



THE HONKER

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Community Notes

- If you see anything in the area that does not seem right, please call 911.
- If you see rodents, please contact the Clubhouse.
- The Board is receiving quotes to repair the potholes in the carport parking areas.

Red Tags

The purchase of Red Tags is on a first come basis. Please come by the Clubhouse and get your Red Tag. The cost is \$180.00/year. Red Tags need to be placed on the front window, passenger side. If you had a Red Tag in 2023, it has expired and needs to be renewed for 2024. Lot A, Lot I and Lot L are full.

Wilder School Schedule

April: State testing.
May 24th: Last day of school

Dumpster

Dumpster, Shredding and Community Clean up: May 18th (weather permitting)
Dumpster, Shredding and Parking Lot Sale: August 10th (weather permitting)

Heat Lamps

Light Bulb wattage should be checked for heat lamps to ensure the wattage of the bulb is not too high for the heat lamp.

Next Board Meeting

Wed., April 17th, 2024, 6:30 pm
 At the Clubhouse.
 Everyone is welcome to attend.

Next Virtual Maintenance Board Meeting

Mon., June 3rd, 2024, 6:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2024 will be posted in the Community Portal and in the April, 2024 Edition of the Honker. An informal copy of the Minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board at the Clubhouse. <https://engage.goenumerate.com/s/columbinelakestownhouse/>

- Four ACC Requests pending.
- The Homeowner Unit and Manager's Office are under construction.
- Repair bids for the Clubhouse Apartment were approved for the Windows and the Patio.
- New signage is being placed in Parking Lots regarding traffic and parking.
- Additional Red Tags will be issued in Lots E and I.
- Dumpster, Shredding and Community Clean up - May 18, 2024
- Dumpster, Shredding and Park Lot Sale - Aug. 10, 2024 (weather permitting)
- Electrical outages in the common areas are being fixed.



- The bid from Paradise Ponds and Aquatics was approved by the Board for maintenance of the Ponds.
- The Board approved the work to create a trench and run a new conduit to the lights.
- The Board approved EnviroPest to take care of the rodent problem.
- The Board is discussing with Horizon relocating two trees that were planted by Horizon last year.

- Discussion about Railroad ties around the mail boxes is tabled for additional quotes.
- Drainage problems around Units are being repaired.
- The fences are being repainted due to the hail damage.

The next Board Meeting will be Wed., April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at The Clubhouse, 4192 W. Pondview Drive, Littleton, CO 80123.

Maintenance Association

2024 Maintenance Association Virtual Board Meetings:

Google Meet joining info:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/cvb-tjpn-jyz>

Or dial: <https://tel.meet/cvb-tjpn-jyz?pin=1215131096856>

Monday 6/3/24, 6pm; Tuesday 9/10/24, 6pm; Monday 12/9/24, 6pm

Roads: Contractor bids are being evaluated. Be on the lookout for communications via eblast, the Honker, and Clubhouse events to discuss contractor selection and financing. Road replacement requires a 51% affirmative (yes) vote from all Townhouse and Single-Family homeowners.

Rules and Regulations

The revised Rules and Regulations are posted on the website for MSI, LLC, under "Resources" then "Policies and Resolutions" or one hardcopy per Unit can be obtained from the Clubhouse Manager. Please email Charla at columbinelakeclubhouse@gmail.com to coordinate a time to pick up a copy.

Signs

You may have noticed new signs around the community. They fall into three categories - towing compliance, south metro safety guidance or property management.

- * "Resident Lot" and "Guest Lot" designations and towing signs are to comply with state law House Bill 22-1314 stating that all vehicles entering the community and lots can see the parking rules and grounds for ticketing or towing. We understand that the occasional guest may stay overnight but parking longer than 3 days in the guest lot requires a guest parking permit which can be obtained from the clubhouse manager (columbinelakesclubhouse@gmail.com or 303-795-8222).
- * Safety signs mark the end of lots where there is likely a hazard not far away like a body of water or a building.
- * Lot letters help with property management of assigning red tags permits in specific guest lots. Separate letters for carport lots and guest lots helps with consistency around the community as well as things like work orders.
- * "No trucks" in the dead-end carport lots is an attempt to help reduce damage to gutters when larger vehicles have to execute a multi-point turn to exit. If you do see a vehicle impact a gutter or carport, please report the company name and license plate or truck number or send a picture to the clubhouse manager or board so we can seek reimbursement for damages.

Zoo Lovers Day

Each year on April 8th, National Zoo Lovers Day encourages us to explore our local zoos. Each year millions of people visit zoos and learn about the many animals that live there. Also known as zoological parks, many of them serve as breeding centers. These facilities are relied upon when species are endangered or at risk of becoming endangered. They also provide education to the public about a broad variety of animals and their habitats.

