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CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization

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Thank You For...



Trimming Vegetation Away From Sidewalks, Street Signs & Lightpoles

We Are Good Neighbors

As fall sets in it is time to take a look around our property and see if any peripheral landscaping needs to be trimmed back and cleaned up. Sometimes a small bush seems to explode with growth over the summer season and now it has encroached onto the sidewalk. Maybe your front or side yard tree has begun to stretch over the sidewalk and is now hanging a bit too low for walkers to travel underneath. If you have a fruit tree that has decided to drop it's fruit and it is landing on the sidewalk, it could be time to trim it back also. Some corner lots may have street signs that have become covered by foliage, please trim it away to allow for proper vehicle travel. Also, please keep in mind that corner lots need to have a visual site line to allow for traffic flow. This means that landscaping should not be any higher than 36" on a corner. A few areas in Columbine West have seen trees that are growing up and around street lights. In the Winter time it is not usually noticed, but during the summer when the trees have leafed out, lighting of the streets can be compromised. For the safety of all neighbors we should try to keep the lights clear of branches. It was mentioned in the newsletter earlier in the summer about keeping extra organic matter out of the gutters and potentially entering the sewer drains. As the leaves begin to fall, please try to collect them before they end up in the streets and gutters. Leaves make great compost material, mulch for flower beds and stuffing for front yard Halloween scarecrows. Keeping the gutters clear can also aid with rain and snow run-off and help to fend off ice build-ups. Neighbors new to the community usually comment first on how nice it is to have mature trees and landscaping, followed by questions concerning why a homeowner has not cut down a dead or dying tree. If the tree has no more life left to it and is possessing a concern of falling down and damaging property, maybe it is time to call in the professionals. Homeownership has its privileges and its expenses. Thank you for taking the time to keep everyone safe within Columbine West. The association strives to see our community defined by a sense of shared ownership and collective responsibility. 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.*

Thank You Tony Patullo

It is with sad hearts that we send forth our message of gratitude for all that Tony added to Columbine West. Tony volunteered many hours as a CWCA Board member and Newsletter Coordinator alongside his lovely wife Marcia. Tony struggled the past few months and quietly passed the evening of Sept 14th. Go in peace Tony, we will miss your smiling face, huge heart and tremendous zest for retelling a lively joke. Here is a sample of one of his witty jokes, if you haven't heard it before.

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Urgent Newsletter News

Our current Newsletter Delivery Coordinators will be leaving the position, so we are in urgent need of a replacement person or team. All routes are covered. The coordinator makes calls to the route volunteers when newsletters are ready to be picked up and secures a dry place for newsletters to be picked up, usually on the porch. This position is NOT a CWCA Board position, but is crucial for uninterrupted delivery of the newsletter each month. If you can help fill this much needed volunteer slot, please give a call to 303-904-8218 and leave a message or contact cwcatalk@gmail.com.

Next CWCA Meetings

7:00 p.m. Dutch Creek Elem.

Oct 14th, Nov 11th, Dec 9th

2014 CWCA Calendar of Events

- October 6-12th: Fire Prevention Week
- October 14th, 7:00p
CWCA Meeting, Dutch Creek Elem
- October 15th thru 31st: Halloween
Decorating Contest
- November 11th, 7:00p
CWCA Meeting (2015 Budget
Review) Dutch Creek Elem
- December 9th, 7:00p CWCA Meeting
(Potluck dinner) Dutch Creek Elem
- December 15-30th:
Holiday Decorating Contest

A Moment With The Board

At the September 9th CWCA meeting at Dutch Creek Elementary the Board conducted business as usual. Ideas for possible items and events are being collected for the 2015 CWCA Budget Review in October. The Dumpster Day Event will still remain as our biggest budget line item. The association is in need of a new person or team to handle the Newsletter Delivery Coordinator position. This position is very important to continue keeping the residents informed in a timely manner of community events and covenants. Contact us if you can help with this important volunteer position. Please call the CWCA voicemail at (303-904-8218) or email us at cwcatalk@gmail.com. Remember if you have any suggestion of ideas, call the voicemail, drop an email, just contact us. Look forward to hearing from the community. Residents are encouraged to attend any monthly meeting the next one is October 14 th, 7:00 p.m. at Dutch Creek Elementary, second Tuesday of the Month.

