



THE HONKER

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Dogs

Please pick up after your dog when it is outside. Please make sure your dog is on a leash.

Trash

No furniture or unbagged trash should be placed in the trash dumpsters. Trash pick-up days are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Parking

If you have not done so, please come to the Clubhouse and register your vehicle and receive your blue tag sticker. Guest parking is for guests of the Townhomes. Homeowners should be parking in their assigned Carports.

Townhouse Updates

Saturday, September 9, 2023: Dumpster/Shredding. Parking Lot Sale.

Gutter Cleaning

The Gutter Cleaning is scheduled June 12 - 16, 2023.

Thanks!

Thank you to Jessica, Michelle and the Langemann family for their help to weed flower beds around the clubhouse and clean the windows during the Community Clean up day on May 20th.

Next Townhouse Board Meeting

Wed., June 21, 2023, 6:30 pm
At the Clubhouse.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Next Virtual Maintenance Board Meeting

Wed., June 7, 2023, 6:00 pm
Join the zoom meeting at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84408857200>
or dial-in at +17193594580,
84408857200#

Highlights From The Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

(Refer to the homeowner portal for official meeting minutes.)
<https://columbinelakestownhouse.nabrnetwork.com/home.php>

- ACC requests are pending.
- Architectural Change Request Forms should be picked up from and submitted to the Clubhouse.
- The Clubhouse Office has been temporarily moved to the Ping Pong Room.
- Carport Parking Forms should be picked up and submitted to the Clubhouse. Forms will be left on vehicles for those Homeowners who have not yet submitted the Form.
- Pink tape is available at the Clubhouse and can be placed on trees or shrubs that are maintained by the Homeowner so that Horizon does not trim/prune those items.
- The Board is getting bids to remove the juniper bushes this fall in the common areas.
- Six trees were removed around the common areas due to significant damage and risk to property.
- The Cottonwood Tree will be removed. Two bids have been received and a third bid will be received before the Board awards the contract.
- Board members who are not running for office will be appointed to the Nominating Committee.
- Pool and Spa signs have been ordered. Lock Boxes are being installed. Rules and Regulations for the Pool and Spa will be posted.
- Motion lights have been placed in the Clubhouse.
- Gutter Cleaning is scheduled June 12-16, 2023.
- Cleaning of the ponds will be scheduled.
- MSI will obtain bids from insurance companies that include floodplain insurance.
- MSI will obtain bids for concrete repair work.
- Trash service is on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Horizon is working with MSI regarding French drains.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Architectural Change Requests

Per the community governing documents, residents must submit an Architectural Change Request before making any exterior changes to his or her unit or the property surrounding his or her unit, including but not limited to plantings, fencing, windows, exterior doors, shade structures, balconies, sheds, and radon systems. The Architectural Change Request Application can be obtained by emailing or calling the Clubhouse Manager at 303-795-8222 or columbinelakesclubhouse@gmail.com



Community Face-Lift and Fencing

Thank you to Welchez Painting for the beautiful update to the carport fences and carport fascia. To continue the trend, residents are encouraged to examine their own fence (surrounding their individual lot) and make any necessary repairs and paint to the Winter Brown available at Home Depot, Ace Hardware Columbine, Ace Hardware Littleton or Sherwin Williams. The privacy/separation fence between units is Association responsibility, so please report any damage or need for repair so we can get a work order. Work order requests can be submitted via the homeowner portal at <https://engage.goenumerate.com/s/columbinelakestownhouse/>. Log in and select "For Residents" then "Online Forms".

Homeowner Maintained Landscaping

Pink survey tape is available at the clubhouse for residents who wish to mark common shrubs, trees or plantings as homeowner maintained. Please make sure the flag is easily visible and not covered by new growth. This will inform Horizon to NOT trim or prune this item.

"Homeowner maintained" landscaping shall be kept looking good and free from sidewalks and walking paths as well as trimmed at least 6 inches from common structures. Vines are not permitted on common elements or units and may be removed by the landscaping company.



Badminton

4292 W Pondview Dr., Littleton, CO. Season 6 - Every Wednesday 6:00 pm May-July. RSVP by 5:00 pm to Monica at 312-967-6153.

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Charla D. Bryant, Clubhouse Manager
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Clubhouse Hours:

Tuesday - Sunday: 6:00 am to 10:00 pm

The hours of the Clubhouse Manager are as follows:

Wednesday (3rd Wed. of each month): 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesday (1st, 2nd and 4th Wed. of each 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

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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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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On The Wild Side 6/23/2023: Who's Minding The Kids?

Watching songbirds and waterfowl around the complex leads one to wonder... Just who ends up doing what when it comes to preparing and raising offspring among wild bird pairs? The answer to that question runs the full spectrum of responsibility.

There's not room for all the different species and their roles but here are some examples. Male hummingbirds mate with females and the latter builds the nest, lays the eggs and feeds and raises the chicks with no help from the former.

