



Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization



CWCA Calendar of Events

- CWCA Monthly Meeting - April 13
- Community Garage Sale - May 7 & 8
- Mothers Day - May 9 (Hug a mom)
- CWCA Monthly Meeting - May 11
- Memorial Day - May 31st
- CWCA Monthly Meeting - June 8
- Dumpster Day - June 19
- Fathers Day - June 20 (Hug a Dad)
- Open Swim Nights - July TBD
- CWCA Monthly Meeting - July 13

PayPal Link For Membership

The direct link for PayPal is: www.neighborhoodlink.com/Columbine_West/pages/39993

Monthly ZOOM Meetings

The Officers/Board have chosen to use the teleconferencing platform ZOOM to handle association duties. We would encourage neighbors to join in the conversation. If you would like to attend the upcoming April meeting please email your request to CWCAtalk@gmail.com, with the (subject line) ZOOM. You will be emailed the information on how to register.



2021 CWCA Meeting Dates

April 13,
May 11, June 8 – all at 7 p.m.



April 2021

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

Garage Sale is Scheduled for May 7th & 8th

Last year the Community Garage Sale was postponed and subsequently canceled for 2020. Well, we have a deal for you. A Denver Home Realtor, John Basila, is once again sponsoring the Columbine West Community Garage Sale. If you'd like to be included on maps and receive a directional sign, please register by Wednesday May 5th. Sign up via email by sending your name, address and phone number to: columbinerealtor@gmail.com. You may also contact CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Maps will be available at most entrances and directional signs will be placed on main streets. John will be posting information on Nextdoor to encourage neighbors to participate and to advertise to surrounding neighborhoods, come and check us out. Please note that everyone is responsible for their own business transactions and the association has no oversight.

April
Showers...



association requires that Board members reside in the neighborhood and be current paid members. Please think about joining the efforts of our community so that more hands can equal more fun.

CWCA Elections in May

Elections will be held during the May 11th CWCA Board meeting available through ZOOM. Officers/Board Members attend each monthly meeting, help with planned activities, work collaboratively on community based decisions and sometimes volunteer to become Chair-people of events. If you are interested in running for a Board position please contact CWCAtalk@gmail.com with a message indicating your interest. The association

Fire Hydrant Rules

The Platte Canyon Water & Sanitation District and Fire Department regulations require that fire hydrants have a minimum clearance of 3 feet on all sides of the hydrant. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, you may landscape around it if there is 3 feet of clearance and it can be easily accessed in the event of a fire and for district maintenance. - plattecanyon.org or info@plattecanyon.org (We will begin to use Nextdoor for posting emergency repairs, Pop-Up Events, etc. Thank you for your suggestions on how we can better communicate with you)

A Moment With the Board

Thanks to the CWCA Zoom subscription our March monthly meeting was a full house. We welcomed our newest Chairperson, Jenn, and a couple neighbors, Alexis and Patrick. If you are new to the neighborhood you may be unfamiliar with the history of the pool. Our community pool, which has seen many years of activities like Club swim meets, toddler swim lessons, aquatic exercise for Seniors and adult lap time. As well as open swim time, community pool events and belly flop contest. As with many facilities that were originally built when the development was new, these places are in desperate need of upgrades, not just maintenance, but also County Codes need to be addressed. Alexis attended our meeting to share with us what might be potential plans from FHPRD in regards to our Columbine West pool. (article to share in the newsletter soon) We are eagerly awaiting news as to whether the pool will open for the 2021 Summer Season and will post information in the newsletter and on Nextdoor as we receive it. The Easter Eggs are being stuffed, 1,500 of them and will be distributed around the pool park on March 27, 11 a.m. The Community Garage Sale is being offered on May 7 & 8, please contact John Basila at columbinerealtor@gmail.com to be added to the list. Our annual Dumpster Day event is scheduled, plans are coming together and we will drop more info in the May newsletter. We are working towards some maintenance on the entrances and will update when work days are and how much muscle we need from the community. Please feel free to contact CWCAtalk@gamil.com with any other ideas you would like for us to work on. You can also connect with us if you feel you have some time & talents to share with the community. In May will have elections, there are a couple openings for Board Members and volunteer hands are always welcomed. Stay warm, stay safe and stay healthy in 2021.

Columbine West Civic Association

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OFFICERS

President, Gary McCombs; **Vice President,** John Basila
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Dutch Creek Elementary 7304 W. Roxbury Pl.
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News Articles

The newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for news is the 13th 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.

