



COLUMBINE HILLS NEWS

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2026 Winter/Spring CHCA Events Calendar:

Board Meetings: First Thursday of every month at St Philip Lutheran Church from 6P-7P. March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4.

April 25: Tree-planting day, trash pick-up day, Little Library installation! The biggest day of the year for all CHCA neighbors; join us in the park as we partner with Foothills Parks & Recreation District to plant trees, pick up trash from Depew to Pierce along the creek and park, and install a Little Library near the Xeric Garden. FPRD will have bags, grabbers, shovels, gloves; CHCA has 20 safety vests. Put this day on your calendar!

June 12 & 13: CHCA Garage Sale

June 27: Dumpster Day, 8A-11A. 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.

National Good Samaritan Day: March 13th

IDEAS FOR GOOD SAMARITAN DAY

- Make an effort to help someone who is struggling or having a problem.
- Share a story about someone who was a Good Samaritan in your life.
- Something as simple as a phone call to as inconvenient as stopping to help change a tire are all acts of a good Samaritan.
- Make a commitment to developing a habit of kindness and awareness of others.
- Volunteer. Do you enjoy sports or have mad math skills? Your ability to mentor youth may change someone's life for the better.

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Notes From The President

“Ready, set, March!” Here comes (traditionally) one of the wildest months in Colorado. We may see deep, deep winter with freezing temps and loads of snow, windy, gusty, stormy, rainy weather complete with damaged structures and washed-out roadways, or clear blue skies, warm breezes, and spring peepers everywhere. I wonder which one we can look forward to this year?

In the early Roman calendar, March, or Martius, was the first month of the calendar year. As it brought the first day of spring with the vernal equinox, it reflected new beginnings. But March became the third month when January and February, added to the Roman calendar around 700 BCE, were moved ahead to become the first and second months of the year around 450 BCE. Longfellow (1807-1882) had some words to say about that:

*I Martius am! Once first, and now third!
To lead the Year was my appointed place;
A mortal dispossessed me by a word,
And set there Janus with the double face.*

There is much to celebrate in March, uncertain weather notwithstanding.

March 8 will be Daylight Savings time (again), when we once again become reacquainted with our vehicle manuals to figure out how to set the time, live with exhaustion for a week or so, try to explain to our pets why they cannot eat at their accustomed time, and ask ourselves (again) why we continue this archaic practice in the absence of a predominantly agrarian lifestyle.

March 15, the Ides of March, is the stuff of legends. Beware! (Just ask Caesar, or Shakespeare; either can tell the tale.)

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. According to legend, saint Patrick used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Forget thee not ta wear the green!

March 20 is the vernal equinox (in the Northern Hemisphere), marking the beginning of spring. So far we have had spring in Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, and Feb; who knows if we will have more spring, winter, or go straight to summer!

In like a Leo, out like an Aries.

You may have heard the weather proverb, “If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb,” meaning that if the month starts off stormy, it will end with mild weather. There is, however, a different interpretation: The constellation Leo, the lion, rises in the east at the beginning of March. Thus, the

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month “comes in like a lion,” while Aries, the ram, sets in the west at the end of the month, and hence, the month “will go out like a lamb.”

Finally, we have the opportunity to witness a total lunar eclipse in the wee hours of Tuesday, March 3. (The next one will not be visible until Jan, 2028) A lunar eclipse occurs when Earth passes directly between the Sun and Moon, casting a gigantic shadow across the lunar surface and turning the Moon a deep reddish-orange. This alignment can only occur during a full moon. From about 1:30 AM, watch the moon begin to eclipse as the Earth casts its shadow. Totality can be seen around 4:00 AM. This is worth getting up for.

— Galen Wiese, CHCA President

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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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- Garage Sales
- Evening w/ Santa, & others
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Why We Need Your Donation

This year, CHCA is targeting 300 membership donations of \$25 or more. There are 1286 residences in Columbine Hills. Let me describe why your contribution matters:

The basal metabolic rate (BMR, as it were) of the Columbine Hills Civic Association is \$1077. This is the sum of our annual state registration, WIX website, COHOPE, liability insurance, and USPS mailbox fees. Mailing costs for the monthly newsletter would be \$5300 if not for our stalwart group of deliverers; without them, CHCA could not function on membership donations. So in the absence of any community activity, we need \$1077 simply to survive.

