Force, 2nd Expeditionary Force, Camp Le Jeune, NC

Cpl. Kristyn Lutz, U.S. Marine Corp, Stationed in Camp Pendleton, California

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

January 15, 2018

This day marks what would have been the 89th birthday of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The third Monday of January is a day of observance in honor of Dr. King, civil rights, and the thousands of men and women whose efforts and sacrifices helped bring about social reform so generations beyond theirs would inherit a better and more just world. Let us not forget the battles that have been fought, the obstacles overcome, and the distances bridged in the spirit of humanity and equality for all.



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Update on Site Approval at Ken Caryl/Zephyr Entrance

Community members attended the Planning & Zoning Meeting on November 29th to hear about the intentions of Platte Canyon Water Districts potential new materials storage facility at 7677 W. Ken Caryl Ave. The Comprehensive Master Plan recommends that public facilities be adequate for existing and future development and designed in a way that is sensitive to the environment and compatible with the surrounding area. Planning and Zoning remarked that the Site Approval is in general conformance with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The approval was followed by time for community response and Commissioner input. There were a few questions presented by CWCA concerning the sites new entrance driveway, site line setbacks at the corner and potential material dust. We were told that material stored at this facility would not include dirt or other materials that would cause windblown dust. The entrance to the site will be via Zephyr, approximately 50 ft from the corner of Ken Caryl/ Zephyr. It was asked if the site entrance could be moved farther North to accommodate potential conflict with the traffic that enters the development traveling from the East or West on Ken Caryl. One of the County Commissioners presented her concerns also on the entrance location. She mentioned that she parked her car at the approximate entrance location to evaluate the site approval design and her car was almost rear-ended by a resident making a right-hand turn into the neighborhood, via West bound Ken Caryl. It was suggested that some extra added signage should be looked into, specifically a sign designating a 'hidden driveway'. The redevelopment plan also

calls for 8' prefabricated wall spans to be erected along Ken Caryl to enclose the material depot. The wall along with a steel entrance gate will be located on Zephyr, at the Columbine West entrance at Zephyr. It was asked if the wall placement could be moved farther inwards towards the site, therefore opening the site line, which would be more than the 55' County requirement. Residents presented concerns about the vehicles exiting Zephyr, traveling East or West, in regards to being able to see oncoming traffic. Platte Canyon Water District representative, Tony Cocozzella, was interested in doing whatever would be necessary to work with the residents. Currently the Platte Canyon Water District is in the process of acquiring the land from the City & County of Denver, which amounts to 0.34 acres. Once the land transfers ownership the construction will commence and is estimated to be completed in 3-4 months. CWCA also spoke with the Platte Canyon representative about construction vehicle traffic and parking. It was asked if the vehicles could be parked further into Columbine West along Zephyr and only on one side of the street. When the Moorse Pump House construction was underway, this past summer, the entrance became very congested with construction vehicles parked on both sides of the entrance street. Once again we were told that they would do their best to be respectful of Columbine West residential traffic. If you would like to view the upcoming site reconstruction you can visit http://jeffco.us/planning-andzoning/active-cases/ and view the plans with the case number 17-129144SA.

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Kiwanis Club of Columbine – What a Year!

As we ring in 2018 it is nice to look back on 2017 and feel like it was a great year for Columbine Kiwanis. As we added 4 new members in the last 3 months, that brings our current total membership to 62 members. Our weekly attendance tends to be right around 50. In addition we have 10-20 non-members that work with us on a regular basis, so you don't need to be a member of Columbine Kiwanis to work with us. With so many hands available we are able to participate in projects that include working with service groups, youth groups, and fund raisers that allow us to make donations throughout the year. We try to match our donations to our hands on projects. The importance should not be judged only by the number of hours because some of our better projects only involve a few people or occur only once a year, thus less hours. A few of our selected projects that we donated about \$20,000 to are listed here. *Outdoor Lab scholarships to our local schools amounted to \$5200.00. *The Action Center received \$2500



towards the Food Bank and School supplies + 325 man hours. *Community Service Awards to High School Students \$3000. *Meals on Wheels secured \$500 + 350 man hours. *Alive at '25' received \$500. Youth Groups - \$3177 + 212 hours, which include (Columbine H.S., Heritage H.S., Littleton High School Key Clubs, Ken Caryl Middle School Builders Club) Meals on Wheels \$500 + 624 man hours. The Salvation Army received \$25,000 – Directly from Kettles to the Army.

- * **Arapahoe philharmonic:** 425 hours (Provide ushers and ticket sales.)
- * Reading partners: 210 hours (Work with children that are behind on reading skills.)
- * 9 Health Fair: 39 hours
- * Second Wind Fund: \$1000 + 42 hours (We provide parking lot attendants and other logistics.)
- * **Bessie's Hope:** \$500 + 112 hours (Provides nursing home visits by adults and youth.)

Help is always appreciated and making new friends is expected when you give of your time with Columbine Kiwanis. Active projects are always happening and January offers the Action Center Food Bank and Jr. Achievement. Contact us if you want to serve our community, and to make new friends.

