



# COLUMBINE HILLS NEWS

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### 2026 Spring and Summer CHCA Events Calendar:

**Board Meetings:** First Thursday of every month from 6-7PM. June 4, July 2, Aug 6 and Sept 3 will be held at the pavilion on Kendall and Elmhurst Ave, weather permitting.

**June 12 & 13:** CHCA Garage Sale

**June 27:** Dumpster Day, 8-11AM. Your \$25 CHCA donation is required for your first load; subsequent loads are \$20. If you submit your donation after June 20, the required donation is \$35. In the parking lot of CH Elementary School, 6005 W Canyon Ave

**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.

### Notes From The President

What a terrific day we had on April 25th, when a large group of CHCA volunteers partnered with Foothills Parks and Recreation District employees to plant 12 trees in the park on Canyon and Kendall, and to pick up trash along the creek, path, and ballfields. The tree-planting was a culmination of an entire year of fundraising, goal setting, and partnership with Foothills. Pat yourselves on the back: you made this possible. After guiding the volunteers in straightening the trees and

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## Dumpster Day June 27, 8-11AM at the Columbine Elementary School Parking Lot

Bring your trash to 6005 W Canyon Ave on Saturday, June 27.

*Please read carefully!!!!*

### What can I put in my bin?

Appliances\* Bikes Broken Toys Cabinets Cardboard Carpet Construction Debris Demolition Debris Doors Drywall Flooring Food Waste (Bagged) Gas Grill (without gas tank) Household Junk Insulation Lawn Furniture Leaves Mattresses\*\* Metal Furniture Metals Mulch Old Luggage Packaging Materials Paneling Paper Plastics Plywood Rugs Sand Screens Shrubs Siding Sinks Sod Toilets Tree Clippings Trim Materials Windows Wooden Furniture Yard Waste



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Appliances\* Bathtubs Yard waste Toxic or Hazardous waste Electronics Medical waste Asbestos Batteries Carcasses Chemicals Fluorescent Bulbs Food waste (Unbagged) Human and animal waste Freezers Fuel Hot tar Liquids Oil Paint Propane Tanks Railroad Ties Refrigerators Tires Wet Concrete Adherent substances Wet Glue Wet Paint Wet Plaster Any other “sticky substance” that would require removal from bin walls

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If you have paid your \$25 annual dues by June 19 your first load is free. If you have not paid, you must bring a check or cash for \$35. You must bring a Columbine Hills Driver's License. No one from outside CHCA may attend. Second and subsequent loads are \$20. We reserve the right to charge more for very large loads, or to refuse loads that are toxic, extremely foul-smelling, and the like.

# Wear Orange Community Walk

Join us on June 5th as we participate in National Gun Violence Awareness Day. We will gather just outside the Columbine Memorial at Clement Park in Littleton at 6pm. After a time of remembrance, we will take with us the memories of those lost as we walk around the Johnson Reservoir. At 7pm we conclude our time together at Nella's Frozen Yogurt with a Celebration of Progress in honor of the many steps Colorado has taken to reduce gun violence.

The remembrance walk is not a fundraising event. It is a time for the community to gather and honor those who cannot be with us due to gun violence, including those we lost from our own community on April 20, 1999, and so many others.

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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 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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**2026 Suggested Annual Donation: \$25**

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- Garage Sales
- Evening w/ Santa, & others
- Dumpster Day
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- Fall Festival



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

filling in the dirt, Sarah McAfee gathered all the volunteers to pick up trash. We learned the importance of disposing of all trash, large and small, and the impact it has on the environment. From youngsters to seniors, we all chipped in to accomplish so much for our Association.

Robert's Deli provided delicious sandwiches for the volunteers, and we enjoyed salty and sweet snacks, and beverages, from several community partners. Now the trees are in, the irrigation system is installed and working, and we can look forward to trees and shade for many years to come. Big thanks to Angela Ireton (CHCA) and Sarah (Foothills) for their unwavering commitment to this project.

In June, CHCA hosts both the neighborhood garage sale and (ta-da!) Dumpster Day. The garage sale will be held on Fri, June 12 and Saturday, June 13th. Dumpster Day is on Saturday, June 27th from 8:00-11:00. Once again, Bargain Bins will bring our containers, and we will have enough for everyone. Remember, you need to be a paid member of CHCA this year for your first load. If you have



not paid by June 19, you will be charged \$35, Subsequent loads for all are \$20.

In other June events, Friday, June 19 is Juneteenth National Independence Day, a commemoration of the end of slavery in the U.S. On this date in 1865 the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation, in Texas, was ordered. The Juneteenth celebration in Denver goes back to the 1950s and includes a fabulous parade, music, vendors and history. The parade on Saturday is not to be missed

And do not forget Father's Day! On Sunday, June 21 you can celebrate both Father's Day *and* the summer solstice. Take Dad out for a long, sunny day; it's the most daylight we will see for another year.

