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CHCA Events Calendar: Summer 2024

Thurs, July 25: Board meeting 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
at the pavilion, SE corner of
Kendall and Elmhurst Ave

Tues, August 6: National Night Out!
Food and Beverages at the park/playground
on Kendall & Canyon Ave, time TBD.

Thurs, August 29: Board meeting 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
at the pavilion, SE corner of
Kendall and Elmhurst Ave.

*"Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."
~ John Wesley 1703-1791*



Next Board Meeting
Please join us! We want your input.
Pavilion, SE corner Kendall & Elmhurst
Thur., July 25th: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Let's Talk Trash!

First, this year our Dumpster Day went perfectly. I thank each of you who came, each community member who volunteered to help (Pam, Caden, Cole; you rock!) each CHCA board member who was able to come, each driver who was able to help us unload their trash, and finally, big thanks to Bargain Bins! This company exceeded our expectations in every way. We will use them from now on; hope you do, too.

Second, David and I have now experienced what so many of you already have: downsizing for a parent. Since David's dad is moving from a large apartment to a one-bedroom assisted living facility, we had to empty his old apartment, find a storage area large enough to accommodate what he will need in his new digs, and distribute/dispose of the rest. It is tough to go through so many cherished belongings, knowing how much they meant to him and

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Columbine Hills Civic Association: 2024 Suggested Annual Donation: \$25

Your 2024 donation will help support:

- Neighborhood events and activities such as:
 - Garage Sales
 - Dumpster Day
 - Fall Festival
 - Evening with Santa, and others
- Xeric garden plantings and care
- Beautification & improvement projects



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- Can you volunteer for an event?
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and the effort to keep Columbine Hills a great place to live!**

We Still Need A Newsletter Deliverer!

One of our walkers has generously taken on the route we posted last month. We have one more route available: 23 houses on Lamar Court, both north and south of Canyon. Can you help? It is a simple way to support the community. Please let us know. Email me at dgwiese11@msn.com.

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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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From The President, *continued from front*

his wife, yet not finding a place for them in this modern world. Many articles of clothing and dozens of pairs of shoes. Large pieces of furniture (anyone need a roll-top desk?), books, old-style kitchenware, décor; window treatments, and multiples of so many household items like soap, cleanser, paper goods, and the like. Many items were stashed on levels close to the floor; he probably hadn't seen those things for years so naturally, he bought more.

We were also dismayed at how much money was spent on predatory mailers. We found thousands of dollars' worth of small useless items, most still in unopened packaging. Electric lint removers? There were several. Can openers? You bet. Doodads, USBs to nowhere, pens, you name it. Though an intelligent man, he was nonetheless gullible to the mailings. And supplements? He had pills for brain, liver, skin, heart and so much more. Who knows how they were interacting with his prescription medication. Those organizations, too, are culpable: their language is compelling, even threatening: *If you do not take this immediately, and daily, these terrible health risks will take you down.*

Parents, I implore you: start culling your belongings now. Old clothes and footwear, furniture tucked away behind other furniture, old collections that you haven't looked at in years; sell it! Donate it! Take pity on your kids whilst you can; we're getting older too.

— Galen Wiese, President CHCA

Join The Gardeners In CHCA'S Xeric Garden: Kendall Blvd And Canyon Ave

Please join us once a month to help weed, feed, and plant new plants at the Xeric Garden on Kendall and Canyon. We meet on either the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The dates this summer are May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 21, and Oct 12.

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—Amy Tan

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CHCA Meeting May 30th

Meeting Start Time: 6:07pm

Members: Steve, Michelle, Galen, Jenn, Jodi, David, Janet

Guest: Lia

Treasurer Report Vote: Jenn, Second: Galen

Old Business

18 People showed for community trash pick-up: worked from Depew west to Pierce; Robert's Deli provided lunch for everyone and DQ offered the kid a free sundae. Great to have these community sponsors.

New Business

Complaint about 8121 Marshall Ct concerning an auto repair shop on property. Galen called non-urgent line. Officer suggested that neighbors need to call Jeffco when noise is loud; they will come out to evaluate.

Gabby and Jenn working for website and Facebook. PayPal link is working again.

DUMPSTER DAY at Columbine Hills Elementary

- \$200 cash for dumpster day for membership change or tips.
- 7:30 meet-up for dumpster day. Jenn picking up donuts and coffee for Board Members, volunteers, and participants. Bring camping chairs, push broom, large shovel, gloves, yellow vests, tables, pens. Five or more dumpsters will be at the event.
- Maybe schedule Dumpster Day after Garage sale next year.
- Boots on the Ground will be at event to pick up metal.

Bargain Bins would like to hand out flyers.

Starting in June CHCA meetings will be held at the pavilion outdoors.

Columbine Hills National Night Out Aug 6th at the xeric garden.

