



COLUMBINE HILLS NEWS

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2026 Spring CHCA Events Calendar:

Board Meetings: First Thursday of every month at St Philip Lutheran Church from 6P-7P. April 2, May 7, June 4.

April 25: Tree-planting day, trash pick-up day, Little Library installation! The biggest day of the year for all CHCA neighbors; join us in the park as we partner with Foothills Parks & Recreation District to plant trees, pick up trash from Depew to Pierce along the creek and park, and install a Little Library near the Xeric Garden. FPRD will have bags, grabbers, shovels, gloves; CHCA has 20 safety vests. Put this day on your calendar!

June 12 & 13: CHCA Garage Sale

June 27: Dumpster Day, 8A-11A. Your \$25 CHCA donation is required for your first load; subsequent loads are \$20. If you submit your donation after June 20, the required donation is \$35.

Correction

The artist featured in the March newsletter was misidentified as Cody C. It should have been written as Cody A. Sorry, Cody!

We Do Not Need Walkers!

Thank you to the CHCA members who stepped up to deliver newsletters! We now have all routes covered; some of you will have a chance to meet new walkers this month. Please thank them, and your existing walkers, for their monthly commitment to keep our community solvent and informed.

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Notes From The President

We are in Fire Country. No, not the fictional California town with its own dysfunctional band of ex-con firefighters you can watch on Friday night television. This is actual Colorado fire country. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS; see drought.org) 3.6 million Colorado residents are in areas of drought, with the numbers rising weekly. Parts of Summit, Lake, Pitkin, and Park counties are in a category of exceptional drought which affects the Denver area. In recent years, elevated wind speeds have added to the concern. The dry winter conditions and low snow-pack levels will lead to stricter conservation practices this year. It also leads to a high risk for fire danger, in Colorado and other western states.



As homeowners and residents of Columbine Hills, we have a responsibility to engage in water-conservation. But we must balance conservation efforts with the need to maintain the city’s urban forest. It is important that we hand water our trees. Denver’s tree canopy plays a crucial role in keeping the city cool and shaded; dry conditions lead to stressed trees, increased susceptibility to pests, and other negative impacts. Karim Gharbi, a horticulture specialist at CSU, recommends using a slow trickle of water within the drip line of the tree, either with a bucket or a soaker hose, about once a month for larger trees and every two to three weeks for smaller trees.

We also need to prepare for fire. As I write, there is a fire burning near Fort Collins and numerous fires in Nebraska encompassing hundreds of thousands of acres. The wind is blowing about ten knots and we have a high wind/high fire warning from the state. Unless we see an extraordinary shift in precipitation during the end of March and into April, we will suffer the consequences of a very dry spring and summer. We need to make our homes and yards as safe as possible from sparks and embers, and prepare to evacuate just in case. Please refer to the article on Fire (disaster) preparation and evacuation to get some ideas about what you can do. Have a plan.

In other news, the trees are coming! The trees are coming! On April 25 (weather permitting) we will gather at the park on the SW corner of Kendall and Canyon to plant trees in the park. To each of you who donated to the tree fund: Thank you! You made this project possible. Planting these trees is a result of a partnership between CHCA and Foothills Parks and Recreation District; we are grateful to Angela Ireton, our garden specialist, and Sarah

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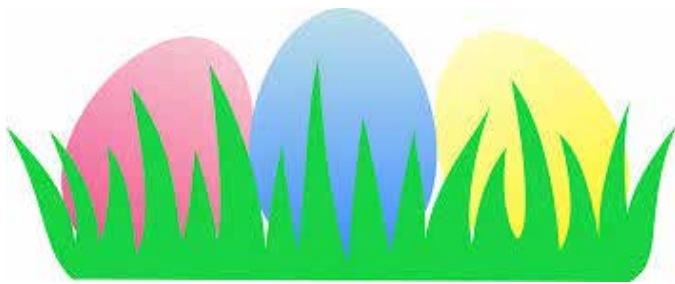
Notes, *continued from front page*

McAfee, our Foothills liaison, for making this happen. Please join us. Bring the kids, the neighbors, the grands; let's plant some trees! The time is TBD but I am certain we will start in the morning. Keep checking our FB page or website for the time as the date nears. Foothills is installing irrigation so our trees will be well hydrated as they begin their lives with us.