But CHCA does far more than simply exist. We plan events throughout the year that focus on safety, clean-up, community engagement, and so much more, starting with the Chili Cookoff in winter, Trash Pick-up and the Garage Sale in spring, Dumpster Day and National Night Out in summertime, the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat in autumn, and ending the year with our Evening with Santa in December. Additionally, we have members who work in the Community Xeric Garden, keeping it fresh and robust throughout the season. This year is extra special as we plant ten new trees in the park on April 25. With your help and CHCA's matching funds, we will have a bevy of lovely new trees to watch grow. This, and other projects like the pickleball court, are planned and undertaken in conjunction with Foothills Parks and Rec District. We also donate a \$10 gift card every month to young artists who submit the winning painting or drawing.

And there is more! We are planning to install a Little Library in the park, and we hope to save enough money to be able to install one or more park benches in the years to come. CHCA is a dynamic community; we need the resources to make things happen.

So what do you say? Can you become, or remain, one of the neighbors who contribute \$25 this year to support the activities that make this

community so special? Or if possible, a little more than that? We are trying our utmost to be responsible stewards of your donation; remember, officers and board members are volunteers and do not earn a single dime. We are passionate about our community; aren't you, too?

— GGW, CHCA President

Need Newsletter Walkers

Have we got a deal for you! Are you looking for new ways to keep fit? Are you calculating ways to increase your steps? Are you trying to get outside and capture that morning sunlight?

We'll look no further, neighbor: sign up to deliver a newsletter route once a month and all that fitness is yours, free! You will receive all the benefits of walking and being outdoors, with the added benefits of getting your own CHCA badge and meeting more of your neighbors!

We have two available routes:

- NE quadrant, 55 homes. Two can deliver it in 30 minutes, it will take 55-60 minutes for a single walker.
- SW quadrant, 42 homes. About 40 minutes for a single walker.

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CHCA Board Meeting: February 5, 2026

Start: 1800

Officers: David, Galen, Kelsey, Gii, Steve

Members-at-large: Janet, Kelly

Community Members: Mark & Andrea W, Randy E, Karen O

What can we do for you?

Interested in garden, helping, curious about process of board.

Treasurer's Report: David

Paying members: 27 members

Expenditures: nothing this month

Approve: Kelsey. Second: Gii

Pie chart for 2025: Working on one for Mar or April newsletter

Review Board minutes: (Jan 11)

Approve: Kelsey. Second: David

OLD BUSINESS:

Chili cookoff: Only three chilis brought, 15-20 people came. It was on the same day as a church event. Perhaps have it one more year (at pavilion?) and see if we keep it as an event. Big shoutout to Randy and Sarah Miller for hosting again.

Signs/ideas to make more visible: We discussed ways to make the top half of the signs easier to read. Angela was going to try painting; maybe an indigo background with light wordage?

Treasurer oversight: David will reach out to accountant at SwS Food Pantry to see if he will help us with a 2025 oversight of the treasury activity.

Slowing speeders: (Galen) Spoke with Jeffco; they have generated a ticket to evaluate speeders down and up Kendall to assess (again) whether the stop signs at Canyon and Elmhurst Ave warrant solar lights, or a 'stop sign ahead,' or SOMETHING. It will take 3-6 months to complete evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Group photo: when can we all be here? Deferred

T-shirts: Steve's friend can make for \$16-18. Probably a columbine on front and CHCA Volunteer on back. Need to look at colors.

Little library: We plan to install this on April 25, the day we plant the trees.

Bylaws and SOPs: Anyone working on them? Gii is working on hers; by having Google docs we can enter our own and generate consistency in our language and formatting. Final goal is both a digital and actual folder with all bylaws, descriptions of roles, and SOPs.

Elections: Let's establish month of next election, 2-yr board member commitment? At least six meetings and one event yearly? Did not discuss criteria for board members; decided to have elections in Dec so we can start the new year with everyone in place.

Facebook, Website, Instagram: Discussed new approaches and ways to keep information consistent between these and the newsletter

Kids Corner art/content: Will look for ways to add puzzles, crosswords, other content.

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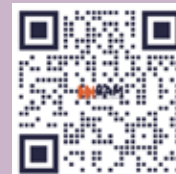


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Garden

Hello everyone, we have exciting news from the garden! The trees are coming! If you didn't know, in 2025, CHCA raised funds for additional trees in the park at the corner of Kendall and Canyon. This was spearheaded by neighbor Heather Johnson, and from neighbor donations and CHCA's match, we have around \$5000 to put towards new trees this year! Please save the date for April 25th. Weather permitting, this will be a day when we get together for Earth Day/ Arbor Day to plant new trees, do a neighborhood trash pick-up, and drum roll please... put in a new Free Little Library in the same park. We hope that this park becomes a true neighborhood community gathering place where you can stop by the park for a quick book, to chat with friends, enjoy the Xeric Garden, or enjoy a picnic under the shade of our wonderful new trees! We will have more information soon about the exact time/ expectations for tree planting, but in the meantime, please email Angela at ColumbineHillsGarden@gmail.com to get on the email list for the Tree Planting/ Trash Pick-up extravaganza!

