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# CHCA Events Calendar: Spring 2024

**Sat, June 1:** Dumpster Day, 8 - 1130 a.m. at Columbine Elementary parking lot

Fri/Sat, June 7 & 8: Community Garage Sale Submit your address to Jenn at: coloradohometeam@gmail.com by May 31 or text 303-906-9922 to be added to the list of participants – increase traffic to your sale!

**Thurs, June 27:** Board meeting 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the pavilion, SE corner of Kendall and Elmhurst Ave

**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.



# **Next Board Meeting**

Please join us! We want your input.
Pavilion, SE corner Kendall & Elmhurst

**Thur., June 27th:** 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**June 2024** 

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# **Notes from the President**

A walk through the park - with grabbers!

We could not have chosen a better day for our trash pick-up day. On Friday, May 10th it was cold, cloudy, and rainy. On Sunday, May 12th it was raining buckets all day long. But Saturday the 11th was just right, as Goldilocks would have remarked. On that morning, eighteen intrepid volunteers from CHCA gathered to pick up trash and recyclables along the trails and creek, and throughout the parks, from Depew to Pierce. In collaboration with Foothills Parks and Recreation District, we donned bright vests, grabbed grabbers, lugged buckets and trash bags, and collected a whole bunch of litter. We found a few noteworthy items along the way: a large metal frame that may have been a sewer grate in better years, now bound for Kim Hinson and Boots on the Ground metal recycling; a softball with no outer covering (think ball of continued on page 3

## **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

Please return this form with your donation to CHCA, P.O. Box 621452, Littleton, CO 80162-1452.

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( ) Can you volunteer for an event?
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-John Sinor



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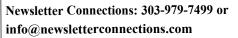
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Janet Hopkins

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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 page \_

tightly-bound worms and you get the picture); a small trowel, plenty of cans and plastic bottles headed for the recycler, and of course, trash. Cigarette butts and packs, straws, plastic bags, fast-food boxes, and so much more. In less than two hours we covered all the assigned areas, and a few more besides. We saw many of you that day, and you were as kind and friendly as only our wonderful neighbors can be.

In addition to Foothills supplying the bucket, bags, grabbers, wipes, and access to the pavilion dumpster (thank you Sarah McAfee!) Robert's Deli partnered with us as well. They made us delicious fresh sandwiches and offered chips, too. We ate good in the 'hood that day. The kids who worked with us received a Dairy Queen coupon for a free cone. We are so grateful for our volunteers and our neighborhood partners who help us with events like these.



your property; especially check the areas on the side where perhaps you rarely go. Pick up the trash, trim the bushes, and make your property clean and the adjacent sidewalk accessible. Can a parent push a child in a pram? Can a scooter-mobile individual roll along your sidewalk? If not, see what you can do to address that issue. And remember to put your trash cans on the street, NOT on the sidewalk.

Nothing makes me happier than to work on a team commit-

Let's continue to clean up our community. Look around

Nothing makes me happier than to work on a team committed to completing a goal. On Saturday, May 11th, I was a very happy person.

I am so glad to be your neighbor!

— Galen Wiese, CHCA President

# Help! We Need You To Deliver A Newsletter Route!

We have a route available beginning in July for S Eaton Way and Fenton Street (Ken Caryl Place to Canyon Ave) for a total of 53 households. If you walk the neighborhood anyway, please consider joining us. David and I hope not to have an assigned route so that we may continue to cover routes when folks are out of town or otherwise unable to deliver their papers. Please contact me at dgwiese11@msn.com.

- Galen Wiese

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# RECYCLE YOUR PAINT

Satuday, June 29, 2024 9:00am -1:00pm

NEW LOCATION! St. Francis Cabrini Parish 6673 W. Chatfield, Littleton, CO 80128 (corner of Chatfield and S. Pierce St.)

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## **April Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Started 6:04pm

**Officers Present**: Galen, Jenn, Steve, David - not enough members present for quorum - no votes were necessary.

**At-large Board Members:** Janet H **Community Members:** none

Due to lack of board members, no quorum, we were unable to vote on approval of meeting minutes from last meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Paying members: 133

Unable to approval minutes as we didn't have quorum

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**CoHope:** Sarah McFee was guest speaker - She will be contact for all things Foothills - She is starting a new program called Pride in our Parks - clean-up program

Dutch Creek trail will be extended to C470 - project is currently in progress

New Park Ranger program started 2024 - Two officers have been employed - Michael Burtnett and Gwen Ganow. Both have law enforcement experience and are EMT trained. Our baseball fields are on their patrol and there has been a noticeable decrease in incidents.

Winner of \$100 Gift Card : Lori and Lowell Koenck **EVENTS:** 

**Trash pick up May 11:** Jennifer and Gabby have been working on advertising for the events through fb/insta and Galen has been posting on Nextdoor. Jennifer has asked Gabby to work on website as she is so well versed with WIX.

