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CHCA Events Calendar: Spring 2024

Saturday, May 11: Trash pick-up 9:30-12 at Pavilion; (lunch provided by Robert's Deli; limit 30)

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

Saturday, 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



Next Board Meeting

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

Thur., May 30th: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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Notes From The President

Family. This word evokes so many feelings: love, joy, anger, loneliness, grief, peace, safety. Family relationships are often precious, valued throughout a lifespan for the love, support, nurturing, and companionship they offer. And as we also know, family can be tough. Children devastate homes and finances with addiction and criminal behaviors, overly demanding parents fail to nurture, parents who do not invest in their children raise kids who do not have their own internal boundaries, siblings spar for love and attention. And so on.

Like many of you, I grew up in a family with a working dad, a homemaking mom, and a sibling. This was a typical family unit in the 20th century, give or take a kid or two. But since the 1970s with the oil crisis and the recession that followed, the nuclear family has eroded. See the difference: in 1970, greater than two-thirds of adults between 25 and 49 lived with a spouse 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

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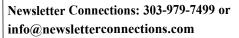
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News Articles

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

and at least one child. By 2021 only 37% did. Today, people are choosing a wide range of alternatives: In a recent survey nearly 50% of young adults stated they would not have children, almost 20% of those citing cost as the reason.

The historic nuclear family, while familiar to many of us, carries inherent socio-economic pitfalls. The risks of social isolation and abuse are greater when the wife stays home and commits to home- and child care. This became very clear during the pandemic: Rates of abuse, depression, and suicides/suicidal behavior rose significantly, as did alcohol and drug abuse. It was also made clear that families need plenty of external support, whether from service people, welfare, or the generosity of other family members and community members.

David and I are married. As such, we have had some distinct advantages that other types of partnerships do not. I was able to benefit from his work's health insurance, and we enjoy a significant tax break every year. And we have no children (yes, we chose that) which offers a distinct financial advantage. And yet...

In April we drove down to Tulsa to spend a few days visiting our niece and nephew and their two sons. And I was amazed at my deep feelings of love and protection as I grew closer with the boys. For the first time I understood the deep connection to children and the desire to be a part of their lives. We are seeking ways to build closer relationships with them.

Looking around Columbine Hills, I see many different family constellations. We have gay couples, married and not, hetero couples, married and not, families with young children and grown children, extended families, singles, and many elderly

Who is the face behind the Columbine Home Team? Jennifer Gerdes 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!! I'm offering all recipients of this letter a 100% FREE Comparative Market Analysis on your home. Please don't hesitate to reach out, 303-906-9922, if you are interested in learning the current market value of your home. Making your healty dreams a reality! Jenniker Gerdes

individuals who are living in their long-time home. I hope that we as a community offer support to all the families and individuals who are our neighbors. I think of Columbine Hills as my family; do you?

— Galen Wiese, CHCA President

Community Garden
Community Garden Plots are available now at St. Philip's Church 7351 S. Kendall. Sunny plots on nicely amended soil with water included are \$45 for the season. Tools, extra seeds and tomato cages available to share. Extra produce can be donated to Sheridan Food Bank. Contact Garden Manager Ana Tolentino at 303-949-6088 or atolenti@aol.com.





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.

Paint Recycling!
GreenSheen Paint and St Philip Lutheran Church are teaming up to offer free paint recycling at St Philip on Saturday, May 11 from 9AM – 1PM. This is your opportunity to get all your paint recycled.

Types of paint accepted: latex paint, oil paint, stains & shellacs, lacquers, sealers, varnishes, urethanes & textured coatings, 5-gallon or smaller containers

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Trash Pick-up Day on May 11

Please join us as we partner with Foothills Parks and Recreation, Robert's Deli, and Dairy Queen to pick up trash from Depew and Elmhurst Ave, through both ball fields and creeks, all the way along the trail to Pierce Street. If we have enough volunteers we may also pick up along Platte Canyon Road from Marshall Street to Depew. We are asking for no more than 30 volunteers (13 and older) to meet at the Pavilion on Elmhurst Ave east of Kendall Ave, at 9:30 AM on Sat, May 11. Please wear close-toed shoes. We will have grabbers and buckets provided by Foothills, and we will sort recyclables as we go. There will be safety vests for all to wear.