Advertising:

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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Music Hath Charms For Houseplants

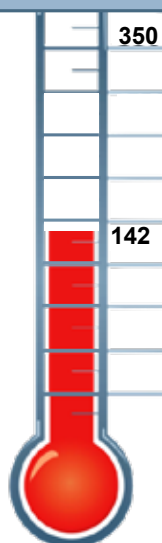
How much do you love your houseplants? Enough to play music for them? A British survey reported by *The Herald* found that almost 50% of plant owners play music for their leafy friends in a variety of genres, from folk to rock to classical and everything in between.

The most popular artist choice? Scottish pop singer Lewis Capaldi, shared by 62% of the survey's 1,150 respondents. The Korean pop band BTS came in second, with 55%, followed by America's Taylor Swift, at 51%. Elton John, David Bowie, and Fleetwood Mac also ranked in the Top 10.

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 because on the path of every science
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—C. S. Lewis

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Jefferson County Numbers

Information	303-279-6511
Motor Vehicles	303-271-8100
Animal Control	303-271-5070
Highways & Clerk & Recorder	303-271-8168
Transportation	303-271-8495
Colorado State Patrol	303-239-4500
Planning & Zoning	303-271-8700
County Commissioners	303-271-8525
Sheriff - Emergency	911
Sheriff - Non-Emergency	303-271-0211
County Administrator	303-271-8500
Traffic Complaints	303-271-5677
Extension Services	303-271-6620
Voting Information	303-271-8111

Columbine West Civic Association Membership Form

Please fill out and mail with your \$25 check to CWCA.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Send to: CWCA, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton CO 80162

Save the Date for Dumpster Day

One of the community's most sought after events. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 19th. All residents that are current with their \$25/annual Membership payment can attend Dumpster Day without any additional fees (except electronic recycling fees). If you wait until June 19th the fee for entry will be \$35. If you have not attended in the past, please bring identification along, so that residency is provided. This year there will NOT be document shredding. Some items not accepted are: mattresses, tires, cement, paint, hazardous materials and batteries. If you would like to volunteer some time helping with the event please contact CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Any questions please email CWCAtalk@gmail.com. Thank you so much for the continued support of this community event.

Additional Places to Recycle

- **Rooney Road Recycling**
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They will accept 20# & 30# tanks of any shape for recycling

Improvements

Coming to Victory Park!

Hello Neighbors! Improvements are coming to Victory Park! You know the little neighborhood park that is located at 7501 S. Ammons St, the corner of W Quarto Ave/ S Ammons St. Foothills Park & Recreation Dept has begun the planning portion of the project, you may view concept plans at this link: <https://www.foothills.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Victory-Park-Site-Improvement-Concept-hPlan.pdf>. If you have feedback on the proposed plan for this park site, send to Sarah McAfee at smcafee@fhprd.org. To stay informed on this project, visit the 2021 Improvement Projects webpage at <https://www.foothills.org/projects-2021/>. We will also be reaching out to the neighborhood children to help design the new playground coming to the park. Stay tuned! Concept plans are for planning purposes only and do not reflect actual finishes, colors or placement. Thank you homeowners for keeping the Mill Levy in place, which helps us to upgrade our local facilities.

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Sheriff: (dispatch 303-271-0211)

- Speeding in the neighborhood
- Illegal activity
- Running stop signs
- Loud noise/music
- 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
- 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
- Snow plowing
- Ice build-up in the curb
- Street sweeping
- Pot holes

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

- Burned out or Damaged Street lights

Behind the Badge

Proposed Legislation Raises Public Safety Concerns

During the current state legislative session, Senate Bill 21-062 was introduced as one of several bills focused on criminal justice reform, specifically the justice system's "over-reliance on incarceration" as described by the bill's sponsors. While the bill offers some positive changes, I believe it will have a negative impact on crime in Jefferson County if approved as written. In its current form, the bill effectively eliminates the ability to incarcerate individuals for class 4, 5, or 6 felony offenses.

Originally drafted as "Jail Depopulation," then introduced as "Concerning Measures to Reduce Jail Populations," the bill has now been retitled "Concerning Measures to Safely Reduce Jail Populations by Amending Procedures Prior to Convictions." This misnomer is disingenuous because under the new bill, individuals who commit felonies like burglary, arson, motor vehicle theft, disarming a peace officer, and arming rioters would be issued a court summons and would remain on the streets. To illustrate, the individuals who committed the most egregious actions during recent events on The Hill in Boulder would not be subject to arrest and incarceration if the bill becomes law in its current form.

Therefore, I am insisting legislators amend the bill to grant law enforcement officers the discretion to arrest and incarcerate for any felony charge. Without this modification, I am opposed to the bill. And I hope you will also contact your state senator and state representative to share your opinion on the implications of this legislation.

In 2020, crime increased in Jefferson County by 12% as a result of temporarily implementing heightened arrest standards in an effort to reduce the jail population during COVID-19. Under the proposed legislation, crime would continue to increase because the bill permanently adopts those same high arrest standards.