**Dumpster Day June 1:** One Community member volunteer - Need More - Jenn has reached out to NHS of Columbine

High School as well as Contacting John Davis - Football Coach and Columbine Hills Resident

Garage Sale June 7 & 8: Jenn will send ad to Galen for newsletter

National Night Out And Celebrating Block Walkers August 6: Jenn and Gabby working on ad

**Xeric Garden Signage:** Jenn has reached out to Michaelle and will follow up with Janet Hopkins

**QR code for signage:** Jenn is working on - trying to create a sticker with QR code on it to put on existing signs

**Newsletter deliverers:** Galen - We have a back-up family! YAY!!

Meeting End: 6:50pm

**Next Meeting:** May 30, 6pm St Philip Church - Meetings will start being held at park from June until weather gets bad.

### **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. All are welcome to help on any of our projects or attend any of our social events anytime.

To learn more, visit our website at 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. You do not need to join our club to participate. We have a lot of fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community. For details about a project or social event email kensweet@gmail.com.





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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TILE ROOFS:

Golden Eagle 26,32, 47, 67, 70,73 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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**Dumpster Day** 

Columbine Hills will hold their annual **Dumpster Day** on Saturday, June 1, from 8:30 to 11:00 or until all five bins are filled.

#### **Some reminders:**

If you have paid at least \$25 annual dues *before* Wed, May 29, you can bring one free load. A load is defined as a car- or truckload. If you have a truck *and* trailer, you will be charged an additional \$20. The board has the discretion to charge more if your trailer is longer than 10' or is packed really high.

If you have not paid your annual dues, your first load will be \$35 with an additional trailer costing \$30. You must come with a DL that shows you live in Columbine Hills.

We need several volunteers to help us load the bins. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided to all volunteers. Please respond to columbinehills80128@gmail.com to volunteer for this or any other project.

### Xeric Garden

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.





### June 7th and 8th | 7:30am -3:00pm

Email your name and address to columbinehometeam@gmail.com by 5/30 to be added to the map of participating houses to increase the traffic to your sale!

Columbine Hills Community Garage Sale



### **Insults**

These sayings/insults are incredible gems from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words! I hope you delight in them as much as I have.

- 1. "He had delusions of adequacy." Walter Kerr
- 2. "He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." Winston Churchill
- 3. "I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."
  - Clarence Darrow
- 4. "He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

   William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)
- 5. "Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?"
  - Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)
- 6. "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."
  - Moses Hadas
- 7. "I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."
  - Mark Twain
- 8. "He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." Oscar Wilde
- 9. "I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend, if you have one." George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill
- 10. "Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." *Winston Churchill, in response*
- 11. "I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here" Stephen Bishop
- 12. "He is a self-made man and worships his creator." John Bright
- 13. "I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." Irvin S. Cobb
- 14. "He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." Samuel Johnson
- 15. "He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." Paul Keating
- 16. "He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." Forrest Tucker
- 17. "Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"

   Mark Twain
- 18. "His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." Mae West
- 19. "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." Oscar Wilde

- 20. "He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination."
  - Andrew Lang (1844-1912)
- 21. "He has Van Gogh's ear for music." *Billy Wilder*
- 22. "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But I'm afraid this wasn't it."

   Groucho Marx
- 23. The exchange between Winston Churchill & Lady Astor: She said, "If you were my husband I'd give you poison." He said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."
- 24. "He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know."

   Abraham Lincoln
- 25. "There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure."
  - Jack E. Leonard
- 26. "They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge." *Thomas Brackett Reed*
- 27. "He inherited some good instincts from his Quaker forebears, but by diligent hard work, he overcame them."

   James Reston (about Richard Nixon)



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I am not okay today.

So, in the absence of okay, what else can I be?

I can be gentle.

I can be unashamed.

I can turn my pain into connection.
I can be a student of stillness.

I can be awake to nature.

I can sharpen my empathy against the stone of my discomfort.

I am not okay today, but I am many worthy things.

— Jarod K. Anderson

# **National Flag Day**

On June 14th, National Flag Day honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777. The holiday is a day that Americans show respect for the U.S. Flag and what it represents. Representing independence and unity, the Star-Spangled Banner has become a powerful symbol of Americanism and the flag is flown proudly.

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### **Columbine Hills Statistics for May 2024**

Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$559,900	\$675,000	2
2-story	\$740,000	\$740,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$795,000	\$795,000	1
Bi-level	\$665,000	\$665,000	1

#### **Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills**

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$570,000	\$650,000	2
2-story	\$675,000	\$675,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$625,000	\$699,900	2
Bi-level	None	None	0

#### Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (Sept. 1, 2023–May 15, 2024)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$530,000	\$770,000	6
2-story	\$675,000	\$1,100,000	3
Tri/Multi-level	\$595,000	\$775,000	10
Bi-level	\$625,000	\$781,000	5

The statistical information is based on MLS data May 15, 2024. 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.

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