June is a month of sunshine, and beautiful flowers, trees, and other plants; a month to get out and enjoy our great state of Colorado! See you outdoors.

— Galen Wiese, CHCA President



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## Clement Park 2026 Concerts

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

- June 4: Dakota Blonde. Original music, folk, bluegrass & rock
- June 11: The Man Cubs. Rock Disney covers
- June 18: Chili Powder. Red Hot Chili Peppers cover band
- June 25: Ryan Chrys & The Rough Cuts.

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- 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

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Collective nouns: Referring to a group of animals, people, or things as a single unit. For example, a bunch of bananas. How many of these words can you correctly match?

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. A/an _____ of players     | A. swarm         |
| 2. A/an _____ of scouts      | B. ensemble      |
| 3. A/an _____ of lions       | C. team          |
| 4. A/an _____ of rabbits     | D. galaxy        |
| 5. A/an _____ of owls        | E. embarrassment |
| 6. A/an _____ of bees        | F. troop         |
| 7. A/an _____ of angels      | G. parliament    |
| 8. A/an _____ of tools       | H. host          |
| 9. A/an _____ of riches      | I. colony        |
| 10. A/an _____ of enthusiasm | J. pride         |
| 11. A/an _____ of actors     | K. set           |
| 12. A/an _____ of stars      | L. zeal          |

## Answers

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|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. D | 2. E  | 3. A  | 4. J  |
| 5. L | 6. K  | 7. G  | 8. F  |
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- **Sheridan Food Bank** – Every Thursday preparing and distributing food. Serving about 150 families each week.
- **Project Cure** – once a month – June 1 and June 29 (kid friendly) Sorting Medical Supplies
- **Meals on Wheels** – Every Weekday (Each member drives about once a month)
- **Blood Drive** – June 8
- **Working with Schools** – every week (Library and 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.

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# Community Garage Sale

**11th Annual**



**June 12 and 13 | 7:30am - 4:00pm**

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## Columbine Hills Community Garage Sale

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The Downtown Littleton Block Party reclaims the streets with dazzling performances, live music, fiery spectacles, and a fireworks finale. Join us for an unforgettable night under the stars! This isn't your average street fair. We've curated a lineup of performers who defy gravity, logic, and the ordinary. Wander between four stages and discover:

**Live Music:** Rock, country, and indie acts to keep you dancing.

**Street Spectacles:** Contortionists bending reality, magicians with tricks up their sleeves, and performers lighting up the night.

**Fireworks Finale at 9pm:** A sky-high explosion of color at the end of the evening!

## Plant Jack-o'-Lanterns

Do a little garden math with your pumpkins. Pumpkins take 85 to 125 days to mature. Check your seed packet, then count backward from Halloween to pick the best time to plant.



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# CHCA Board Meeting: May 7, 2026

**Start:** 6:04pm

**Officers:** Galen Wiese, Jennifer Gerdes,  
David Wiese, Steve DeMarco

**Members-at-large:** Janet Hopkins

**Community Members:** Scott Hardin

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented by David.

There was no quorum: will move to next meeting.

Approve: n/a; Second: n/a

**Review Board minutes:** No quorum.

Will move to next meeting. Approve: n/a; Second: n/a

**New Community Participants:** Scott Hardin wanted to discuss the lines on Kendall that were missed, he has spoken to Jeffco Roads and Bridges and they are completing lines that are missing. Also Galen has spoken to Jeffco Roads and Bridges about the stop signs on Kendall and both Canyon Ave and Elmhurst Ave as people are not stopping. They are evaluating the need for further signage.

**Old Business:** Tree planting and trash pick-up - Tree planting and trash pick up were a huge hit! We had lots of attendees and lots of help! We believe everyone had a spectacular time and loved the community attendance and interaction. Hoping for more of this!

**New Business:**

Garden signs: Homemade - Galen reaching out to Angela for status and how they are coming.

Littleton Dance Center: There is a proposal to put a dance center where the gas station use to be north of Summer Blooms on Canyon Ave east of Pierce. Watch for more info.

**Facebook and Website:** Kelsey and Gii are working on them.

**Events:**

Garden on May 16, June 20

Garage sale: June 12 & 13

Dumpster Day: June 27, 8-11

**Newsletter Walkers:** We have filled every route (again!) YAY

**End:** 6:30pm

## National Children's Day

June 14th rewinds time for a moment to celebrate National Children's Day. This day honors the children in our lives by slowing down our fast-paced lives, turning off the tech, and refocusing on the important things. Taking one day may not be enough, but using it as an opportunity to redirect our family life is an important way to stay connected with our children.

