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CHCA Events Calendar: Spring 2024

Saturday, March 9: Chili cook-off 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Pavilion

Thursday, March 28: Board meeting 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at St Philip's LC

Thursday, April 25: Board meeting 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at St Philip's LC

Saturday, May 11: Trash pick-up 9:30-12 at Pavilion; lunch provided (last year Robert's Deli fed us!)

Thursday, May 30: Board meeting 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at St Philip's LC

Saturday, June 1: Dumpster Day (tentative) 8 a.m. - 1130 at Columbine Elementary

Fri/Sat, June 7 & 8 or 14 & 15: Community Garage Sale



Next Board Meeting

Please join us! We want your input.St Philip Lutheran Church

Thur., March 28th: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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2024 Annual Membership Contributions Are Due

We continue to hold our annual membership drive for CHCA residents. We ask you to pay a minimum of \$25 each year to support the events, the garden, our fixed expenses, and all the other expenses we incur to make sure that Dumpster Days, the Fall Festival, Santa, the Chili Cookoff, and other activities, can be adequately funded. This year, every household that submits their \$25 (or more) dues before April 1 will be entered into a raffle. The winner, chosen at random, will receive a \$100 GC for the business/grocery of their choice. Please continue to support our wonderful neighborhood. And remember; your \$25 gives you a free first pass to Dumpster Day. Send your checks to: CHCA PO Box 621452 Littleton, CO 80162-1452, or use Paypal.

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

Your 2024 donation will help support:

- Mailing of the monthly newsletter
- Beautification & improvement projects in our development
- Neighborhood events and activities such as:
 - Neighborhood Garage Sales
 - Dumpster Day
 - Holiday Hayride
- Park Maintenance xeric garden care

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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. 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 a.m. 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.

It's A Chili Day For CHCA!

Come to the pavilion on March 9 from 1:00 to 3:30 and let's celebrate all things chili! Bring your crockpot with red, green, white, all meat, all bean, chicken...chili. We will vote for the top three offerings; each will receive a \$20 King Soopers gift card. We will have all the fixins and bowls, spoons, etc. There will be electricity to keep your chili warm and we will provide firepits to keep us toasty. Join us on Sunday, the 9th. It's time for a chili cookoff!

New Neighbors: Welcome To The Neighborhood!

We (CHCA board members Jenn & Kelly) give new homeowners a welcome bag with goodies like coupons from local businesses, a history of the neighborhood, and more. If you have moved into the neighborhood in the last six months and have not received a bag please email us at columbinehills80128@gmail.com or Like us on Facebook and send us a dm there. We are glad you are here; we can't wait to meet you.

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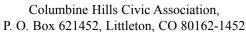
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News Articles

We welcome "Letters to the Editor". 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.

Correspondence to be sent to:





Vacant House?

Neighbors, if you live near a vacant or abandoned house, please send CHCA the address. We are going to contact the owners, remind them that this is a great time to sell their home, and encourage them to do so.

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Notes From The President

Hey, March is special, too! There are so many ways to celebrate the month of March. Let's look at a few:

Named for Mars, the Roman god of war, March (Martius) was actually the first month in the early Roman calendar. March 19 brings about the vernal, or spring equinox, in the Northern Hemisphere. On this day the sun stands directly over the equator. The first day of spring is a joy to most all of us, signaling longer walks, more daylight, flowers and buds, migrating birds, and gardening. Punxsutawney Phil told us that spring would be early this year; I guess we'll see.

March 10 is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Set your clocks forward (again) and be prepared to lose sleep and be groggy, unfocused, and disorganized for a few days (again). National pi day is March 14. Although a riff on 3.14159..., we traditionally celebrate by making and eating pie. Any time a geometry holiday leads to baked goods, I'm all in.

The Ides of March: Beware. The Ides of any month is the 15th. It just happened to be the March date in 44 BC on which Julius Caesar was killed (his fault; he had been warned by a soothsayer days before) by a large group of senators. It is considered to be an unlucky day to start new endeavors, make big decisions, or visit the Capitol Building. This year it is a Friday; stay home.

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. Now you can get out and play. Since post-

glacial Ireland never had snakes, it is seriously doubtful that Patrick chased them out. Nonetheless, he is considered the primary patron saint of Ireland, and people all over the world pay homage to the day of his death by turning bodies of water green, drinking excessively, and parading down the streets. In



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Denver, the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 16th. Find a location on Blake Street (renamed Tooley St. on the 16th) between 23rd and 27th Aves, where the parade ends, to enjoy Irish dancing, Irish coffees, music, and more.

March 24 is Palm Sunday; the week before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent. Easter follows on March 31. Easter Sunday always occurs on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon (the first full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox). Hence, Easter may be in March or April. And sadly, Easter is the last chocolate-focused holiday until Halloween.

