



# Columbine Hills News

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## CHCA Events

### Calendar: Spring 2024

**Thursday, Feb 29:** Board meeting

6P-7P at St Philip's LC

**Saturday, March 9:** Chili cook-off

1P – 3:30P at Pavilion

**Thursday, March 28:** Board meeting

6P-7P at St Philip's LC

**Thursday, April 25:** Board meeting

6P-7P at St Philip's LC

**Saturday, May 11:** Trash pick-up

9:30-12 at Pavilion

**Thursday, May 30:** Board meeting

6P-7P at St Philip's LC

**Saturday, June 1:** Dumpster Day (tentative)

8A-1130 at Columbine Elementary



*One of the greatest regrets in life is being  
what others would want you to be,  
rather than being yourself.*

*—Shannon L. Alder*

## Next Board Meeting

*Please join us! We want your input.*

*St Philip Lutheran Church*

**Thur., February 29th: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

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## 2024 Annual Membership Contributions Are Due

This month kicks off our annual membership drive for CHCA residents. We ask you to pay a minimum of \$25 each year to support the events, the garden, our fixed expenses, and all the other expenses we incur to make sure that Dumpster Days, the Fall Festival, Santa, the Chili Cookoff, and other activities, can be adequately funded. This year, every household that submits their \$25 (or more) dues before April 1 will be entered into a raffle. The winner, chosen at random, will receive a \$100 GC for the business/grocery of their choice. Please continue to support our wonderful neighborhood. And remember; your \$25 gives you a free first pass to Dumpster Day. Send your checks to: CHCA PO Box 621452 Littleton, CO 80162-1452, You may also use Pay Pal; follow directions below and use QR code.

## Columbine Hills Civic Association:

**2024 Suggested Annual Donation: \$25**

**Your 2024 donation will help support:**

- Mailing of the monthly newsletter
- Beautification & improvement projects in our development
- Neighborhood events and activities such as:
  - Neighborhood Garage Sales
  - Dumpster Day
  - Holiday Hayride
- Park Maintenance - xeric garden care

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**Thank you for supporting Columbine Hills Civic Association  
and the effort to keep Columbine Hills a great place to live!**

## Notes From The President

Time flies when you are having fun; that has been my experience, anyway. I have now been honored to be the president of Columbine Hills Civic Association for two years. During that time we have had two years of fun-filled and well-attended events and activities, like the Fall Festival, tending the Xeric Garden, Evenings with Santa, trash pick-up, the weekend garage sale, and National Night Out; we have also experienced two disastrous Dumpster Days under my watch. (No more!) We have a wonderful team on the board who have hung in there during good times and trying ones. We have fiscal leadership, community partnership with Columbine Home Team at Exit Mosaic Realty, (all the flags flying on holidays and the garage sale flyers? that's them) neighbors like Bruce Yarish who offers a kind and welcoming Santa, and the cadre of walkers who deliver your newsletter every month. We celebrate Jane and Janet and the other folks who show up during spring and summer to keep the garden ever-growing. We have an ongoing relationship with Foothills Parks and Recreation; they supported us on trash pick-up day and, per our suggestion, laid out the lines for pickleball on the basketball court on Depew (must bring own net).

Nonetheless, we are a board of *only eight voluntary members*; this for a neighborhood of nearly 1400 households. David and I have only been members for two years and four, respectively; all the other board members have been here for years, and some, a decade or more. We want you to help us! We hear from you often that you appreciate what we do. We meet you when you come to the activities and get to know you as neighbors and friends. Now, we need you to participate.

### THIS IS WHAT I INVITE YOU TO DO:

#### 1. Join the Board.

It is a two-year tenure and we currently do not need officers; we need at least three members-at-large who commit to coming to most meetings (last Thursday of the month from 6P-7P and the annual board meeting in January that is a two-hour planning meeting and party) and participating in some of the yearly events. One evening each year, the officers go out to dinner together to celebrate the work we have accomplished.