If you want something else to do on the 25th, sign up to pick up trash along the creek and the ballfields from Depew to Pierce, and behind the buildings on Pierce (Summer Blooms, Columbine Lounge, Anytime Fitness, DQ). We have hi-vis vests for adults; if you bring a child be sure to bring a belt of some kind to secure a large vest on a small body. Wear closed-toed shoes. We will have prizes for the weirdest and the largest trash, and sandwiches from Robert's Deli when we are finished. We will have bags, buckets, and grabbers, courtesy of Foothills.

Let's enjoy the beautiful month of April together.

-Galen Wiese, President, CHCA



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News Articles

Letters to the Editor are welcomed. The deadline for news articles is the 13th of the month before the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. Please email news articles to the editor at columbinehills80128@gmail.com. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits. All letters must be signed and include a daytime phone number in case the editor needs to clarify information. When the letter is printed, names will be withheld upon request. Thank you. No endorsement of any product or service is implied or stated by its inclusion in the newsletter.

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- *Fall Festival*



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Retiree Name

% Jo Weigel

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Hey kiddos!
This month we are doing a coloring contest for the month of May!

The theme is "**Favorite Animals!**"

Winner will be announced and featured in May's newsletter.

Due: April 10th

Prize: \$10 Dairy Queen gift card!

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Volunteers Needed!
 We're looking for 4 neighbors to join the CHCA board
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- Social Media and Website Editor**
 - Monitor, post, and respond to messages on Facebook and Instagram. Update and maintain information on the community website.
- Event Coordinator**
 - Help organize and coordinate neighborhood events throughout the year.
- Newsletter and Content Writer**
 - Create articles and share stories about our community and local interests.
- Newsletter Walkers**
 - Deliver newsletters to neighbors in the community.

Email: ColumbineHills80128@gmail.com
 Thank you for supporting our community.

Motorized Vehicles

Foothills Park & Recreation District has recently observed an increase in unauthorized motorized vehicle use within parks and on trails, including e-motorbikes. Please remember that motorized vehicles and e-motorbikes are not permitted in any parks or trails unless specifically authorized.

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Fire Season

Fire season is upon us. With severely dry and windy conditions, all of Colorado is in danger of fire. Here is a list of ways to prepare, ways to prevent, and what to do in case fire threatens our community.

Emergency Preparedness Checklist

If you have 10 minutes:

- () Evacuate people, children, pets: Have a pet carrier and leash/halter for each furry friend
- () Essential documents: passports, visas, wills/trusts/POAs, insurance cards, birth certificates, medical records, password list: in waterproof bags. Consider making copies of these now.
- () Cell phones, chargers, laptops, fresh batteries
- () Prescription medications and list of medications
- () Purses, wallets, credit cards, cash
- () Eyeglasses, sunglasses, contacts, contact solution, hearing aids
- () Pet food, people food/snacks*
- () Water bottles/water*
- () Keys to house, cars, garage
- () Precious jewelry
- () First aid kit*
- () Whistle*
- () Necessary assistive devices (wheelchair, walker)
- () Toothbrush and toothpaste

If you have 30 minutes more:

- () OTC medications and vitamin supplements
- () Memories: photos, scrapbooks

- () Electronics that will fit in the vehicle
- () Clothing for 2-3 days: include hats/visors, jackets, gloves, sturdy shoes
- () Non-precious jewelry, watches
- () Art
- () Calendar/daytimer
- () Self-care items: lotion, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, toothbrush and toothpaste, feminine and incontinence products
- () Flashlight/working batteries
- () A cooler with ice
- () Blankets or sleeping bags
- () Cat litter/box, pee pads
- () Tool kit
- () Towels

*Having a ready-to-go box or bag with non-perishable snacks, water, a whistle, and a first aid kit saves time and can be used for emergencies and travel.