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Troy Widener, Brianna Atherton, Michelle Rudolf

CLUBHOUSE

Charla Bryant, Clubhouse Manager

Columbine Lakes Clubhouse

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Clubhouse Manager Hours:

Wednesday (3rd Wed. of the Month): 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Board Meeting 6:30 pm - End of Board Meeting

Wednesday (1st, 2nd, 4th Wed. of the Month): 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Manager schedule changes, if necessary,
will be posted on the Clubhouse Door.

Please contact the Clubhouse for: Party Room Reservations,
Clubhouse Keys/Fobs, Red/Blue Parking Tags, ACC Change
Request Forms and miscellaneous questions.

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After Hours Maintenance Emergency: 303-420-4433

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Townhouse Association, a non-profit homeowners' association.**

News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 23rd of the month. To submit an article please e-mail it to columbinelakesclubhouse@gmail.com. Articles are printed on a space-available basis. No endorsement of any product or service is implied/stated by its inclusion in the newsletter.

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Xcel Energy Savings

Xcel was able to install 140 LED bulbs – all free of charge to 10 residents' homes! Based on calculations, this will reduce demand by an estimated 1 kW and result in a yearly reduction of approximately 6,300 kWh. Assuming a rate of \$0.12/kWh, savings should be approximately \$756 yearly (aggregated electricity savings). They also installed 5 water-saving measures resulting in an estimated 76 Therms and \$63 of savings annually.

For residents who did not have a chance to sign up the first time or reschedule due to the snow storm, Xcel has offered another day for the Multifamily Buildings Program - Friday, April 19th with deadline sign up Wednesday, April 17th.

This means your home may be eligible to receive FREE energy-saving upgrades like:

- LED lightbulbs
- High-pressure, energy efficient showerheads
- Updated kitchen and bathroom sink aerators

Xcel Energy technicians will be available to install these free upgrades in your home on: **Friday, April 19th, 9:00am – 3:30pm, depending on the timeslot you choose**

YOU MUST SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th

<https://xcelenergycommercialassessments.as.me/schedule/2213bbec/?calendarIds=9916477>



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 873

SHRED EVENT

WHERE & WHEN
 APRIL 20, 2024 9AM - 12PM

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On the Wild Side 4/24: The Shovelers are Swirling

Welcome the northern shovelers to our ponds! They have been feeding here steadily for the past month swimming in a mesmerizing rugby-like scrum around the aerators in the ponds. They swim in circles to help kick up the plant and animal life so they can filter the water with the fringe like edges of their beaks. Similar to blue whales, small plant and animal life get in but are trapped inside their mouths as the water gets pushed out.

Their coloring is beautiful with the males having a green head, a white chest and copper-colored sides. The female looks very similar to a female mallard. What sets shovelers apart in appearance from other ducks is the unique shape of their beak. While narrow at the base, the tip flairs out like a spatula or, like its name's sake, a shovel which helps them in feeding.

Shovelers need open water to feed so they can be found in lakes in our area from the spring to fall. They can also be found in shallow ponds where it is easy for them to kick up their food. Their flocks can be small in numbers or in the hundreds as seen in ponds at South Platte Park.

So, if you've wondered what the heck is going on when you see a "scrum" of ducks in the middle of the pond, now you know! They're just "shoveling" their dinner!

— Thanks, Deb Carstensen

5 Things To Do For Earth Day

Earth Day is a global celebration of planet Earth, the place we all call home. All month long, there are opportunities to connect with nature, get outdoors, and protect the planet for future generations to come.

Get The Whole Family Outside

One mom shares why treks with tykes are worth it - how it teaches children the value of nature and, eventually, why to defend it. Whether it's a short walk or a challenging hike, here are our pro tips for getting outside with young kids.

Donate to Protect Public Lands

Public lands provide a home for wildlife, protect against climate change, and give us a way to enjoy nature. Yet we are losing precious public lands to fossil fuel exploitation and unchecked development.

Connect With The Next Generation

Share your love for National Parks with our free coloring pages. Children can bring their own perspective to Carlsbad Caverns, Yosemite, Acadia, and more. Get creative, unwind and play, and bring America's natural treasures to life in a whole new way.

Attend a Local Earth Day Event

Celebrate Earth Day with your community. All throughout Earth Month, you'll find Sierra Club events across the country - and even online. Join a local hike, volunteer in a neighborhood clean-up, or attend a rally.

Take Action to Fight Climate Change

Rising global temperatures and extreme weather events are telling us loud and clear: We must act now to save our home, our world.

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