Thank You Tony Patullo, continued from front page

"Ed and Edna went to the State Fair every year. Ed wanted to take a ride on the helicopter. Edna would remark 'Ed, that is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars'. So, Ed was not able to get a ride. After a few years of attending the State Fair each year had passed, Ed still continued to ask Edna to ride the helicopter. Edna still remarked 'Ed, that is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars', but this year the helicopter pilot over heard the discussion. The pilot said to Ed and Edna, 'I will give you the helicopter ride for FREE, but you cannot say a word during the ride'. Well, Ed was thrilled and he and Edna climbed into the helicopter. Edna sat behind the pilot and Ed sat next to him. As they were flying about the helicopter pilot tried many maneuvers to try and get the couple to say something, not a word from either was spoken. When the ride was over and the pilot landed the helicopter he turned to Ed and remarked, 'Well, I tried everything I knew to try and get you or your wife to say something, congratulations on your FREE ride'. Ed told the pilot, 'Well, there was a moment when I wanted to say something', the pilot inquired with Ed as to when that was. Ed said to the pilot 'When Edna fell out of the helicopter'. The pilot was stunned and asked Ed why he didn't say anything, Ed replied 'because 50 dollars is 50 dollars'. Thanks again Tony for the laughter and smiles.

Tony and Marcia were married in 2000 and have enjoyed their neighborhood friends along with their Heritage United Methodist church family. A memorial service will be held at Heritage United on October 9th at 11am, followed by a reception in the church hall. Any monetary 'good will' donations will be accepted by Heritage United in Tony's name. The family welcomes all those who knew Tony to join them in this celebration of his life.

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Columbine High School 6201 S. Pierce St.

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Go to the Woods and Leave Your Fear of Forgetting Something

Come over to South Platte Park. Unplug the electronics and the "Did I remembers?" Leave them at the Park entrance. No one will take them. Let your mind wander to the Woods. If you need minutiae, focus on the natural details. Find a leaf. Find an out-of-the-way spot in the woods. Plant yourself (pun intended) on that spot. Look at every aspect of that leaf. Turn off the voice that says, "I don't know what all this is! I'll never remember what it's called." FOCUS ON THE LEAF. See the color, the shape. Feel the texture. Smell the fragrance. How many different shades of green do you find? Pick up a twig; do the same. Take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Look around you. Enjoy. Stay as long as you can in your solo spot. Then slowly get back to your feet. Take one last look – as long as time permits. When you return to the gate your distractions will greet you and drag you back into your regular world. It was great seeing you! Return soon! And, remember – there's no fear in leaving your distractions at the gate.

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
County Administrator	303-271-8500	Traffic Complaints	303-271-5677
Extension Service	303-271-6620	Voting Information	303-271-8111

Foothills Park & Recreation District on the November 2014 Ballot

Foothills Park & Recreation District will be placing a question on the November 2014 ballot that would ask voters for an increase in the mill levy rate. The District would use this additional revenue to:

- Fund critically needed capital repairs and capital equipment for existing parks and facilities.
- Offset increasing operational costs for current programs, parks and facilities.
- Improve park maintenance and athletic field conditions.
- Leverage private, local, state and federal grant funds that require a funding match.

Mill Levy election failures in 2006 and 2008 have resulted in the District implementing efficiencies to continue to provide services to the community. The mill levy rate for operations has only increased twice in the last 32 years: in 2000 and 1982. Many Foothills parks and a few facilities are more than 30 years old and in need of significant repair. Funds will only be used to update and enhance existing facilities, parks and trails. In many cases, the proposed capital repairs can result in operational savings through more efficient systems, allowing for less need of repairs for an aging infrastructure.

- If a 4 mill increase question is approved by District voters, the new tax would be applied to property taxes starting in 2015, and would generate approximately \$3.7 million annually.

- A voter approved mill levy increase would result in additional property taxes of about \$2.65 per month per \$100,000 of a home's actual market value.

To learn more information, visit www.foothills.org/mill_levy. You may also attend a public presentation with Executive Director, Ronald Hopp, on Tuesday, October 14th. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at Peak Community & Wellness Center (6612 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127).

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Lindenwood Lane 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 24

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Halloween Decorating Contest

*The witches fly across the sky,
The owls go, "Who? Who? Who?"
The black cats yowl and green ghosts howl,
"Scary Halloween to you!" ~ Nina Willis Walter*

Get those Halloween decorations out! They could make you \$50 richer! CWCA will have judges out at dusk looking at decorations the week before Halloween. Remember to turn on the lights and give us a chance to see just how creative a neighborhood we have. There will be (2) \$50 Gift Certificate prizes awarded, and a follow up article in the December issue with possible photos that will appear in the newsletter. If you'd like to call in and make sure we check out your house or your neighbor's house, please call the CWCA voicemail at (303-904-8218) or email us at cwcatalk@gmail.com. Leave your name, phone number and street address.