Male bluebirds guard and protect the female while she builds the nest and lays the eggs. Both parents share the task of feeding the chicks. If something happens to the female when the chicks are very young, the male is unable to raise them

because he has no "brooding patch" or area of skin through which his warmth can go through to the chicks.

Mourning doves share the task of incubating the eggs as well as feeding and raising the chicks. Crows share the task of feeding and raising the young with each other and previous generations will stay and help as well. Spotted sandpipers have a completely different system! The female lays the eggs and then moves on, leaving the male to set on the egg and protect the young when they hatch. There was a successful nest here on the ponds several years ago with two young sandpipers raised!

Keep your eyes to the skies and water. Thanks!

— Deb Carstensen

Website & Emergency Notifications

Please make sure your contact information (and that of any tenants) is updated on the web portal. This is the fastest and best way to inform the community of emergency needs or notices. The old website is still active and will direct you to the new platform. <https://engage.goenumerate.com/s/columbinelakestownhouse/>.

You can also get the app: Text nabr to 59248 and receive a text back with an app download link. Or search for Nabr Network in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

METRO DENVER FARMERS' MARKET
MARKET ON YOUR CALENDAR

<p style="text-align: center;">Saturdays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOUTHWEST PLAZA</p> <p>MAY 6 - OCTOBER 28 Southeast Parking Lot Wadsworth & Bowles 8am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturdays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LAKWOOD</p> <p>JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 30 Mile Hi Church 9077 W Alameda Ave 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sundays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HIGHLANDS RANCH</p> <p>MAY 7 - OCTOBER 29 HR Town Center 9288 Dorchester St. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesdays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LITTLETON</p> <p>JUNE 14 - SEPTEMBER 27 Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>

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For The Bees

As we enter the warmer season and enjoy more time outdoors, it's important to remember our hardworking little neighbor: the bee. Bees play a critical role in our ecosystem and are responsible for pollinating plants that we eat and enjoy every day. Population rates of bees have been declining at alarming rates in recent years, but there are a few things you can do as an individual to help.

1. Plant bee-friendly gardens. Bees love variety and are attracted to a wide array of plants. Some bee favorites include lavender, crocus, sunflower, marigold, geranium, poppy, peony, rosemary, sage, oregano, garden mint, and of course, columbine! Being bee-friendly also means avoiding pesticides and chemicals at all costs! They are poison to bees, humans, and pets alike, so choose natural alternatives whenever possible. When buying plants from your local greenhouse, be sure to ask what pesticides they use and search for retailers that sell only plants without neonicotinoid pesticides, also known as neonics. Reducing and eliminating the prevalence of harsh chemicals in our environment is crucial to protecting our world for generations to come.

2. Provide Hydration Stations. Bees need water but can't drink from deep sources due to the possibility of drowning. Fill a small saucer, drip tray or other shallow dish with large pebbles and water. Bees will be able to land and rest on the pebbles while getting a much-needed drink. Replace the water every few days to eliminate mosquito larvae.

3. Support Local Beekeepers. Buy local honey, beeswax and other locally made products. Farmers markets are a great place to source local products. Not only will you be supporting hardworking bees and their keepers, as a bonus, local honey has been known to help ease symptoms in allergy sufferers.

Maintenance Association Updates

PRIVATE WATER SYSTEM REMINDERS:

- The Maintenance Association is responsible for the Columbine Lakes private water mains. Service lines from the water main are the responsibility of single family or townhome homeowners. Please ensure you know how to shut off water to your home.
- If there is a water emergency, please call C&L Water Solutions at 303-791-2521. C&L is our private water system maintenance contractor, they have the system valve map and are authorized to operate the valves. No other contractors are authorized to operate the system and will be liable for damages if main valves or the water main are damaged.
- Do NOT call Denver Water, they will not operate the private water system. If Denver Water responds, they will shut down the master valve which will disrupt service to all Columbine Lakes residents. Several years ago, the Maintenance Association worked with C&L to ensure the water main could be isolated within the neighborhood in order to avoid shutting down the entire neighborhood. Please call C&L and not Denver Water.

WATER SYSTEM UPDATE:

- C&L is performing route maintenance on valves and hydrants.
- Two hydrants on W. Ponds Drive have been repainted

ROAD UPDATE:

- Thank you to everyone who attended the neighborhood meetings to review the road plans. We received a lot of positive feedback.
 - Smoky Hill (the designer) is working to incorporate comments from the Maintenance Association as well as Arapahoe County Land Development Services and Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA).
 - Smoky Hill is working to finalize/obtain a Drainage Compliance Letter; Floodplain Use Permit; and a Grading, Erosion, and Settlement Control (GESC) Permit.
 - Once the revised design package is received, the Maintenance Association will begin soliciting bids for at least three contractors. We will hold additional community meetings once contractor bids have been received.
- ### TRASH/RECYCLE:
- The Maintenance Association continues to evaluate options to minimize large truck traffic which includes consolidating single family home trash/recycle services. Please attend the June meeting to discuss pricing and options (hint, hint... all three options are less expensive).



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