In January 2020, the Jefferson County jail's operational capacity
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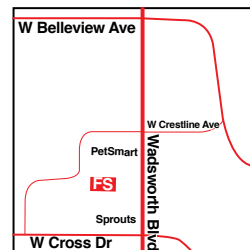
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was 1148. By May, we had lowered capacity to 658, to comply with the CDC's and local and state public health guidelines for correctional and detention facilities during COVID. Senate Bill 21-062 would lower the inmate population even further, but not as a temporary measure to ensure the health and welfare of inmates and staff during a global pandemic. Rather, as a "get out of jail free" pass for many felony criminals. I agree it is prudent and responsible to take a hard look at who is being held in our jails and why. And over the past year we did just that to reduce the inmate population by 43%. Initially, we worked with the judiciary and local law enforcement agencies to:

- Release inmates early who had served at least half their sentence for non-violent crimes that did not involve the Victims' Rights Act
- Arrange for in-home detention for qualifying work release inmates
- Review and revise bond amounts and conditions for pre-trial inmates when appropriate
- Avoid arrests for low-level warrants when possible to limit new inmate bookings

Eventually, however, restricting new bookings to an even greater extent was necessary to keep the inmate population manageable during the pandemic. Therefore, on March 31, 2020, I temporarily enhanced arrest standards. But as COVID cases have decreased in the county, I have loosened those restrictive standards to now allow for any felony arrest, and we have increased jail capacity to 760. We made these necessary adjustments because crime has increased throughout the county. In its current form, Senate Bill 21-062 makes restrictive arrest standards permanent without addressing the increase in

crime that will result.

While it is responsible to review and on occasion modestly revise the criminal justice system's incarceration practices, it is irresponsible to remove discretionary decisions from law enforcement officers. Taking away the ability to arrest and incarcerate for any felony crime jeopardizes public safety and sends the wrong message to the individuals committing those crimes. With modifications to Senate Bill 21-062, the bill will still achieve its intent to incarcerate those individuals who belong in jail, and law enforcement agencies will still accomplish their duty to preserve the public's safety. Unmodified, however, we do neither and I will oppose the legislation.

—Sheriff Jeff Shrader

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DIANE com-nav., 1st MAW Da Nang RVN, 2nd MAW Cherry Pt., N.C./
Army 1979- 1987. Signal Branch, Comm. Officer/ S-1 244 Engr. Bn.

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

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

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

John Wexler, 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 Wexler, 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
Operator (RATT), 1st Marine Air Wing, returned to Yuma, AZ.

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

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

Gene D. Willenbrecht, U.S.Navy, 1971-1977 (Vietnam War)
MM1 aboard the USS Enterprise

Richard Amador, U.S. Navy, 1955-1959, 1st Class Quarter Master
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Your Most Prized Possession? It is Probably Your Phone

Name one thing you can't live without. If you answered, "my cellphone," you've got a lot in common with, well, everyone. A poll by Asurion found that Americans consider their cellphone to be their No. 1 possession, more important than their car or refrigerator. Staying in touch with loved ones you can't visit in seems to be the driving force.

We depend on your phone for more than phone calls, of course. Driving the urgency that has led to a 20% jump in the number of claims for broken phones in the past year, much of what's on our phones is often irreplaceable—82% of Americans have photos and/or video they can't stand the thought of losing, 60% cite their contact list, 52% have passwords and login credentials stored, 45% have documents and important n

We Love Your Photos!

Hey Columbine West neighbors, we are looking to highlight our area around us. The CWCA is looking for those images to share in the monthly community newsletter. Got an eye for birds, clouds, landscapes or artistic representations? Since our newsletter prints color photos now we would like to highlight some extra creativeness. Please send your submissions to CWCAtalk@gmail.com or nemccombs@yahoo.com. Looking forward to sharing with the community. Thanks, Natasha (Newsletter Editor)

National Garden Month

Nothing says springtime more than the sprouts and shoots of a garden. Remember that gardens are not just for the enjoyment of people. They are important habitats for pollinators like bees, bats, birds, beetles, butterflies, and other animals.

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".

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

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CWCA Covenant Violation Report

Date: _____

Mail to: CWCA, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton, CO 80162

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Columbine West Statistics for March 2021

Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$490,000	\$490,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$450,000	\$540,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$565,000	\$565,000	1
Bi-level	\$499,900	\$499,900	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (July 1, 2020–Mar. 15, 2021)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$367,000	\$491,500	10
2-story	\$434,900	\$637,000	9
Tri/Multi-level	\$415,000	\$545,000	8
Bi-level	\$414,050	\$499,000	11

The statistical information is based on MLS data Mar. 15, 2021. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

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