Finally, March Madness takes front and center stage. From Selection Sunday (3/17) all the way through the brackets, from the Sweet Sixteen, the Elite Eight, the Final Four, and finally the NCAA championship game on Monday, April 8, millions of us take to the couch, the basement, or the pub, to watch some thrilling college basketball. And what does March Madness

have to do with vasectomies, you might ask? During early March the number of elective vasectomies surges by 50%, because patients know they will need at least one day with ice to keep the swelling down. So they figure they will do the procedure on a day after which they can put their feet up and watch basketball for a day or two.

That's the news for March. It's time for me to empty my inbox of the dozens of garden-related businesses seeking my custom.

- Until April, Galen Wiese





Wise Advice From A Farmer's Wife

- Whenever you return a borrowed pie pan, make sure it's got a warm pie in it.
- Make home a happy place for the children. Everybody returns to their happy place.
- Always keep a small light on in the kitchen window at night.
- It's a whole lot easier to get breakfast from a chicken than a pig.
- Always pat the chickens when you take their eggs.
- Biscuits brown better with a little butter brushed on 'em.
- Check your shoelaces before runnin' to help somebody.
- · Homemade's always better'n store bought.
- A tongue's like a knife. The sharper it is the deeper it cuts.
- It's easy to clean an empty house, but hard to live in one.
- All children spill milk. Learn to smile and wipe it up.
- There's no such thing as woman's work on a farm. There's just work.
- Invite lots of folks to supper. You can always add more water to the soup.
- A good neighbor always knows when to visit and when to leave.
- Always light birthday candles from the middle outward.
- Nothin' gets the frustrations out better'n splittn' wood.
- You'll never catch a runnin' chicken but if you throw seed around the back door you'll have a skillet full by supper.
- Visit old people who can't get out. Someday you'll be one.
- The softer you talk, the closer folks'll listen.

— Unknown

From Jeffco Sheriff's Department:

This is a friendly reminder that as of September 2023, it is unlawful to park any major vehicle on any public roadway in unincorporated Jeffco, except for loading, unloading, or other immediate and active use. The good news is that recreational vehicles and trailers are not entirely banned. However, they can only be parked on the road for a maximum of seventy-two (72) hours within a seven-day period. If a vehicle is found violating the county ordinance, we will place an orange notice on it. The owner may receive a ticket and the car will be towed if it is not removed from the public roadway. A recreational vehicle is any vehicle that has temporary living quarters, and the term 'trailer' includes boats on a trailer and any other items, such as cars, trash, and trees. Remember that no vehicles of any type should park in a bike lane at any time. If you notice any illegally parked vehicles, you can report them by calling 303-271-0211.

https://www.jeffco.us/614/Recreational-Vehicles-Parking

Spring Forward!

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m., when people will move their clocks an hour ahead, or "spring forward," creating an extra hour of daylight in the evening and cutting morning light short by an hour.



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Columbine Library Events

FAMILY TIME

Wednesday, March 06, 11:15 a.m. -1 1:45 a.m.

It's reading fun for everyone! Gather the whole family for engaging stories, dancing, singing and rhyming. Keep the fun going with 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! Get your child ready to read by sharing books together.

AARP TAX HELP

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Receive free tax assistance from AARP IRS-certified volunteers, specializing in helping taxpayers aged 60 and older. Free tax counseling is available from Feb. 7 to April 3. To benefit from this service, appointments are required and can be made online, in person through any staff member, or by calling the call center.

LEGO® BUILD AND PLAY

Wednesday, March 06, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Drop in for a play and build session where artists and engineers can let their creativity flow as they craft their own creations. LEGO® bricks are provided and all you need to bring is your imagination.

TODDLER TIME

Thursday, March 07, 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Your little one is constantly on the move. Help their mind stay active, too. Get them ready to read by singing, rhyming, dancing and telling stories together.



COMPUTER BASICS

Thursday, March 07, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Learn the parts of a computer. Use a mouse and keyboard and understand the basics of navigating Microsoft Windows.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Friday, March 08, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to use the Internet. Prerequisites: Basic Computer skills, including using a mouse and keyboard.

TWEEN SCENE - BOARD GAMES

Friday, March 08, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Embark on a creative journey at our monthly Tweens event tailored for ages 8-11. Dive into a wide range of crafts, activities, and projects, providing a regular opportunity for Tweens to explore and express themselves.

TWEEN ROBOTICS

Sunday, March 10, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Explore the amazing world of robotics. Discover basic design and coding skills while engaging in a variety of exciting challenges at our monthly program designed for ages 8-11.

