



COLUMBINE HILLS NEWS

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2026 Spring and Summer CHCA Events Calendar:

Board Meetings: First Thursday of every month from 6-7PM. July 2, Aug 6 and Sept 3 will be held at the pavilion on Kendall and Elmhurst Ave, weather permitting. Otherwise we meet at St Philip Lutheran Church on Kendall and Ken Caryl.

August 4: National Night Out! 5-6:30PM. Meet your local peace officers, firefighters and other EMS, grab a hot dog and get neighborhood safety tips. At the park on Kendall and Canyon.

September 26: Fall Festival 12:30-4:30PM. Join the fun and celebrate the best time of year in our fair state (IMHO). We will grill a variety of proteins, have salads, chips, beverages and desserts. Alpa G will return to paint the kids' faces (a gratuity is welcomed but not required) and there will be games and chalk to keep everyone active. Come enjoy our newly-planted trees. And there may be a surprise unfolding; shh!

CHCA Neighbors

Beginning in August, we will need one more block walker to deliver monthly newsletters. The route is simple: houses on W Ken Caryl Place between Kendall and Depew; 42 houses. Please join our team of volunteers; we need you! You will get a badge(s) identifying you as a CHCA volunteer; we even give your doggos badges as well! Please call Galen at 720-334-2876.

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Notes From The President

Welcome to our 250th birthday! America, you don't look a year over 200. As we celebrate this country's greatest assets: freedom, equality, fairness, let



us remember that every one of us deserves the same opportunities. The Constitution and its amendments provide a legal and moral framework for governance, protect individual freedoms, and maintain the balance of power between federal and state governments. As we celebrate 250 years of democracy, do not forget that it is fragile. Be certain that your chosen candidates support these precious concepts that the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the remainder of the Amendments hold forth.

A neighbor reached out to inquire about the potholes at Depew and Platte Canyon. We explored this a couple of years ago, eventually discovering that, for some crazy reason, CHCA had purchased this small swath of road back in the 1960s. And as we were preparing to find a service to help us out, an unknown individual or company came by and filled the holes! We never discovered who that was. Now though, we need to move forward.

We are talking to asphalt companies and gathering bids. But if you are, or know someone who is, part of an asphalt company that could give CHCA a deal, please reach out. CHCA needs to tighten its belt this year; we are wayyy down in annual membership. Neighbors, we need your annual donation! If you want to see improvements then you need to commit to tendering your \$25 fee. This is a modest sum, and your CHCA board is dedicated to making it stretch as far as possible. We hear from people who have lived here for decades and have not paid a dime. Come on, now; we can do better than that. Three pots of coffee at home in lieu of three drive-throughs, and snap! You have saved \$25. Find the CHCA donation form inside this newsletter for the PO Box address or scan the QR code to pay online.

We heard from several neighbors that the garage sale was well-attended. Hope you made some profits and perhaps new friends. Since these notes are submitted prior to Dumpster Day, I cannot say how it turned out. We are certainly happy with Bargain Bins; in fact, David and I are using them right now for a project.

Enjoy this celebratory month and year, neighbors. Happy Fourth of July!

— Galen Wiese, CHCA President



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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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☐ Are you interested in joining the Board?

☐ Can you volunteer for an event?

Which one(s)? _____

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

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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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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

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Ongoing projects that you can join. You can consider them one and done, help once and see if they fit your needs.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Every Thursday preparing and distributing food. Serving about 150 families each week.
- Project Cure – once a month (kid friendly) Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday (Each member drives about once a month)
- Working with Schools – every week (Library & tutoring)
- The Action Center – Sorting Clothing – date pending
- Meetings with breakfast, project updates, and a timely speaker.
- And more...

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a volunteer-led organization of 63 members dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through more than fifty active projects and support for over twenty community organizations each year. All are welcome—no membership required to participate. Join us for service, friendship, and fun as we make a positive impact together. Regular meetings every Wed 6:45AM at 4Gs restaurant, Platte Canyon and Bowles. Other meetings for late risers.

For information check our web site columbinekiwanis.org or email ken at KenSweet@Gmail.com Or send me an email and just say hi.

National Night Out!

Tuesday, August 4, we celebrate our 4th annual National Night Out! with everyone in the Columbine Hills neighborhood. This nationwide 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 inspect one of the drones employed by JCSO, enjoyed working with EMS to purview the tools and capabilities of a fire engine, and engaged with sheriffs about their role in policing. We brought hi-viz vests for the kids to keep them safe at dawn, dusk, and when riding bikes.

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 5:00 to 6:30 at the park on the SW corner of Kendall and Canyon on the 4th of August. Help us to make CHCA an even safer community.