Hope to have Jeffco partners join us.

Two newsletter walkers have resigned for all the right reasons.

End 6:47pm

National 7-Eleven Day

On July 11th, one convenience chain celebrates with specials on National 7-Eleven Day! Conveniently scheduled on 7-11 of each year, the day often features one of their signature items, the Slurpee.

The day focuses on franchise customers. The chain offers discounts and often free Slurpees in their many flavors. Since July is known for its summer heat, the icy cold beverage is a popular choice for cooling off all summer long.

“Stretching Over Scriptures” (S.O.S.)

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Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Outside on the front lawn. Bring a yoga mat. For all ages and levels.

RSVP to Deacon Korra Looschen, certified Christian Yoga Instructor, klooschen@stphilip-co.org.

Renew your body and soul!



Who is the face
behind the
Columbine Home Team?



Jennifer Gordos

I was born and raised in Englewood. I moved to Columbine Hills in 1976 where I attended Columbine Hills Elementary, then Ken Caryl Middle School and finally Columbine High School. Our lovely neighborhood has a huge place in my heart because this is where I grew up and made so many lifelong friendships!!

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Mule Deer 3, 6, 30, 31, 34, 39, 42, 43, 47,48
Lindenwood Lane 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 24

COMPOSITE ROOFS:

Amaranth Drive 2, 21, 33, 38, 41, 43
Lindenwood Lane 2, 4, 6, 7,
Yellow Locust 4, 6, 7, 8, 9



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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. We are serving our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations throughout the year. GREAT NEWS – Columbine Kiwanis will be putting on a Pancake Breakfast this year at the Summerset Festival at Clement Park in September! All are welcome to help on any of our projects or attend any of our social events anytime. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

We do a lot of volunteer work with and for kids in our local schools throughout the year. This summer we are doing the Jeffco Reads Food Distribution program at Shaffer Elementary. During the school year we do tutoring at Columbine Hills Elementary, work in the Library at Governor’s Ranch and Leewood Elementary, and Terrific Readers and Writers at Field Elementary. We run a Student of the Month program at Powell Middle and Arapahoe High school and we sponsor Student Leadership Programs at all of the Littleton and South Jeffco High schools as well as Ken Caryl Middle school. We also conduct Junior Achievement programs in a number of elementary and high schools in the metro area. If you want to work with kids we can use your help!

Details about our upcoming projects and social events are in our weekly newsletter, contact news@columbinekiwanis.org to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more visit our website at columbinekiwanis.org, or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. We usually have a bimonthly meeting at Columbine library on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. For more information email kensweet@gmail.com.

Did You Know...

- Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.
- Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on Independence Day, July 4, 1826.
- In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a federal legal holiday.
- The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it. Later that year, five more signed separately, and one added his name in a later year. Thomas McKean was the last to sign in January 1777.
- The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson was a meat packer who provided meat to the US Army. The meat shipments were stamped with the initials, U.S. Someone joked that the initials stood for “Uncle Sam.” This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States government.
- Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson served on the committee that picked the eagle for the national seal. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey!

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4th of July vs Independence Day

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-<https://slate.com/>

Summer Concert Series

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to be able to welcome you and your families back to the museum front lawn for the 2024 Summer Concert Series. The concert series is free, with open lawn seating on a first come, first serve basis. Concerts take place on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m

- The ThreadBarons, Wednesday, July 10, 2024
- Chris Thompson & Friends, Wednesday, July 17, 2024
- Delta Sonics Wednesday, July 24, 2024
- Dakota Blonde, Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Food Truck: Mike's Cones: Food truck serving Michigan-style coney dogs.

Guests are welcome to bring their own food as well.

Shade: Please don't bring large pop-up tents. If you bring an umbrella for shade, please sit toward the back so you don't block the view of others.

Pets: Well-controlled pets on short leashes are welcome.

Kids' Dance Zone: The Kids' Dance Zone is to the left of the stage (as you face the stage). It's a great spot to get those wiggles out and for kids to dance with their tall grown-ups without blocking views of the stage.

Bad Weather: The show goes on in the rain. In the event of extreme temperatures, strong wind, downpours, severe weather warnings, and/or close lightning the Museum may cancel or delay a show for a short time. If a show is canceled, the Museum will post an announcement on the Museum's Facebook page immediately. If there's no post on Facebook, the show is still on!

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-Lech Walesa



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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$599,900	\$935,000	4
2-story	\$720,000	\$720,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$735,000	\$735,000	2
Bi-level	\$650,000	\$650,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$699,900	\$699,900	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (Jan. 1, 2024–June 14, 2024)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$555,000	\$770,000	7
2-story	\$675,000	\$675,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$595,000	\$775,000	11
Bi-level	\$661,550	\$781,000	2

The statistical information is based on MLS data June 14, 2024. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

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