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Covenant Corner News

We will be highlighting individual covenants in the next several issues of the newsletter. Where appropriate, we will also add related zoning information pertinent to the covenant topic. Covenants are created by the developers who build a neighborhood based on specifications identified in the Official Development Plan (ODP) for that specific area. Zoning regulations are established by the county and are specific to how an area is designated, such as residential, agricultural, commercial, etc. Columbine West is designated Residential R-1. Whenever there is a conflict between the covenant restrictions and zoning regulations, covenants always take precedence over zoning. Since election season is underway, we will start with Signs.

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Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free. Thousands of neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home. Columbine West Civic Association will be posting information on Nextdoor.com to alert registered neighbors to upcoming events or community issues. 108 Jefferson County neighborhoods have already started Nextdoor websites. Please join the chat. Columbine West is getting close to 75 neighbors registered. You need to be invited by a neighbor to join the site. Leave your email or street address at CWCAtalk@gmail.com and we can send an invite. It is that easy.

Covenant C-7 Signs (Covenant B-9 for those in the Columbine West Hillside Addition):

"No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except one professional sign of not more than one square foot, one sign of not more than five square feet advertising the property for sale or rent, or signs used by a builder to advertise the property during the construction and sales period."

Zoning: Section 11 Signs and Outdoor Advertising Devices

B: General

1. Regulation
- b. No sign shall be placed in the right-of-way of any public street/road or highway except as specifically provided for in parts of this section of this Zoning Resolution.

D: Signs or Advertising Devices Not Requiring Permits:

8. Political Signs: Signs which do not exceed 6 square feet in area that announce the candidacy for election to various governmental offices or state a position concerning political issues. These signs shall not be placed in public rights-of-way, on public utility poles, or placed on private property without permission of the landowner, shall not be illuminated, and shall be removed within 10 days after the day of election to which they pertain.

F: Specific Zone District Sign Regulations

2. Residential Zone District R-1
 - a. maximum number of signs per lot: One single or double-faced sign.

Section D-8 above also applies to garage sale and lost pet signs.

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<p>Sundays HIGHLANDS RANCH MAY 4 - OCTOBER 26 High Ranch Town Center 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p>Wednesdays LITTLETON JUNE 11 - OCTOBER 29 Aspen Grove Lifestyle Ctr. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>
<p>Mondays AURORA JUNE 16 - SEPTEMBER 29 Havana Exchange 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p>Thursdays WHEAT RIDGE JUNE 12 - OCTOBER 30 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>

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"Questions? Questions?" or "Comments"

A few email messages arrived this month from very pleased neighbors. "Dear Columbine West Association, I have been living in the neighborhood for over 10 years and would like to 'Thank You' for all your efforts to revitalize and generate community pride. When I drive through the neighborhood and see residents cleaning up their yards, replacing windows or driveways and taking the time to keep their property looking great, it makes me very happy that I decided to buy a home in Columbine West. I consider my \$25 annual membership fee a worthwhile investment". Another neighbor wrote, "Thank You for continuing to take care of the corner by the elementary school. It is so nice to walk by the corner as I walk my kids to school. They like to use the pathway and watch the bees being busy on the Russian Sage plants. What a great addition to the neighborhood". Here is a third message, "I would like to thank all of the volunteers that are helping to put together the events in Columbine West. We used Dumpster Day to get rid of stuff and attended National Night Out with our grandkids. Great job in keeping the neighborhood looking good".

Trash Service Special Savings



Please check your recent Allied Waste Management bill to make sure you are receiving the Columbine West discount Many more trash cans are visible at curbside on Mondays, this is due in part from the trash service special Columbine West residents can take advantage of. A special discount is available to ANY Columbine West community member. *You do not have to have a paid CWCA membership.* Please check into the savings available from Allied Waste, it can help reduce the amount of days we have trashcans at curbside and trucks roaming the neighborhood. Less truck traffic can help keep our neighborhood streets from deteriorating so quickly. Give Allied Waste a call at their **Customer Service number # 303 286-1200**. Allied offers a sizable discount off the regular price of trash and recycling services. Also, make sure that if you are a current customer, call Allied to check if you are getting the discounted rate. Tell them you are a Columbine West resident, that's it, enjoy the savings.