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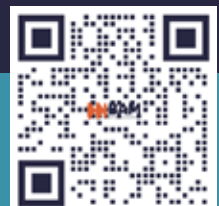


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CHCA Board Meeting: June 4, 2026, Held In Park

Start: 18:05

Officers: Jenn, Kelsey, Steve

Members-at-large: Janet, Michaelle, Kelly

Community Members: Karen O

Treasurer's Report:

Approve April: Kelly

Second: Steve; approved

Approve May: Michaelle

Second: Kelsey; approved

Review Board minutes:

Approve May: Jenn

Second: Kelly; approved

NEW BUSINESS:

Garage Sale: Have signs out by 6/10

Dumpster Day: Have signs out by 6/24

Who can work? Galen, David, Jenn, Kelly, Steve, Karen

CoHope News:

Nine applications have been submitted for fireworks stands.

Denver Water has a water usage tracker that they supply which is free for now. We can track our usage with a phone app.

Wildfire Interface begins state-wide July 1 - Jeffco has already started - Go to website via link on Jeffco website - There is a map and it also addresses all requirements for your home and property. This is important information if you are looking to sell or purchase a house in Jeffco, or plan major outside projects (new siding, roof, extensions).

Red White and You - still planned for July 3rd

Foothills board meeting was held for new positions - all positions were retained by their current board members

Short Term Rental interactive map is on Jeffco website or a link is there. Shows who has applied; it also shows which properties are owner-occupied vs. investment properties.

Events: National Night Out on August 4th

Newsletter walkers: We need one route filled on W Ken Caryl Place

End: 18:45

Illuminate Littleton

Friday, July 24, 2026

Downtown Littleton

Littleton has been selected by the Colorado Tourism Office as a host city for a statewide drone show celebrating America's 250th and Colorado's 150th anniversaries. This is a significant honor and a rare opportunity to showcase Littleton on a regional and statewide stage.

To celebrate this milestone event, Main Street will transform into an open-air experience with illuminated and interactive art installations, roaming musical performances, and extended outdoor dining from local restaurants and bars. Inviting residents and visitors to explore, linger, and connect before the evening culminates in a spectacular drone show lighting up the Littleton sky.

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Clement Park 2026 Concerts

All concerts start at 7 p.m. and are held on select Thursdays.

- July 9: Trash Pandas. Pop, country, rock covers
- July 16 : Little Moses Jones. R&B, hip hop
- July 23: Hand Turkey. Soul, pop
- July 30: Ninety2k. '90s and '00s rock
- August 6: Cass Clayton Band. Rock, soul, funk
- August 13 : Dr. Lunch. Funk jazz

Venue Information and Concert Reminders:

- Concerts run rain or shine with the exception of the threat of severe weather.
- Seating is on a natural, sloped lawn.
- Weather cancellations and rescheduled dates will be updated on this page as soon as possible.
- Parking is free. Parking available for people with disabilities.
- Please do NOT park at the Columbine Library.

What To Bring:

- Blankets or lawn chairs
- Glass containers prohibited
- Dogs on leash only

Amenities Near The Grant Amphitheater:

Restrooms, playgrounds, walking paths and picnic shelters
Picnic Shelter rentals are available online in advance. If shelters are not rented, they are available on a first come, first served basis.

Evergreen Summerfest: July 18-19

The Evergreen Summerfest will be back once again for a two-day outdoor arts and crafts event. The festival, which draws approximately 6,000 visitors, will be celebrating its 46th year in the coming summer. Proceeds from the event support year-round programming at the Center for the Arts Evergreen.

The festival will be held at Buchanan Park in Evergreen from Saturday to Sunday, July 18th to 19th, 2026. If you love arts and crafts, then this will be a perfect activity for you. Note that there's no smoking or pets allowed at the festival site.

Father Daughter Take A Walk Day: July 7th

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 talking, laughing, and bonding. While taking a stroll, cherish the time spent together. Your child will value the gift of the time you give no matter how old they are.



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ROYAL GORGE ROUTE RAILROAD

Start & End Point: Cañon City

The Royal Gorge Route Railroad whisks you along the curves of the Arkansas River and past the 1,000-foot-high granite walls of the canyon the railway is named for. Book a Vista Dome seat for spectacular views out of the curved glass roof and enjoy a gourmet meal in first class accompanied by a well-curated wine, brew and cocktail list. The train's regular schedule runs year-round.

LEADVILLE, COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Leadville and Climax

The Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad boasts the ideal route for seeing Colorado's vibrant wildflowers as it navigates hairpin turns along the upper Arkansas River Valley. Keep an eye out for Mount Elbert and Mount Massive, the state's two tallest peaks, as you listen to stories about Leadville's colorful mining past on this 2.5-hour round-trip journey. The train's summer schedule runs from late May to early October.