Children look up to adults in their life for guidance. While their personalities are unique, children develop their character as they spend time with people. In fact, early interaction is good for development and essential for their growth. Language skills, communication skills, and emotional skills are formed at an early age. National Children's Day is the perfect time to give the little humans in your life a bit extra time.



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## Ways To Keep Your Kids Entertained This Summer

Summer's in full swing, the kids are on vacation and looking for things to do. Before you give in to the unrealistic notion that your children need to be entertained on a regular basis when they're not in school, remember that it's summer – a time for even the most active kids to take a break from organized activities and find ways to entertain themselves.

This list of practical (and fun) ideas for things kid can do on their own, or with a parent or caregiver, should help you survive until the school bus rolls into the neighborhood again.

**1. Pick your own...whatever.** Find a farm with blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, flowers, etc., and get picking.

**2. Camp out.** First-timers, try backyard camping.

**3. Camp in.** Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.

**4. Rearrange the furniture.** Give the kids graph paper and have them draw out a plan first.

**5. Invite friends over for a game day.** Have a kids' games table and an adult one too. Candyland, chess, Monopoly, Clue – let the kids pick their favorites.

**6. Make your own pizza.**

**7. Talk to the animals.** Go to a zoo. If there isn't one nearby, take a virtual zoo tour online.

**8. Get wet.** Break out the kiddie pools, hoses, and sprinklers. Or if the budget permits, spend the day at a waterpark.

**9. Have a puzzle race.** Stock up on 100-piece puzzles and see who finishes first. For older kids, skip the race and challenge them to complete a mega-piece puzzle. Set up a spot where everyone can join in working on the puzzle.

**10. Play (or learn) card games.** Amazing how much fun you can have with a single pack of playing cards. Little ones can learn crazy eights or Old Maid. Teach the older kids rummy or poker, or discover new games to master.

**11. Make good use of nearby parks.** Go to your local park's website, print the schedule of activities and tape it to the refrigerator.

**12. Pack a picnic.** And plop down to eat it just about anywhere, at a free concert, in a state park or in your own backyard. Rainy day? Have an Indoors Picnic! Spread a blanket on the living room floor where there are no bugs or rain to contend with and the children will love it!

**13. Join (or create) a summer reading club.** Most local libraries have a summer reading program that awards prizes for the most books read. If your library doesn't, create your own. Pick a day of the week to be library day. You take back the read books and pick up new ones. Create categories and award prizes to whoever read the most books in those categories. If you have three children, have three categories. Make sure every child gets a prize.

**14. Experiment with new hairdos.** Let the kids try out not-permanent colors or braids. Or maybe a spiked look.

**15. Set a goal and complete a home project.** Spare room need cleaning out? Fences need painting? Kitchen cabinets in need of organizing? Find ways to let the kids help.

**16. Let the kids cook dinner.** In fact, make a tradition of it.

**17. Host a sleepover.** And the maybe your kids will be invited next – giving you a free evening.

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# Cliff Dwellings And Ruins

Colorado is home to several sites which include cliff dwellings and ruins. Take a car trip this summer to view some of these historic places.

Starting in the Southwest corner of Colorado, the **Canyons of the Ancients National Monument** in Dolores is an enormous site that includes a museum, a nature trail, and over 164,000 acres chock-full of ancient Puebloan archaeological sites. Here, you can view ancient villages (one of which you can enter), towers, Sand Canyon, and one of the largest kivas in Colorado.

**Canyon Pintado National Historic District** resides in western Colorado. In this district, you'll find rock art and homestead ruins from as early as 1200 AD, much of which is viewable from your car, perfect for those who would rather forego a hike.

**Chimney Rock National Monument and Park** in Pagosa Springs is a great place to spot ancient Puebloan ruins that date back thousands of years, including kivas, a pit house, and multi-family dwellings.

**Hovenweep National Monument** is located near Cortez in the southwest corner of the state, and it extends into Utah, where you can find the visitor center. Hovenweep is an ideal spot for camping and ruins-viewing, as you can even see the ruins of Hovenweep Castle and towers built by the Ancestral Puebloan people.

**Mesa Verde National Park** is the perfect place to view ancient cliff dwellings, as there are over 600 well-preserved dwellings plus 4,000 ruins in this notable archaeological site. Be sure to stop by Canyons of the Ancients if you have the time since it's not far away.

**Ute Mountain Tribal Park** offers guided tours of cliff dwellings and villages from the Ancestral Pueblo people. You can choose between an easier hike or a more active one, but both are packed with information.

