



Columbine Hills News

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Event Calendar

CHCABOARD MEETINGS: (6:00pm -7:00pm)

Thur., November 30: St Philip Lutheran Church
 There is no Board meeting in December

Thur., February 29: St Philip Lutheran Church

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS:

We do not have the date for the December Evening with Santa yet. Check the December issue and the Website for the date.

CHCABoard Meetings

The September meeting was cancelled due to illness. We will meet on November 30 at 6pm at St Philip Lutheran Church; all are welcome! Please join us to make this a strong Civic Association. We do not meet in December, and in January the Board meets to plan the upcoming year. So the first open Board Meeting of the New Year will be held on Thursday, February 29! Leap Year, Leap Day!

Do You Want To Know Where Your Food Is Grown?

Check the bar code.

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4 0 - 4 4 Germany	

Next Board Meeting

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

Thur., November 30: 6pm to 7pm

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A Tale of Two Pumpkins

Reunited after the war, Larry and Clara Gillie set out to experience married life before starting a family. In 1949, after settling down in Flint, Michigan, they decided to have some fun canning their garden's produce. After all, both had been raised on farms in the northern plains and had watched their parents 'put food by'; how hard could it be?

The couple decided to begin with canning pumpkin and enjoying home-made pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Following a neighbor's recipe, they peeled and chopped the gourd, scooped the seeds out, boiled down the pumpkin, mashed it up, added cinnamon, nutmeg and clove, washed and boiled the jars, lids, and rings, poured the pumpkin and sealed four quart jars, and finally processed the pumpkin to recipe specs. It was a long day.

A week later, while Clara was in the basement doing laundry, she noticed a foul odor. The jars had all shattered and rotting pumpkin was leaking everywhere. All the labor of processing those four jars of pumpkin was wasted. They were upset at first. But as time passed and they had two children and one day told their daughter the pumpkin story, it became a not just familiar, but hilarious tale. It was a story that had woven into the fabric of their marriage.

In 1971 their daughter Galen, living on a commune in southern Indiana and participating in the community garden, remembered that story and decided to do it the right way. She had canned many fruits and vegetables and chose a day when everyone else was out of the house and she could take over the kitchen. She picked a medium-sized pumpkin from the garden, washed it with well water, then followed the arduous process of preparing the pumpkin and jars for the water bath. The filled jars were boiled for a full hour to make sure that any bacteria that had worked its way in was sterilized. This was indeed a long day; in addition to all that work she needed to gather, chop, and add wood to the kitchen stove to keep the heat high. She wrote her mom a letter the following day to share what she had done and how she was looking forward to bringing a jar up to Flint to make a pie for Thanksgiving.

The following week, one of her housemates noticed a strange odor coming from the crawl space where canned food was stored. You guessed it: all three jars of pumpkin had cracked; rotting pumpkin and broken glass was everywhere. It took practically as long to clean up the mess as it had to prepare them. A second letter was warranted; Mom, you were right.

These days, daughter Galen (that's me) has a large Colorado garden. This

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Columbine Hills Civic Association: 2023 Suggested Annual Donation: \$25

Your 2023 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

Please return this form with your Annual donation to the Columbine Hills Civic Association at P.O. Box 621452, Littleton, CO 80162-1452. **Names and phone numbers in our database are held in strictest confidence and are never sold or given out.**

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☐ Donation for improvement and beautification projects \$ _____

☐ Are you interested in being a Col. Hills board member? _____

☐ Would you serve on a committee for a special event? _____

Thank you for supporting Columbine Hills Civic Association and the effort to keep Columbine Hills a great place to live!

Tale of Two Pumpkins,

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year alone, David and I have canned nearly 70 jars of dilly beans, apple and pear butter. Zucchini and other squash are chopped or cubed and frozen in vacuum-sealed containers, as are tomatoes. Squash pie will come from the freezer this year, and pumpkin? From the grocery store.

May your Thanksgiving offerings be safe, as difficult or simple as you wish them to be, and shared with your loved ones on Thanksgiving.

— Galen Wiese, CHCA President

The National Center for Home Food Preservation actively advocates home canning, *except* for pumpkin and other low-acid produce; the risk of botulism is very high. Even pressure-cooking the fruit cannot guarantee its safety. It is advised to cut up and freeze pumpkin instead.

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.

Columbine Hills Civic Association Board of Directors

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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.

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Colorado State Website:	www.state.co.us/index.html
Jefferson County Website:	www.co.jefferson.co.us/

The Difference Between Veterans Day and Memorial Day

Both holidays were established to recognize and honor the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday in May, was originally set aside as a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military – living and dead – whether in wartime or peace. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty.

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000 the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a two minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

On October 7, 2016, President Obama signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. The law requires that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe a two minute national moment of silence on Veterans Day at 3:11 p.m. Atlantic standard time, 2:11 p.m. Eastern standard time, 1:11 p.m. Central standard time, 12:11 p.m. Mountain standard time, 11:11 a.m. Pacific standard time, 10:11 a.m. Alaska standard time, and 9:11 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian standard time.

–<https://department.va.gov/>

Test Smoke And CO Alarms

With cold weather arriving and furnaces and fireplaces cranking up, this is a good time to test your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to make sure they're functioning properly.

Press and hold the "test" button on the smoke or CO detector to make sure the alarm goes off. Replace the batteries if the alarm doesn't work, or if the batteries are more than a year old, then test again.

Be sure to write the date the battery was replaced on the battery or on a piece of tape stuck to the back of the alarm. It's also a good idea to blow out smoke and CO alarms with canned air periodically to remove dust. Also, be sure to replace any alarms that are over than 10 years.



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Fall Interior Home Upkeep

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Schedule furnace preventative maintenance. Don't wait for a furnace breakdown. Have your HVAC pro perform an inspection and preventative maintenance to repair any issues before they become problems.