Tips on Tipping: How Much To Reward Service Staff?

Waiters and other service staff members depend on tips, so how are they doing? A Harris Poll survey of 2,000 adults conducted for Michelin found that the average American claims to tip 18 percent for good service. Getting more specific, 70 percent of Americans say they usually leave a tip of 15-20 percent when service is good, and about one in 10 tip 20 percent or more. Only about 1 percent confess to leaving nothing. Age is a factor in how much people tip, though: Thirty percent of survey participants age 18-24 admit they frequently tip less than 15 percent even when the service is good, but only 16% of adults over 35 say the same.

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Behind the Badge: Elder Abuse

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is taking a systemic approach to one of the fastest growing crimes in the county. Until recently, elder abuse has been slow to gain attention, causing elder abuse to be under-reported and under-investigated. Recognizing that over 20% of Jefferson County's population is over 60-years of age (and projected to be 27% by 2020), the Sheriff's Office began partnering with the Jefferson County's District Attorney's Office to address the growing trend. The DA's office created an Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit, the only one of its kind in the state of Colorado, which is leading the charge in elder abuse prosecution. The elder abuse cause is also gaining momentum thanks to new legislation, effective July 1, 2014, making it mandatory to report elder abuse. The law (C.R.S. 18-6.5-108) stipulates that medical professionals, social workers, care facilities, guardians, financial institutions and emergency services providers shall report abuse or exploitation to law enforcement within 24 hours. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office recognizes the time sensitivity of these cases and considers elder abuse cases a high priority. The DA's Office subsequently assigns an investigator to review the report. The new law will allow Jeffco to better identify and prevent elder abuse, prosecute offenders, and assist elder abuse victims. The legislature also recognizes the need for swift action in investigating and prosecuting these cases.

What is Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse can be any type of crime perpetrated against an at-risk adult*. This can include physical abuse, financial exploitation, caretaker neglect, neglect and sexual abuse.

1. Warning signs of elder abuse

The Sheriff believes that law enforcement, prosecutors and the community can do a better job in protecting the elderly against crimes and abuse, but we need your help. Do you recognize any of the below warning signs?

Physical Abuse: unexplained bruising, scratches, burns, broken bones or other injuries.

Neglect: changes in personal grooming, weight loss, unkempt appearance, unsanitary living conditions, dirty and un-bathed.

Caretaker Neglect: when adequate food, clothing, shelter, psychological care, physical care, medical care, or supervision is not secured for an at-risk adult in a timely manner.

Exploitation: large withdrawals from, or depletion of bank accounts, changes in designation of beneficiaries to wills or other financial documents, actions exceeding the scope of a power of attorney, new friends or relatives appearing in the elder's life, unnecessary purchases or expenditures.

Sexual Abuse: bruising around genitalia, venereal disease or unexplained infections, torn, stained or bloody clothing.

Emotional Abuse: overbearing or threatening caregiver, changes in mood or behavior.

2. How to Report

Individuals identified as mandatory reporters who fail to report elder abuse could face a class 3 misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 6 months jail and/or \$750 fine. To report elder abuse occurring in Jefferson County please call: 303-277-0211. As always, in case of an emergency please dial 911.

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Kiwanis Club of Columbine Supports Local Youth Groups

Columbine High School Key Club will kick off their 2014-15 year on Wednesday, August 27th at 2:45 in Science-2. President, Olivia Greenwood and Lt. Governor, Viviana Verde have been planning a course for this year. They hope to involve many ninth-graders. Some activities coming up in the near future include Summerset Fest drink sales, help at the Action Center food bank, & the Kiwanis Blood Drive. The officers are excited that this year's Key Club can really make a difference.

— Karen Hunley, Key Club Advisor

The Key Club at Heritage High School will be meeting soon.
— Brad Bradbury, Tom & Maryanne Krzemein, Key Club Advisors

The Ken Caryl Middle School Builders Club has activities starting after Labor Day. Don't forget Box Tops, last year over \$500 of books were purchased for the library using Box Top Money. Doing the math at .10 each, that's a lot of Box Tops.

— Sally Kingman, Builders Club Advisor

Dutch Creek Elementary School has a group called K kids. The advisors are planning to meet with the principal, Jen Pennel, and the new K kids advisor soon.

— Sarah & Bill West, K kids Advisors

If you are interested in joining the efforts of the Columbine Kiwanis give them a call. Columbine Kiwanis is a 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.