INTERCAMBIO SPANISH CONVERSATION TABLE Monday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Practice your Spanish with other friendly language learners. This is not an instructional course, but rather a great opportunity to chat and improve your skills through facilitated conversation. All ability levels are welcome.



March Garden Calendar

PLANT: Indoors, after March 15th, start seeds under grow lights. Perennials like lupine and delphinium and annuals like cardinal vine, hyacinth bean vine, marigolds, zinnia, nasturtium and many more.

As soon as ground can be worked, till in 1" to 2" of composted cotton burrs or aged manure into your vegetable garden.

Mid-March plant peas and sweet peas directly in the garden, soak the seeds overnight. Lettuce can be planted next, then radishes. Fall-bearing raspberries can be planted mid-March. Some varieties are: Heritage, Fall Gold, Fall Red, September, Pathfinder or Trailblazer.

Garden centers will have small bare root trees and shrubs and bare-root roses on sale to tempt and tantalize you. Go ahead and succumb. These can be planted from now through April. If you're planting in March look for a time when we have predictions of three or four mild, pleasant days. Soak the roots overnight in a bucket to give plants a good start.

Late March fertilize evergreens and deciduous trees.

LAWN: Core aerate the lawn or have it done by a qualified lawn service. Aeration can be done anytime during the growing season, but to get your lawn off to a good start do it in March. Before aeration make sure the soil is moist to get 3" plugs. Leave plugs on the lawn. If you had crabgrass problems last year apply a pre-emergent herbicide. However, once you've applied a pre-emergent you won't be able to put down grass seed. The herbicide will block the seed from taking root.

TOOLS: Get your lawn mower ready. Clean and sharpen the blade, drain gas and oil, and replace the sparkplug. If your hand tools weren't cleaned last fall, do it now.

-By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener

Denver Restaurant Week

For two decades, VISIT DENVER's Denver Restaurant Week has been serving up a much-anticipated experience for locals and visitors alike to celebrate the city's thriving culinary scene with restaurants now helmed by Michelin-starred and James Beard Award-winning chefs.

BACK FOR OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

It's the perfect chance to try out new spots where restaurants offer special menus over the 10-day, two-weekend format. You'll find every type of cuisine such as Colorado grass-fed beef and lamb, international fusions, fresh seafood that's flown in daily, and innovative vegetarian options, spiced up with local ingredients like the famous green chile.

Price Points: There are four price points this year (with both to-go and in-person options): \$25, \$35, \$45 and \$55 for multi-course meals. The tiered pricing structure allows restaurants to provide great deals for diners and a robust representation of Denver's increasingly renowned culinary offerings.

VISIT DENVER's program was originally created to show-case the city's dining scene to local residents over a traditionally slow time of year for the restaurant industry. In its inaugural year, the program had 83 participating restaurants. In 2023, more than 200 restaurants signed up.

Tables fill up fast during Denver Restaurant Week. Diners are encouraged to make a reservation, try some earlier or later seatings or even Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday options. It's also important to remember to cancel any reservations you don't plan on using so other diners can use it. The delicious menus these restaurants have prepared are also great deals. Be sure to tip your servers generously.

-https://denverrestaurantweek.com



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History Adventures Day Camp

The Littleton Museum summer programs have been a tradition for over 40 years. History Adventures help our participating Explorers understand the experiences of people from the past who have called Colorado home through hands-on activities and instruction from expert historical interpreters.

These day-long activities are open to 12 children per session and require prior registration to attend. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

All sessions are from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and cost \$50 per day per child. Registration opens to Friends members on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 9 a.m. Registration opens to all on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 9 a.m. A benefit of membership in the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum group is access to the early registration period.

-https://www.museum.littletonco.gov

Spring Equinox

What is the spring equinox, and why is it the first day of spring? The equinox simply means that the length of day and night are (almost!) equal. (In fact, the word "equinox" comes from two Latin words that together mean "equal night": aequus (equal) and nox (night). So, on March 19, we'll have approximately 12 hours of sunlight! After this day, this hemisphere starts tilting toward the sun, which means more daylight each day and warmer, springier weather.

Good Samaritan Day

National Good Samaritan Day on March 13th recognizes the unselfish actions of those who provide help when needed. The day is also known as Good Samaritan Involvement Day and celebrates kindness in all its forms.

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2-story	\$690,000	\$690,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$702,000	\$775,000	2
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$559,000	\$750,000	3
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$600,000	\$725,000	2
Bi-level	\$645,000	\$645,000	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (June 1, 2023–Feb. 15, 2024)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$530,000	\$725,000	8
2-story	\$725,000	\$1,100,000	3
Tri/Multi-level	\$595,000	\$725,000	7
Bi-level	\$625,000	\$781,000	4

The statistical information is based on MLS data Feb. 15, 2024. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.



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