



# COLUMBINE HILLS NEWS

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### 2025 CHCA Annual Events Calendar:

**BOARD MEETINGS:** *First Thursday of every month (excluding December/July), from 6pm-7pm*

**St Philip Lutheran Church:**

April 3, May 1, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6. No meeting in December and January's meeting is for board members only as we plan for the new year.

**Pavilion, Kendall & Elmhurst Ave:**

June 5; July 10; Aug 7, Sept 4. If raining/storming, will be held at St Philip

**SUMMER EVENTS:**

**Tuesday, August 5:**

National Night Out, 5:30-7pm  
(park, Kendall and Canyon Blvd)

**Saturday, September 27:** Fall Festival

12:30-4, (park, Kendall and Canyon)

### Red, White & You

**Thursday, July 3, 2025, Clement Park  
(7306 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton)**

Event runs rain or shine. Red, White & You is a FREE patriotic, community event focusing on fun for the whole family! Red, White & You is the largest free community event in South Jefferson County. Geared toward all ages and designed to bring the community together, attendance is estimated at 35,000+ annually. The event includes kids' activities, live entertainment, food concessions, community business booths, beer & wine garden, and a fireworks display.

*The summer night is like a  
perfection of thought.*

*—Wallace Stevens*

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### Help Us In The Xeric Garden!

The Columbine Hills xeric garden needs volunteers to help plant, weed, and prune the xeric garden at the corner of Canyon and Kendall. We meet the 3rd Saturday of each month in the warmer months for an hour to plant, weed, and prune the garden together. Many hands make light work, and we appreciate anyone who can come and help. No experience with gardening is required, however we do hope you will bring your own gardening gloves and tools if you have them. Experienced gardeners will be on hand to point out the friendly plants we love and the ones we want to weed before they spread.

**The dates for gardening are:**

July 19th: 8am

August 16th: 8am

September 20th: 8am

October 18th: 9am

If you have questions or want to let the organizers know you can make it, please email Angela at ColumbineHillsGarden@gmail.com.



### Notes From The President

Hey, it's really summer now. The thermometer's edging toward triple digits as we enter the *Dog Days of Summer*, the hottest days of the year. As the song goes, "roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer". If you are feeling the effects of hot, muggy, sultry, 'weather that you can wear', you can be certain that

you are experiencing the *Dog Days of Summer*. It is also a period of drought and occasional strong thunderstorms. Aptly named, the Dog Days of Summer is the week when Sirius, the Dog Star, rises at the same time as our Sun (July 3-11).

CHCA had a very productive June this year. First, we enjoyed a weekend of neighborhood garage sales (thank you, Jenn Gerdes, for all the work you put into this) when we had a chance to meet many of our neighbors and to redistribute many belongings which no longer had value in our homes; Marie Kondo would be proud! The following week we hosted Dumpster Day for all CHCA neighbors who chose to participate. One load of trash for a \$25 annual donation is a bargain. Dumpster Day was great: we filled seven Bargain Bins and had several volunteer helpers: thanks to board members Gii, Michaelle, Janet, Jenn, Steve, and David, and

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## Concerts in Clement Park

Foothills Park & Recreation District is proud to offer Concerts in Clement Park free to the public and put on for the benefit of District residents and South Jefferson County residents. This outdoor series of concerts is free, open to the public and family friendly. Performances are held at the Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

- **July 10 – Blue 88s Big Band** – big band jazz
- **July 17 – Michael Friedman Band** – R&B, funk, jazz
- **July 24 – Julia Kirkwood** – alternative pop, rock
- **July 31 – Blessing Bled Chimanga** – African jazz and dance music
- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman** – folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite** – 90s alternative rock and pop covers

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## Columbine Hills Civic Association:

### 2025 Suggested Annual Donation: \$25

#### Your 2025 donation will help support:

Neighborhood events and activities such as:

- Garage Sales
- Evening w/ Santa, & others
- Dumpster Day
- Xeric garden plantings and care
- National Night Out
- Beautification & improvement projects
- Fall Festival

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Total 2025 donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) Can you volunteer for an event?

Which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Would you like to deliver newsletters, or serve as a back-up?

( ) Route ( ) Back-up

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



## Columbine Hills Civic Association Board of Directors

President:	Galen Wiese
Vice President:	Jenn Gerdes
Secretary:	Kelsey Scott
Co-Treasurers:	Steve DeMarco & David Wiese
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Board Members-At-Large:	Michaelle Otto, Kelly Goodbar, Janet Hopkins, Angela Ireton
Cohope Reps:	Jenn Gerdes, David & Galen Wiese

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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](mailto:columbinehills80128@gmail.com). All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits. All

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## Correspondence to be sent to:

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Jefferson County Website: [www.co.jefferson.co.us/](http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/)

## Notes From The President, *continued from front page*

community members Pam, Karen, and Ryan. Kimi and Stuart signed up to help out as well. We were a well-oiled machine. I want to thank David Hastedt @ Bargain Bins (303-406-2660), and Layne Williams @ 720-883-5829 who collected our recycled metal for us. And so many of you who contributed were also able to lend a hand; we really appreciate it.