In other garden news, we are also looking for volunteers for monthly garden work in the Xeric Garden. What's a Xeric Garden? It's a garden that is watered only by Mother Nature, and consists of native or drought-tolerant plants. This garden was started by the neighborhood 15 years ago, and was led by the fabulous duo of Jane Savage and Janet Hopkins. I have spent the last two years learning from them, and am looking for a few experienced gardeners to help me lead the garden volunteering. In addition to experienced gardeners, we need volunteers who just want to

learn and help out. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions at ColumbineHillsGarden@gmail.com. Volunteering will begin in April or May, depending on the weather. Exact dates and times to be announced shortly.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the tree fund. We hope to do more projects like this in the future, but can only do it through membership donations. Please consider signing up to be a member and donating \$25 if you can. It goes directly to these improvements!

— Angela Ireton

CHCA Board Meeting, *continued from page 4*

EVENTS:

Apr 25 Tree planting and trash pick-up: This will be a huge day for the CH community. We will need all available neighbors to come and help. It is most likely that the trees will go in before the irrigation system is added (sorry, no drinking fountain); until there is irrigation water, Foothills will bring water trucks for the newly-planted trees.

Garage Sale: Fri and Sat, June 12 & 13

June 27 Dumpster Day: All scheduled with Bargain Bins; \$200 down payment for five trucks, more can be available. Kim H will be available for metal this year.

Newsletter walkers: we have two new routes: One in NE quadrant; 55 houses. Could break into two routes. One in SW quadrant; 42 homes.

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Our next visit is set for Monday, March 30, with optional carpooling from the 4Gs parking lot at 9:00am. Our work period is from 9:30am to noon at the Project CURE Warehouse on E Geddes Ave in Centennial. We would be pleased to have you join us. See our SignUpGenius site.

- **Meals on Wheels:** Delivering meals Monday through Friday with our volunteer team

COMING UP:

We'll continue our recurring projects – Meals on Wheels, Sheridan Food Bank, Action Center clothing sorting, ushering at the Jeffco Symphony, + more.

If you're looking for hands-on service opportunities or want to meet active community members, join us! Details on upcoming projects and events are shared in our weekly newsletter – email info@columbinekiwanis.org to subscribe. Visit columbinekiwanis.org or come for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting every Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs Restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a volunteer organization of 70 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.

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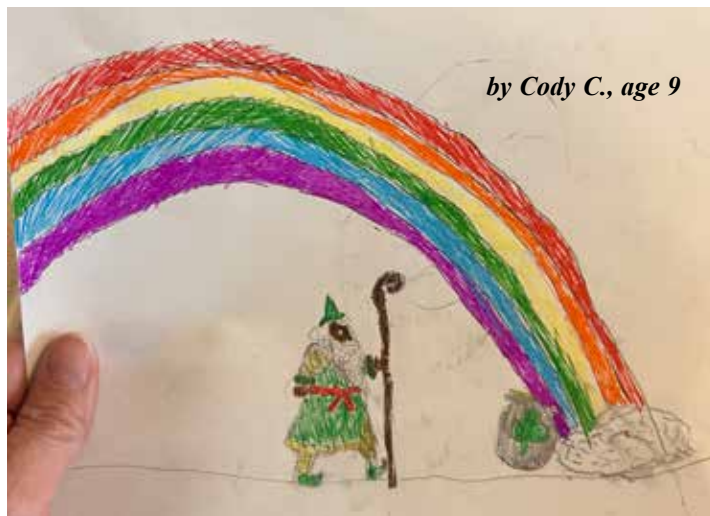
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KID'S CORNER COLORING CONTEST

Hey kiddos!
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Aging

I asked a friend in her 70's what changes she has experienced as she ages.

She sent me the following:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas." The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it may help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
4. I leave my service providers a sizable tip. The extra money might bring a smile to their faces; besides, they are working harder than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they have already told that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give authentic compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who do not value me. They may not know my worth, but I do.
10. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.
11. I have learned that it is better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.
12. I have learned to live each day as if it is the last. After all, it might be the last.
13. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

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Columbine Hills Statistics for February 2026

Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$747,700	\$747,700	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$625,000	\$674,999	2
Bi-level	\$779,000	\$779,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$650,000	\$650,000	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$569,000	\$775,000	3
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (June 1, 2025–Feb. 16, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$491,546	\$800,000	13
2-story	\$632,300	\$657,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$575,000	\$732,000	7
Bi-level	\$575,000	\$685,000	5

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

What Clients are Saying About Duane...

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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