When there is fire danger:

- Make sure your vehicles are gassed up and backed into the driveway whenever possible.
- Keep your cell phone charged.
- Have a contact list of family, friends, neighbors.
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CHCA Board Meeting

March 5 2026, Start: 1800

Officers: David, Jenn, Galen, Steve, Kelsey

Members-at-large: Michaelle, Gii

Community Members: Karen

Treasurer's Report: will present both Feb and March reports next month

Review Board minutes Feb: Need to print correction for Cody A. Approve: Jenn Second: Gii

New Community Visitors: Now have way to document visitors, their contact info, and what their concerns/questions are. Thanks, Gii!

Old Business: Paint the signboards? No. For now we will leave the signs as they are; encourage neighbors to refer to newsletter, Website, FB, Instagram

Group photo: deferred

Tees: Steve will obtain color samples from vendor at which time we can submit an order. CHCA + pic of Columbine on front, Columbine Hills Civic Association + Volunteer on back.

Little library: Angela has committed to getting a group together to build it. Need to keep track of supplies and pattern costs for reimbursement.

CHCA Mission Statement: most of group approved this mission statement

-Work collaboratively with homeowners and residents to promote a safe and engaged neighborhood through community events and volunteer opportunities

-Support an informed neighborhood population via monthly meetings, newsletters, social media and the website.

-Maintain existing green space in collaboration with FPRD

-Liaise with neighboring communities to collaborate with

South JeffCo.

CHCA Vision Statement: Members are invited to rework this: please submit proposed changes by March 19

-Our vision is to see a well-connected community with natural places to enjoy in which residents are proud to live.

New Business:

Events: Trash pick-up: need signups. Robert (Robert's Deli) has committed to feed those who sign up for the trash pick-up. Galen will reach out again to Cub Scout leader who had suggested the Cubs might want to earn a badge picking up trash for CHCA. - March 13 note: Den Five from Littleton Pack 554 is joining us; the Scouts will be working on their Council Fire Adventure award.

Tree planting: Need signups. We will offer water and lemonade, iced tea, salty snacks.

Other:

Elections in Dec: Treasurer and VP in 2026; Pres and Secretary in 2027 sound good? Two-year terms; four-year term limits? Yea or nay? Will also need to address Social media, Garden overseer, Newsletter overseer. Not officers per se but must be peopled. Will need to change the bylaws if we stagger elections.

Newsletter walkers: All routes are now covered

Need more board members! Discussed strategies for encouraging neighbors to join the board.

COHOPE: Sears building to become a large fitness center with outdoor pool, amenities.

Info about Wildlife Urban Interface (WUI) and what it means for CHCA homeowners. Will address in April newsletter. End: 1900

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2-story	\$727,700	\$727,700	1
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$590,000	\$750,000	2
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$575,000	\$674,999	3
Bi-level	\$779,000	\$779,000	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (June 1, 2025–Mar. 17, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$491,546	\$800,000	13
2-story	\$632,300	\$657,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$560,000	\$760,000	10
Bi-level	\$575,000	\$685,000	5

The statistical information is based on MLS data Mar. 17, 2026. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

What Clients are Saying About Duane...

The experience of working with Duane was phenomenal! He will tell you the truth, not just what you want to hear. He is methodical and calming—excellent personality traits that carry you through a trying time. The fact that Duane is an expert in the Columbine area is an added bonus. I would wholeheartedly recommend Duane to sell your home. Don't hesitate—he will take excellent care of you! J. S.

We would not hire any realtor, other than Duane, to find us the right home and to sell our existing property. During the process Duane became our lifelong realtor and, even more importantly, a true friend. C. & M. E.

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