Short term rentals in Jefferson County have been a hot topic for a couple of years now. There are proposals in play: to read about them, type [Jeffco.us/2613/regulation-updates](http://Jeffco.us/2613/regulation-updates) in your browser.

**Case Number:** 25-112508AM

Jefferson County Planning & Zoning is proposing a Regulation Amendment to the Short-Term Rental (STR) Regulations. The four primary goals of this regulation update are:

1. protect long-term housing resources;
2. minimize risk of life during emergency evacuations;
3. facilitate responsible, safe STR usage to ensure compatibility with surrounding communities; and
4. balance the benefits and burdens of administration and enforcement of STR licensing and enforcement.

Submit any comments you may have on the proposed regulations via email to [STR@Jeffco.us](mailto:STR@Jeffco.us). The comment period is open until July 20, 2025.

An informational community meeting will be held on June 24, 2025 at the Jefferson County Administration Building, in Hearing Room 1 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You will have the option to join in person or online. The meeting will be recorded and published on the Jeffco web site.

A “short-term rental” is currently defined as a single-family detached dwelling (house) or portion thereof that is rented out for accommodations or lodging for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days. These properties are often rented through websites such as Airbnb and VRBO.

I wish to address an issue that came up last month. A neighbor experienced a bad interaction and outcome with someone who advertised in our Classifieds. This is a rare event; nonetheless it occurred. We post a disclaimer in every newsletter, but the font is small. You will find it on page two beneath *Correspondence to be sent to...*

Know that we monitor for complaints when possible, but please vet those whom you seek to hire. And please let us know when there is a significant issue, and what the problem is/was.

One other notable mention: We have two new block walkers to deliver the newsletters! Thank you, Mary and Julia. We currently have a full cadre of volunteers to deliver the newsletters each month; this saves CHCA around \$5300 annually. When you see your deliverer, thank them for their service to the community.

Neighbors; as you celebrate the birth of our nation on the Fourth of July, remember to guard and cherish the freedoms we often take for granted. This nation’s liberty was hard fought and won; we shall always ‘let freedom ring’.

— **Your neighbor and CHCA President, Galen Wiese**

*I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.*

—**Bob Dylan**

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## CHCA Board Meeting: June 5 2025

**Start:** 18:05

**Officers:** Gii, Kelsey, Galen, David, Jenn

**Other members:** Janet, Michaelle, Kelly, Angela I (new board member: xeric czar)

**Community Members:** none

**Treasurer's Report:** CD rolled over

**Paying members:** 176

**Expenditures:** next month: Dumpster Days

**Review Board minutes from May:** approved

**New Community Participants**

### OLD BUSINESS:

Waiting for bill from bent gutter

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Neighbors promoting their business; NNO or FF? Decided that CHCA residents who own businesses may contact CHCA no later than one week before National Night Out (before July 29) to sign up to have a small table/tent to advertise business. NNO is on Aug 5.
2. Wish list for 2026: benches park and BB court, lights for CH sign Canyon & Kendall: Will put on agenda for 2026; if any board member finds a well-priced solar light for the sign, buy it and CHCA will reimburse.
3. Review all members' current responsibilities: be certain we are all where we belong  
Kelsie: graphic design creation. When we want to post a new ad, article, send to Kelsie first to create the graphic, then send to Jenn/Gii/Galen. Also take notes at meetings  
Jenn: post FB and Instagram; keep up-to-date  
Gii: Website; keep up-to date  
Galen: Newsletter

4. Discuss who is taking the lead for upcoming events through the year:  
Chili Cookoff: Jenn  
Trash pick-up: Jenn, Angela  
Garage sale: Jenn  
Dumpster Day: David & Galen, Jenn  
Nat Night Out: David & Galen  
Fall Fest: Jenn, others  
Trunk or Treat: David & Galen, Jenn, Angela  
Eve w/Santa: David & Galen, Jenn, others
5. Children's vests for NNO: safety vests purchased for first 30 kids who come to National Night Out
6. New signs-choose sites and take boards: done
7. Disclaimer: CHCA neighbor used an advertised service in our newsletter and had an extremely negative experience. Did not disclose which one. Will add a disclaimer that we do not vet, nor vouch for, these services.

**Events:** GS & DD; who can work DD? What to bring?

CHCA will sign up for a booth at the 9th Annual Columbine Center Community Festival and customer appreciation event on Sept 20th from 10-4 in the parking lot in front of Riley's Natural Pet Supply. \$25 booth rental fee.

**Report from CoHope:** see short-term rental info in July newsletter

**Pothole mitigation Depew and Platte:** have reached out to Colorado Roads and Bridges, Jeffco, and Denver Water. None will take responsibility. Will continue to reach out (pester).

**Newsletter walkers:** Roz & Jim M picked up a route. Still need one more, two possible candidates.

**End:** 19:10

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## National Night Out!