GEORGETOWN LOOP RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Silver Plume and Georgetown

Connecting the mining towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume, the Georgetown Loop Railroad was an engineering marvel of the 1800s. This short and sweet 2-mile stretch of track just three feet in width traverses through the steep and narrow canyon, corkscrewing through craggy rock walls and gaining more than 600 feet in elevation on four bridges. The railroad was one of Colorado's first tourist attractions, and remains a must-see destination for those seeking a taste of history, beautiful sights and breathtaking thrills. The Georgetown Loop's regular season runs April through October, but check their site for special winter holiday trains.

DURANGO & SILVERTON

NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Voted the No. 1 train in the country by USA Today readers in 2021 and 2022, this 1880s coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive runs 200 feet above the blue-green waters of the Animas River. As the Durango Train snakes along the river's banks and high canyon walls, expect views of majestic peaks, rushing waterfalls and remote natural areas like the Animas Gorge and San Juan National Forest. The 9.25-hour train ride includes a two-hour stop in the town of Silverton, or opt for the express ride at 5.25 hours if you're short on time. The train's regular season runs year-round.

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Train Rides, *continued from page 6*

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CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Cripple Creek and Victor

Clamber onto the open-air cars of the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad, pulled by a 15-ton "iron horse" of a locomotive. Several stops along the route of this family-owned railroad provide views and photo ops of Pikes Peak and old mining camps, as well as the opportunity to hear the train whistle ricochet off the walls of Echo Valley. The 45-minute ride is fully narrated, with the conductor sharing wonderful facts about the history and scenery around Cripple Creek. The train's regular schedule runs rain or shine, from late May to early October.

—<https://www.colorado.com>

Dinosaur Ridge: Morrison, CO

A perfect place for kids and history enthusiasts alike, Dinosaur Ridge is one of the premier places to see and learn about dinosaur fossils and footprints. Home to the original sites of some of the most famous dinosaurs like Stegosaurus, Dinosaur Ridge is full of interactive exhibits and activities that make it a great stop for families.

All visitors should be sure to take a tour of the park. Guided bus tours, as well as guided walking tours, are available. As a bonus, all tour tickets include access to Trek Through Time, an indoor, hands-on museum at the visitor center.

The visitor center also hosts a digging area for children to dig up model dinosaur bones and fossils. Guests can also find the gift shop in the same area. Be sure to check out the trails at Dino Ridge as well.

Dinosaur Ridge Trail is two miles round-trip and includes countless opportunities to spot dinosaur tracks. There are a number of interpretive signs along the way to point out tracks and describe the history of the area.

Be Someone Day

On July 21, National Be Someone Day challenges each of us to take ten seconds to make a difference in a child's life.

What can you do in ten seconds? We can shift gears or water a plant. We can hear or tell a bad joke. In ten seconds, we can change our minds, and after doing so, say a prayer of thanks. When we walk into a room, in that time, we can register the pain in someone's eyes and begin to provide comfort. We can praise and honor someone who deserves it.

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Littleton Museum Summer Concert Series

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The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome you to the museum front lawn for our free Summer Concert Series!

CONCERT LINEUP

- Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – No Concert (We skip the week of Independence Day)
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026: Slopeside: Alternative Rock, Pop, with a mix of Blues and Country flavor.
- Wednesday, July 15, 2026: The ThreadBarons: Combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- Wednesday, July 22, 2026: Dakota Blonde: Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/songwriter, and sometimes even Celtic.

FOOD & DRINK

- Bring your own picnic and enjoy the lawn!
- Delivery allowed – use 6028 S Gallup St as the address.
- Note: Alcohol is not permitted on city property.

SHADE & SEATING

- No large pop-up tents, please.
- If using an umbrella, sit toward the back to avoid blocking views.

PETS

- Well-controlled pets on short leashes are welcome.

KIDS' DANCE ZONE

- Located to the left of the stage (as you face it).
- A fun, safe space for little ones to dance & move freely.

WEATHER POLICY

- Concerts continue in light rain.
- Severe weather warnings, hail forecasts, lightning, or heavy storms may delay or cancel the show.

PARKING

- Parking is available in the Littleton Museum lot, at the Bemis Library across the street, and along nearby residential streets.
- Please avoid parking in areas marked “No Parking.”

ACCESSIBILITY

- Please note that the music is loud near the stage, to be clearly audible for audience members sitting further back.
- Ask the staff member at the bathroom door entrance if you would like to check out a Sensory Needs Backpack. These are free and on a first-come, first-served basis. An ID is required as a deposit. Backpacks are available for both children and adults, and include sunglasses, fidget toys, communication cards, weighted lap pads, and noise-reducing headphones.

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

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but as the opportunity to do what is right.*

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Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$555,000	\$640,000	2
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$600,000	\$650,500	2
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$699,999	\$699,999	1
2-story	\$545,000	\$647,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Jan. 1, 2026–June 16, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$465,000	\$745,000	10
2-story	\$627,700	\$735,000	3
Tri/Multi-level	\$550,000	\$760,000	8
Bi-level	\$620,000	\$763,500	2

The statistical information is based on MLS data June 16, 2026. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.



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