For information call, Ken Sweet 303-973-8253 or visit our Web Site at www.columbinekiwanis.org.

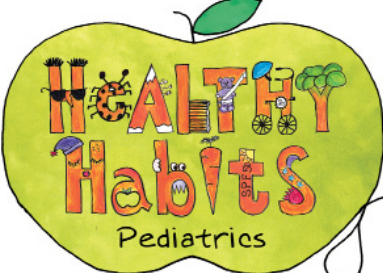
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Garden Committee Thank You

On behalf of the CWCA Officers and Board of Directors, I would like to thank the volunteers who maintained the Columbine West entrances this year. Recognition goes to Gary, owner of Chatfield Rentals, who provided the trailer and generator to water the plants and shrubs, Dustin, Jim and Leslie, and Mychele, and the mystery person who mowed the Zephyr entrance. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated, as our entrances are the windows into our community. I look forward to your assistance again next year. If you have any questions contact the voicemail 303-904-8218.

— Garden Committee Chairperson, Mel

BOO-rific Bash & Splash – Oct. 24

No tricks, just treats at Foothills Park & Recreation District's BOO-rific Bash & Splash on Friday, October 24 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S. Ward St., Littleton 80127). This family event provides safe, indoor trick-or-treating and allows children to dress in full costume to trick-or-treat among community business tables and enjoy fun activities. Swimming in the Ridge Pools is included in the festivities, swimsuit required to enter the pool. Fee: \$5 per child, all adults accompanying a child are FREE; no registration, pay at the door. Children 5 and under MUST be accompanied in the water by an adult (age 18 or older) and be within arm's reach at all times. For directions or more information, call 303.409.2333 or visit www.ifoohills.org/events

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Nature's Dangers – Ourselves

When it comes to nature, dangers are out there, but not always the way you might think. Dangers can be in animals or weather, but most dangers and fears are in us. They lurk in our decision making and perceptions but rarely are dangers sneaking around behind bushes waiting to pounce on us. Hypothermia, heat exhaustion, dehydration, falls, sunburns, insect bites and skin injuries from plants are very common and often preventable. Being prepared for emergencies and having basic outdoor gear can help avoid deadly or harmful conditions, and allows us to relax in nature.

Animal encounters resulting in human harm are relatively rare considering the sheer numbers of animals and humans that pass into their realms. Even animals with teeth and claws, such as bears and mountain lions, often get a bad reputation when the reality is that fewer than 25 people have been killed by mountain lions since the late 1800's. Despite having nearly a million black bears in North America, there's less than one fatality per year. The most dangerous animal in the world is the mosquito and it's responsible for more human fatalities and harm than all other animals - hardly a creature with teeth and claws or scales and venom. Aside from the low probability of attacks in general, some animals use a warning system, and those systems are very obvious if we look or hear for them. It is important to remember that animals that invoke fear in us would really rather not encounter us. Animals are everywhere, and they see us far more often than we see them. To them we present a threat, we are gigantic in many cases, and we're predators. Unless they truly feel threatened and without choice, most would rather simply walk, fly, slither or run away than harm us. True fear is often driving them when attacks happen, but it doesn't have to drive us.

To learn some new nature skills to set you at ease in nature, such as wildlife identification, wilderness survival and more, contact South Platte Park naturalists at 303-730-1022.

Foothills 2015

Registration, Begins Oct. 27

Foothills Park & Recreation District's 2015 classes for winter/spring season will be available for online registration beginning Monday, October 27 at www.ifoohills.org.

News on Leased Solar Systems

Buyers who want to purchase a home with an FHA mortgage will have to qualify including the leased amount on the home for the solar system. The mortgage company said to have the sellers try to buy the system out right if they decide to sell. Also let the buyers know the amount of the monthly payment and the term of the payments that the buyer will be taking over which can be substantial.

I'm hoping this isn't going to effect any of our neighbors since we have such a great neighborhood and we are in the price range that buyers might use an FHA loan to purchase.

The interest rate is holding steady on residential mortgages at 4.1% on a 30 year.

After a June dip, construction spending rebounded in July to it's highest level since 2008.

Let's see what happens next month!