#### 2. Sign up to help at events.

For the **Chili Cook-off** (tentatively March 9, at the pavilion, 1-3:30) we need three helpers to set up and bring fire pits. We also need you to bring your favorite chili to share. Cups, spoons, napkins, warm beverages, and fixins will be provided.

For **trash pick-up** (tentatively May 11, 9:30-noon) we need 15-20 volunteers to don vests, grab bags and grabbers, and clean up the park for 2 ½ hours, then enjoy lunch.

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## Columbine Hills Civic Association Board of Directors

President:	Galen Wiese
Vice President:	Jenn Gerdes
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COHOPE Rep:	Galen Wiese and Jenn Gerdes

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## News Articles

We welcome "Letters to the Editor". 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](mailto: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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## Notes From The President,

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For **Dumpster Day** (tentatively June 1, 8A-11:30A) we need eight to ten strong individuals to unload donations into four or five rolloffs, and four or five more folks to direct vehicles to the right location. Doughnuts and coffee supplied.

For **National Night Out** (Aug 6, park or pavilion) we need three helpers to set up, tend the food and beverages, and clean up.

For the **Fall Festival** (TBA) we need four helpers to set up, grill, and clean up.

For the **Evening with Santa** (TBA) we need at least two volunteers to help with set-up, keeping the beverages renewed, and clean up.

For CHCA to remain sustainable, *we need all of you to make it happen*. So please, consider committing to either a two-year tenure on the board, or signing up for one of these events. Contact us at [ColumbineHills80128@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbineHills80128@gmail.com) to commit to an event, or to volunteer for the board. Thank you!

— **Galen Wiese, CHCA President**

*Though no one can go back and make  
a brand new start, anyone can start from  
now and make a brand new ending.*

—**Carl Bard**

## Kiwanis Club of Columbine

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. Anyone is welcome to help on any of our projects or attend any of our social events anytime you like. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have a lot of fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

### Here is a brief wrap up of our holiday season projects:

Our volunteer bell ringers for the Salvation Army filled 84 shifts (168 hours) and raised \$15,028 from December 14th through December 24th. Our holiday silent auction raised \$6,710, plus another \$6,363 in donations totaling \$13,073 for our foundation. All of this money stays right here in the community and is used to help residents in need.

Our weekly work at the Sharing with Sheridan food pantry helped turn in a record setting month in December. During the month 949 families (2,869 people) received enough food for an entire week.

We have increased our working with the local schools library work and tutoring.

As we begin the new year, we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone in the club and in the community that helped us make the holiday season and all of last year a very successful and fulfilling year of community service.


We have something that will fit anyone's interests and expertise, and we can always use your help! Details about our upcoming projects are in our weekly newsletter – contact [news@columbinekiwanis.org](mailto:news@columbinekiwanis.org) to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more, visit our website at [columbinekiwanis.org](http://columbinekiwanis.org), or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 AM at 4Gs restaurant in Littleton. We also have a bimonthly meeting at Columbine library on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 PM. For more info, email [kensweet@gmail.com](mailto:kensweet@gmail.com).



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## CHCA Annual Planning Meeting – January 7, 2024

**Officers Present:** Jenn, Galen, David, Michaelle, Kelly, Jodi. **Others:** Nick

**Treasurer's report 2023 recap:** There was a small net cash flow. One hundred and eighty total members for 2023. Interest + members gave us a small net amount.

### Social Media:

- Galen wants to add a section to the monthly agenda for everyone to update website, Facebook, etc. once a month.
- A Happy New Year message will be sent out with a list of the events for 2024.
- Add a post to Facebook about new members who did not receive a new homeowner welcome bag to contact us. We can also add this to the newsletter and Nextdoor.

**Annual Membership Dues / Drive:** We will add an insert for the newsletter (Feb? Mar?) as a reminder.

**Lights:** Galen is going to talk to the Deputy Mark Bybee to discuss street lights in the parking lot. Also see if there is a possibility of blinking stop signs at Elmhurst and Kendall and Canyon and Kendall.