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# Littleton Museum Summer Concert Series

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### 2026 Concert Lineup: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

- June 3: Michael Friedman Band: Musical blend of R&B, funk, jazz & originals tunes
- June 10: The Ninety Percent 90s: 3-piece acoustic cover band covering the best and worst hits from the 90s.
- June 17: MicroGrass Band: Tasty blend of Americana and bluegrass music, distilled to their high-energy, foot-stomping best.

- June 24: Delta Sonics: Chicago Blues base seasoned with Swing, Delta, N’awlins R&B, and some early Rock n’ Roll.
- July 1: No Concert (We skip the week of Independence Day)
- July 8: Slopeside: Alternative Rock, Pop, with a mix of Blues and Country flavor.
- July 15: The ThreadBarons: Combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- July 22: Dakota Blonde: Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/songwriter, and sometimes even Celtic.

### Other Information:

- Bring your own picnic and enjoy the lawn!
- Delivery allowed — use 6028 S Gallup St as the address.
- Alcohol is not permitted on city property.
- No large pop-up tents, please.
- If using an umbrella, sit toward the back.
- Well-controlled pets on short leashes are welcome.
- Kids’ Dance Zone located to the left of the stage (as you face it).
- Concerts continue in light rain.
- Severe weather warnings, hail forecasts, lightning, or heavy storms may delay or cancel the show.
- Parking is available in the Littleton Museum lot, at the Bemis Library across the street, and along nearby residential streets.
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## Make Your Own Sidewalk Chalk

Sidewalk chalk is pretty darn easy to make, and by doing it at home, you can save money, create your own designs and colors, and have fun with the whole family.

**Step 1: Materials.** You can get everything you need for this project from a craft or art supply store and around the house.

You'll need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Water
- Powdered Tempera Paint
- Mixing Bowl
- Molds

You can use some fun molds that came with a plaster of Paris kit, and some of the neat ice tube trays from IKEA. They even make tube-shaped ones if you want traditional chalk shapes.

To make your own stick molds, try using toilet paper rolls. To make them thinner, just cut a seam, overlap the edges, and tape together.



**Step 4: Clean-up!** Clean up is very important - and you don't want to rinse this stuff down your sink. See how it's setting up in those molds? It's going to do the same in your pipes!

Take a container like a small waste bin, and line it with a plastic bag. Pour in some water, and use this as a sink to rinse everything - all materials, your hands, everything! Let the plaster set up in the bottom, and the water will rise to the top. Once it's settled, you can pour off the water from the top, leaving the plaster undisturbed. Dispose of the bag.

**Step 5: Check Out That Chalk!** Drying time will vary, depending on size of the molds you use. It's pretty easy to tell by look and feel when the chalk will be ready to de-mold. Even if you pop it out and it's not set yet, you can let it air dry a bit more without worrying about it losing its shape.

—<https://www.instructables.com/Make-Your-Own-Sidewalk-Chalk/>

*Let it be June, bring the summer beach back,  
and let our life be simple again.*

— *Unknown*

**Step 2: Mix It Up.** For every cup of plaster of Paris, use 3/4 cup of water. Add in as much powdered tempera as you like, and stir, stir, stir!

**Step 3: Molds.** Pour the mixture into your molds. For fun, mix up a few different colors, and swirl them together!



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June Real Estate Update | Columbine Hills

The summer market is heating up!

Buyers are still actively looking for homes in this established Littleton community thanks to the mature trees, larger lots, convenient location, and close proximity to Chatfield Reservoir, hiking trails, and the foothills.

While buyers are becoming a little more selective compared to the frenzy of past years, well-prepared homes that are priced correctly are still seeing strong activity and solid offers. Updated homes with open floor plans, outdoor living spaces, and move-in-ready condition continue to stand out the most.

Inventory has improved slightly, giving buyers a few more options, but demand for homes in Columbine Hills remains strong because of the neighborhood's lifestyle appeal and central location in South Metro Denver.



Current Trends We're Seeing:

- More balanced market conditions
- Serious buyers are still out shopping
- Homes priced strategically are moving faster
- Buyers are paying close attention to condition and updates
- Outdoor spaces and updated kitchens/baths continue to command premium value

Thinking about buying or selling in Columbine Hills this summer? Let's talk about what your home may be worth in today's market and how to position it to stand out.



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### Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$572,500	\$699,999	2
2-story	\$647,000	\$647,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$668,900	\$668,900	1
Bi-level	\$555,000	\$555,000	1

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$720,000	\$720,000	1
2-story	\$650,000	\$725,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$711,000	\$711,000	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

### Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Sep. 1, 2025–May 15, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$465,000	\$745,950	12
2-story	\$632,300	\$657,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$550,000	\$760,000	9
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