On Tuesday, August 5, we celebrate our 3rd annual National Night Out! with everyone in the Columbine Hills neighborhood. This nation-wide event, held the first Tuesday of August, is an opportunity for neighbors to gather, enjoy a hotdog and a beverage, and address issues of safety and resources within our community. We partner with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and South Metro Fire and Emergency services. Last year, kids (and adult kids too) were excited to watch the bomb- and drug-sniffing K-9 (and partner) find a hidden odor, enjoyed working with EMS to purview the tools and capabilities of a fire engine, and engaged with detectives about their role in policing. We brought whistles for the kids (in retrospect, perhaps not the best safety tool!) and had a group whistle-blast, enjoyed by some.

**This year, the first 30 children who come to National Night Out! will receive a safety vest.** Orange or yellow, these vests make your child highly visible while on the sidewalks and streets. It is one more safety element we hope to encourage for the CHCA youth. Folks in several neighborhoods and streets/cul-de-sacs exchanged contact information with each other and developed a phone tree in case of an event such as burglary, a motor vehicle accident, fire, etc. You may wish to consider that too.

Join us from 5:30 to 7:00 at the park on the SW corner of Kendall and Canyon on the 5th of August. Help us to make CHCA an even safer community.

## Kiwanis Club of Columbine

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers (69 members) 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. All are welcome to help with any of our projects or attend any of our social events. 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.

In June we delivered over 300 meals for meals on wheels, helped feed over 350 families at Sheridan Food Bank, ushered at the Jefferson Symphony, provided water to runners at the Colfax Marathon, and sorted medical supplies at Project Cure.

In July we will be working with the Sheridan Food Bank, Project Cure, Sweet Dreams in a Bag, meals on Wheels, and many more. Please consider joining us on a project or two; these offer great opportunities to meet like-minded people. 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, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. We also have a bimonthly meeting at the Colorado Credit Union the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 PM. For more information email [kensweet@gmail.com](mailto:kensweet@gmail.com).



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## Helping Colorado Pollinators And Wildlife With Native Plants

Pollinators have evolved to seek and find food from plants in their environment. They focus on certain colors, flower shapes, textures, and scents to find the nectar and pollen they need. Plants native to the Rocky Mountain west are naturally more attractive and important to the survival of our local pollinators.

Garden centers offer an amazing array of plants gathered from around the world and created by plant breeding facilities. Hybrids are constantly being created to offer different colors, different shapes, and different statures. Only some of these are important to the survival of key Colorado pollinators.

Pollinators require a constant supply of food, water, and shelter throughout their lifetime. A little advance planning will ensure that your yard provides these.

One key consideration is planting a mix of native plants that flower early, in the middle of the summer, and later in the fall. This provides season-long nourishment. Many plants, including penstemons, bee balm, black-eyed Susans, and blanket flowers, are popular perennials that regenerate yearly from their root system or seeds broadcast after the flowers have faded.

The same native plants that support pollinators also feed and support our local birds and animals. Birds rely on native plants including blanket flowers, black-eyed Susans, sand cherries, choke cherries, lupines, and common yarrow for insects, nutritious seeds, and berries throughout the spring and summer nesting seasons.

Learning more about the relationship between plants and native pollinators is rewarding and environmentally valuable.

– John Ashworth, CSU Extension,  
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## Summer Concert Series

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome you to the museum front lawn for the 2025 Summer Concert Series. The concert series is free, with open lawn seating on a first come, first serve basis. Concerts take place from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

- **Wednesday, July 9, 2025: The Ninety Percent 90s.** A 3-piece acoustic cover band covering the best and worst hits from the 90s.
- **Wednesday, July 16, 2025: The ThreadBarons.** A combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- **Wednesday, July 23, 2025: Dakota Blonde.** Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/songwriter, and sometimes even Celtic.

The show goes on in the rain. In the event of extreme temperatures, strong wind, downpours, severe weather warnings, and/or lightning near the Museum may cancel or delay a show for a short time.

–<https://www.museum.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/Summer-Concert-Series>

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## National Father Daughter Take A Walk Day, July 7

National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day is observed annually on July 7th. This day promotes the benefits of family bonding time between fathers and daughters as well as the benefits of physical activity.

The memories made during your time together will stay with you forever. During the summer season, there are many incredible places to walk and enjoy nature as you spend time

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## Columbine Hills Statistics for June 2025

### Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$560,000	\$970,000	4
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$600,000	\$949,900	5
Bi-level	\$789,000	\$789,000	1

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$659,000	\$800,000	3
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$699,000	\$699,000	1
Bi-level	\$610,000	\$685,000	2

### Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (Jan. 1, 2025–June 17, 2025)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$509,390	\$950,000	10
2-story	\$680,000	\$680,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$600,000	\$750,000	6
Bi-level	\$560,000	\$615,000	4

The statistical information is based on MLS data June 17, 2025. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.



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*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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