**Demographics:** Jenn will bring demographic information for February session. Who are our neighbors?

**For the paper route / newsletter walkers:** We still need one walker.

**Garage Sale:** Jenn wants to do the garage sale mid-June. David wanted to potentially synchronize with other HOAs when they do theirs. June 7th & 8th or 21st & 22nd.

**CoHOPE Meetings:** Most other/neighboring HOAs do not attend CoHOPE meetings.

**Community Trash Pick Up:** Walking trash pick-up. Consider the entire park from Depew to Pierce, with lunch served after. Tentative May 11th (9:30AM-noon). Galen to obtain grabbers, bags and vests. Enlist neighborhood involvement, 15-20 people.

**Note to add to the newsletter:** Invite neighbors to put hot dog buns or bread bags into the dog poo dispensers.

**Chili Cookoff:** Consider having the event at the Pavilion. Saturday the 9th of March. Gift cards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners. Board is ineligible for prizes. Assess bathroom and electricity availability.

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# CHCA Annual Planning Meeting, *continued from page 2*

## Dumpster Day:

- Galen and David went to Columbine West's Dumpster Day and they had 5 roll-offs with 2 member volunteers per roll-off and organizers directing traffic.
- Dumpsters need to be watched so people don't dump trash overnight.
- Jenn will talk to Columbine West on how they do it.
- Then we need to reach out to the community to invite young strong individuals (footballers, baseballers, Boy Scouts, etc.) to help with DD. Reach out to coach John Davis from Columbine, or St P's for Boy Scouts. Many ways we could make this time worth their while.
- June 1st tentative for Dumpster Day.

## Events:

- Fall Festival date TBD
- Consider hayride. Invite police and fire personnel?
- Halloween: Consider Trunk or Treat at the Pavilion. Tentative Oct. 26th
- Jenn will look into movie in the park. Jenn will do the work, sponsor and get it all set up.
- Jenn is hoping to sponsor more events.
- Best yard or decorations
- Celebrated best yards in 2023 and will celebrate Christmas decorations in 2024
- Evening with Santa date TBD. 2023 was very successful

## Ideas for Events:

- Platte Canyon water district with Bruce Yarish presenting
- Veterans day (flag retirement parties [burning])
- Nominate a neighbor award

**Xeric Garden:** Thank you and kick-off: Michaelle

## Current Status of the Association / Community Inertia:

- Discussed lack of community involvement in board and at events, despite hearing so much positive feedback from neighbors.
- Without increased support, we may consider an exit strategy in 2025.
- Would need exit plan including dissolving funds into community projects.
- We are looking for community support – events, meetings, support, help, etc. At least five new board members, at least 2-3 volunteers to commit to most events, 15 for DD.
- Consider a CHCA board in the xeric garden with the list of needs, events, etc.
- Jenn will look to print out a sign for the board.

## Retrospective for Newsletter:

- How we got here
- Where we are financially
- Here is what we are going to do this year
- If we do not get volunteers we will dissolve the organization by 2025
- Describe the difference between an HOA and Civic Association in the newsletter.

## Future Discussion Item:

National Night Out: August 6th (Tuesday)

Jenn will F/U with event sign

End at 1:55PM.



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2-story	\$690,000	\$690,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$764,500	\$764,500	1

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$750,000	\$750,000	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$610,000	\$685,000	3
Bi-level	None	None	0

### Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (June 1, 2023–Jan. 15, 2024)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$530,000	\$725,000	8
2-story	\$725,000	\$1,100,000	3
Tri/Multi-level	\$620,000	\$725,000	4
Bi-level	\$625,000	\$685,000	3

The statistical information is based on MLS data Jan. 15, 2024. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.



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## 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.*

*Duane was the perfect realtor to sell the home our parents owned. He has extensive real estate knowledge and knows the neighborhood very well. Duane was attentive and his guidance was invaluable. He is easy and pleasant to work with and we are grateful for his guidance, friendship, and very hard work on our behalf. We recommend him highly to anyone seeking the finest real estate agent. K. & R. C.*

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