Our vision: Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide...so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive. Columbine Kiwanis is a group

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Homes sold from 11/15 to 12/18

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7879 W. Frost Dr.	multi-level	2,397 sq. ft.	\$425,000	
8123 W. Plymouth Pl.	2 story	2,960 sq. ft.	\$425,000	
8074 W. Ontario Pl.	3+ story	2,432 sq. ft.	\$417,500	
7841 W. Ottawa Pl.	ranch	3,146 sq. ft.	\$400,000	
7259 W. Portland Ave.	multi-level	2,237 sq. ft.	\$399,900	
7876 W. Fremont Pl.	tri-level	1,587 sq. ft.	\$397,500	
7233 W. Roxbury Pl.	bi-level	1,633 sq. ft.	\$385,000	
7449 W. Fremont Ave.	bi-level	1,669 sq. ft.	\$360,000	
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Numbers to Call for Information:

CWCA:

- Questions regarding Covenants/violations
- Questions/volunteers for neighborhood activities/committees

Sheriff: (dispatch 303-271-0211)

- Speeding in the neighborhood
- Running stop signs
- Not stopping at crosswalks
- Unlicensed or inoperable vehicles on the street
- Suspicious people or vehicles in the neighborhood
- Semi-trailers parked in the neighborhood

Animal Control: (303-271-5070)

Barking dogs

Vicious dogs

Illegal activity

Loud noise/music

- Dogs not on leashes
- Sick wild animals including skunks, raccoons, rabbits, squirrels, foxes, coyotes

Zoning: (303-271-8700)

- Unlicensed, expired, or inoperable vehicles on the property
- Speed bumps new or replacement after paving
- Tree limbs/shrubs obstructing stop signs
- Weeds over 12" high
- Permit for fence (new or replacement), shed, or other structures
- Vehicles for sale

Jefferson County: (303-271-5200)

- Damaged or missing stop signs
- Ice build-up in the curb
- Snow plowing Street sweeping

Pot holes

Xcel Energy: (1-800-895-1999)

Burned out or Damanged Street lights

Kiwanis, continued from page 6

of extremely dedicated men and women who focus on volunteering within the Columbine Community, primarily to children in our local community. They have projects through out the calendar year. Are you interested in joining the efforts of this warm and inviting group? Come check us out. Weekly scheduled meetings Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. at: 4G's Restaurant 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd.; Littleton, CO. 80128. 303-730-4650. Free breakfast for first time visitors. There is typically a speaker during breakfast, who may be addressing an issue facing the community. Please add Club Facebook site http://www. facebook.com/ColumbineKiwanis

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Try These Tactics To Save on Groceries

We've all got to eat, and unless you're growing (or hunting for) your own food, that means you're got to head to the grocery store on a regular basis. The Huffington Post offers these tips for saving money on your next shopping trip:

- Avoid the inner aisles. Most grocery stores place essential items-dairy and produce-at opposite sides of the store. Pushing your cart through the inner aisles can tempt you to buy stuff you don't really need. Stick to the perimeter and pick out only what you're really after.
- Go for generics. Often generic items have the same ingredients as higher-priced brand items. Check the labels, and choose generics as much as you can.
- Look up and down. Grocery stores generally place more expensive items at eye level, because that's where they're most easily seen. Scan the top and bottom shelves for lower-priced alternatives.
- Stay away from prepared foods. A packaged dinner may seem convenient, but you can usually make the same meal for a fraction of the cost.
- Grate your own cheese. Buy a cheese grater and a block of Parmesan instead of buying it in packaged form. It's cheaper and fresher, and you'll be sure of what you're getting.

Afraid of Ghosts? Not Everyone Is

Would you buy a haunted house? Surprisingly, some homebuyers would be willing to live in their very own Amityville horror. Realtor.com's Haunted House Real Estate Survey of 1,000 people found that 30 percent are receptive to the thought of sharing living quarters with ghosts, 25 percent "might" be, but 42 percent would reject the idea outright.

Ghost-friendly buyers did list some caveats, though. Forty percent would expect a price cut on a haunted house, and others said extra space or a good neighborhood would increase their chances of accepting such a deal. Still, 28 percent of people in the survey said they've already lived in a haunted home, citing inexplicable noises, creepy feelings, or seeing objects move or disappear.

> This Space **Intentionally Left Blank** for Teen Services.

#1 Broker in the Columbine Area!

Columbine West Statistics for December 2017

<u>Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West</u>			
	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
4-level	None	None	0
Tri-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

<u>Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West</u> Lowest Highest How Many? Ranch Style \$384,900 \$400,000 2 2-story \$425,000 \$459,000 2 4-level \$439,000 \$439,000 1 Tri-level \$380,000 \$380,000 1 Bi-level \$350,000 \$359,900

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (June 1, 2017–Dec. 6, 2017)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many
Ranch Style	\$345,000	\$468,000	8
2-story	\$389,000	\$477,000	13
4-level	\$305,000	\$425,000	10
Tri-level	\$358,000	\$400,000	4 7
Bi-level	\$345,000	\$415,000	15 oj

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