After finishing at noon, Robert's Deli will have lunches on hand for all volunteers and we will have DO ice cream vouchers for everyone 18 and under.

You MUST sign up by May 7. We need to have the numbers determined so that Bob can get the sandwiches planned.

E-mail us at Columbinehills80128@gmail.com to sign up. See you there!

CHCA's 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 pants at the Xeric Garden on Kendall and Canyon. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 8A to 9A. The dates this summer are May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 21, and Oct 29.



Board Meeting Minutes March 28, 2024

Start 06:05 p.m.

Present:

Officers: Dave, Galen, Jenn, JodiBoard members: Kelly, Nick

• Community members: none

Treasurer's report presented by David

• 48 renewals in February

Currently 106 paid members for the year

· Approval: Jenn; seconded: Galen

OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership status David / Jenn
- Chili Cookoff moderate turnout; great chili
- COHOPE didn't make it this month. David and Galen will go in April

NEW BUSINESS:

- One new member who paid dues on or before March 31th receives \$100 GC
 - Will select winner on Friday, April 12th
 - Galen to send email to officers on Wednesday the 10th
 - Jenn will determine the best time of the day to do this
- Trash pick-up:
 - Saturday May 11th, 9:30 12:00 only a few volunteers thus far. Bob from Robert's Deli will have sandwiches
- BBQ for the walkers
- On Aug 6th: National Night Out. Celebrate at the park
 - \$20 gift card
 - Put this item on the May agenda

- Dumpster day
 - June 1st paid a \$200 deposit for 5 20-yard rollaways with Bargain Bins
 - Need some young folks to help load
 - Michelle was going to check with Columbine football coach; Jenn will F/U
- Community Garage Sale: June 7-8
- Many new members have paid \$75, with some \$100 or \$200
- Gabby and Jenn will do article/ad for National Night Out, Xeric Garden, Dumpster Day and Garage Sale
- Invite Gabby to create a list of volunteering options to post on Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor

Meeting end at: 6:53 p.m.

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.



Help Protect Loved Ones From Scams

In part from the Jeffco Sheriff's Behind the Badge Newsletter

Our victims of scams are not numbers, however; they're real people. People like Susan, who was victimized and whose name we have changed to tell her story.

Susan, 76, got a call from a man claiming to work for an Internet provider. He told her that while he was checking her Internet speed, he noticed she had a \$500 credit on her account for services she was entitled to but did not use. He instructed her to get on her computer and when she did, a page was already open that she did not recall opening. The caller told Susan she had accidentally hit a button that selected a refund of \$5,000 instead of \$500. The caller then told Susan he would lose his job if he didn't get the extra \$4,500 back.

The caller instructed Susan to withdraw \$4,500 from her bank and purchase nine \$500 gift cards. He stayed on the phone with Susan while she went to the bank and two separate stores to

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purchase the gifts cards. During the call, Susan asked him several times if he was scamming her. He said no. Once she had the gift cards, the caller instructed her to tell him the gift card numbers and security codes. Susan did. After the call ended, Susan tried calling his phone number back but the number was disconnected.

Unfortunately Susan was scammed for \$4,500.00. Could the same happen to your parents? Your grandparents? Even you? Scams come in many forms, but how we should respond to them is the same:

- Do not answer calls from unknown numbers. If it's important, they'll leave a message.
- Do not provide personal information on the phone or in an email or text message to anyone you do not know. Personal info includes date of birth, social security number, credit card numbers, and bank account information.
- Do not withdraw money, send money, purchase gift cards, or make other financial transactions for someone vou do not know.
- If you suspect it's a scam, end all communication hang up the phone or delete the email or text message.
- If you have been scammed or your personal info has been used without your knowledge or permission (for example, a new credit card arrives in your name), report it to local law enforcement immediately (and cancel the card!).

One of the best ways to help protect your older loved ones from being scammed is to talk to them about common scams and how to avoid them. For more information, visit https://www. jeffco.us/985/Scams.

- Reggie Marinelli, Sheriff



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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

Teacher Appreciation Day

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2-story	\$685,000	\$685,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$699,900	\$699,900	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$539,900	\$650,000	2
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$749,900	\$749,900	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (Sept. 1, 2023–Apr. 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 <i>,</i> 000	9
Bi-level	\$625,000	\$781,000	5

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