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

— Betty Herrick, 303-981-8547

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* 7315 S. Webster St..	Bi-level	1964 sq. ft.	\$239,000
* 7093 W. Hinsdale Dr.	Bi-level	1584 Sq. ft.	\$255,000
* 7460 S. Reed Ct..	Multi-level	1992 sq. ft.	\$260,000
* 7490 S. Webster St.	Multi-level	2132 sq. ft.	\$262,500
* 6895 S. Webster St.	Bi-level	1861 sq. ft.	\$285,000
* 7914 W. Quarto Ave.	Tri-level	2228 sq. ft.	\$287,000
* 7217 S. Yarrow Ct.	2 story	3428 sq. ft.	\$336,000
* 6831 S. Reed Ct.	1 story	3321 sq. ft.	\$450,000

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2) Rooney Road Recycling

For appointments call: 303-316-6262

\$20 drop-off charge/cash or check. \$30 home scheduled pick-up. *Includes: 75lbs of the following items: paint thinner, fertilizers, waxes, cleaners, oil based paint, anti-freeze, batteries, aerosol cans. In addition to the 75lbs of the above, you are allowed the following: 25 gallons of oil, 10 gal. of latex paint, 5 auto batteries and 5 florescent light bulbs. *Open by appointment only: Wednesdays & Saturdays (8am to 2pm)

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.

Columbine West Veterans Wanted

Are you a retired veteran? Been living in Columbine West for awhile? We would love to hear from you and add you to a new listing honoring our neighborhood veterans. Please contact ncmccombs@yahoo.com or 303-904-3301 and leave a detail message: Name, branch, time served (ie. Korea, Desert Storm etc.) and maybe a brief description of your job. We are looking forward to highlighting neighborhood veterans for their service to our country.

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

Larry Shipman, U.S. Air Force, 1963-1967, Electrician, served at SAC Headquarter, Offutt, AFB Bellevue, NE and Upper Hayford, England.

Bob Ferrese, U.S. Army, July 28, 1942 – October 28, 1945, 3352nd Signal Battalion, Communications System, served in the (ETO) European Theater of Operations

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

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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 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/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.

Work is a Game: A Snapshot of The Computer Game Developers

The computer gaming industry is commonly seen as a boy's only club, but that may be slowly changing. The International Game Developers Association's recent study of the gaming workplace found that 22 percent of today's game developers are female, up from 11.5 percent in 2009.

Among other trends spotlighted in the study:

- **Salaries.** Almost half of game developers (47 percent) earn less than \$50,000 a year; 34 percent make between \$50,000 and \$100,000, and 19 percent earn more than \$100,000.
- **Motivation.** They're split between love and money: Forty-one percent work in the industry solely for the money, and 40 percent are following their passion.
- **Turnover.** Fifteen percent quit their jobs because of burnout; 39 percent leave to pursue a better quality of life.

In Columbine West, Results Count!



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Columbine West Statistics for September 2014

Current Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
4-level	\$ 324,999	\$ 324,999	1
2-story	\$ 334,950	\$ 336,000	2
Tri-level	\$ 284,500	\$ 287,000	2
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	1
4-level	\$ 260,000	\$ 262,500	2
2-story	\$ 336,000	\$ 336,000	1
Tri-level	\$ 225,000	\$ 287,000	2
Bi-level	\$ 239,000	\$ 285,000	3

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine West (Jan. 1, 2014 – Sep. 17, 2014)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$ 198,000	\$ 305,000	7
4-level	\$ 260,000	\$ 325,000	14
2-story	\$ 242,000	\$ 334,900	8
Tri-level	\$ 305,000	\$ 320,000	3
Bi-level	\$ 194,000	\$ 296,000	16

Columbine West Civic Association Membership Coupon

Please fill out the membership coupon and mail it with your \$25 check to CWCA.

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Trick or Treat! Plan For a Safe Halloween

- **Choose costumes in light or bright colors.** Whether you buy a costume or make one, be sure it will be visible after dark. Put some reflective tape on goodie bags to help them show up on the street.
- **Eat before going out.** Serve dinner or a good healthy snack before your kids hit the neighborhood. They'll be less likely to gorge on the candy they collect if they're already full.
- **Be careful with props.** Make sure masks don't limit children's vision or obstruct their breathing. If they're carrying canes, toy swords, or any other sort of accessory, check that they're not too difficult to carry while walking or crossing the street.
- **Plan your route.** Determine a clear and safe path through your neighborhood ahead of time. You should accompany small children, of course, and discuss safety with older kids going out as a group. Always carry a flashlight and cell phone.
- **Inspect candy before eating.** Check through treat bags when children return home, and separate out any candy that looks suspicious. Don't let kids consume too much at one time – ration it out so they don't make themselves sick.