Safety check. Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors now, before the main season for heating and fireplaces begins.

Start the humidifier. If your home is subject to dry winter air, now is the time to alleviate that. Install or start up your home's humidifier so you can breathe easier this winter.

Clean and inspect the gas heater. Gas space heaters are subject to dust and lint buildup. Vacuum debris from the burner and make sure the exhaust system is clear.

Sump pump checkup. Before the rainy/snowy season sets in, make sure your sump pump system is in good working order. Test it according to the manufacturer's directions.

Prepare the fireplace or wood stove. Clean out the firebox and check the exterior and door for gaps and air leaks. Test the damper to see that it is in good working order.

Clean the chimney. Make sure no bird or animal nests are blocking the chimney. Scrub out any buildup inside the flue to prevent a chimney fire. If the buildup is heavy, or if the chimney has not been used in a long time, hire a professional chimney sweep to clean and inspect the chimney.

Load up with firewood. If your woodshed is not full, now is the time to fill it with well-seasoned firewood. Rather than buying bundles from the grocery store, save money and support a local business by buying it locally by the truckload.

Denver Christmas Show

November 3-5: Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 450 exhibitors.

- Holiday & home décor
- Arts, crafts
- One-of-a-kind gifts & Jewelry
- Specialty foods & Cooking demonstrations
- Santa Claus (each day from noon to 4 p.m.).

Admission: \$16 (online) \$17 (at the door). Kids 13 and under FREE. The show is located in Exhibit Hall A. Free parking & shuttle at Elitch Gardens (Lot A) over the weekend. Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th St., Denver.

—<https://www.denverchristmasshow.com/>

The Gift Spectacular

November 18 & 19, Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artisanal crafts, including intricate jewelry, beautifully knitted scarves, whimsical ceramics, stunning artwork, one-of-a-kind finds and more. Gourmet food vendors, live music holiday drinks and cocktails, as well as food trucks. Denver Sports Castle, 1000 N. Broadway, Denver.

— <https://www.coloradoevents.org/giftspectacular>

Denver Zoo Lights

Dec. 2, 2023-Jan. 7, 2024. Zoo Lights Has Been Transforming Denver Zoo Into Colorado's Wildest Winter Wonderland For Decades. More Than 2 Million Lights Sparkle Across 80 Acres Amid The 3,000 Residents Who Call The Zoo Home.

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Fun and Meaningful Thanksgiving Traditions to Add to Your Holiday

Play a Board Game - Select something suitable for whole family and retire to the living room to see who will secure victory.

Hang by the Bonfire - Cap the evening off with a roaring fire in the backyard. It's the perfect place to unwind post-meal.

Start a Tournament - A little friendly competition never hurt anyone! If your family isn't into football, might we suggest a different activity, such as ping pong, to get the blood pumping? Winner gets first access to dessert!

Run a Turkey Trot - Nothing will gear you up for a big midday meal quite like a brisk 5K! Encourage the whole family sign up for this healthy morning activity, which will still leave plenty of time for feasting afterwards.

Play Some Football - Whether you're watching, attending, or playing, football is a big part of many families' Turkey Day itinerary.

Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade - Join Tom Turkey and all of your other favorite balloon friends for one of the most American Thanksgiving traditions—the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade! Watch performances from pop stars, marching bands, and more.

Bless the Food - Express gratitude for family, friends, and food with a meaningful Thanksgiving prayer or Thanksgiving poem. Make it a tradition to go around the table and have everyone say what they are most thankful for in 2023.

Flip Through Old Family Photos - Use old family photos as a nostalgic touch on the table and to inspire "remember when" banter. After the meal wraps up, watch old family movies or flip through photo albums for a few good laughs (and possibly tears, too).

Host a Friendsgiving - Whether on Thanksgiving Day or another time during November, celebrate your nearest and dearest friends by hosting a Friendsgiving feast. Because after all: "There are friends, there's family, and then there are friends who become family."

Set Up a Craft for the Kids - Keep the children occupied while the food is being prepared by stocking a table with Thanksgiving coloring sheets and more and the makings for a turkey-themed craft or two.

Craft DIY Placecards - Celebrate the warm spices of the season with a DIY cinnamon stick placecard holder. Simply wrap the ends of a cinnamon stick with red twine and insert a place card in its natural opening. You can use them year after year.

Go for a Post-Thanksgiving Walk - When your Thanksgiving feasting comes to an end, head outdoors to stretch your legs (and walk off all that turkey!).

Split the Wishbone - Weird as it may seem, wishbone splitting is an age-old Thanksgiving tradition.

Take a Trip to the Tree Farm - Get outside after that epic Thanksgiving dinner and kick off the Christmas season with a trip to a nearby Christmas tree farm. Major bonus points if you chop your tree down yourself!

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Denver Veterans Day Run, Parade & Festival

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Parade Starts at City Park after the Run. The Denver Veterans Day Parade is comprised of local Veterans organizations and supporters. Thousands of spectators line City Park to show respect and honor for our local Veterans. Please join the community in the appreciation of our Veterans and support this important cause.

The Parade is broken down into serials that represent a different conflict in military history: Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc. Each serial representation will feature military memorabilia from that era – i.e. old uniforms, vehicles, and weapons. The Veteran organizations have agreed to march together to showcase their organization's historical roots in these eras. Spectators will also enjoy corporate floats, car clubs, marching units, bands, and more.

We hope you can join the Denver Veterans Day Parade as a participant or spectator and be part of this wonderful celebration to salute our nation's heroes.

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This competition is in honor of Army Capt. Russell B. Rippetoe, who attended Metro State College in Denver and ROTC. A member of the 75th Ranger Regiment, he was killed in action on April 3, 2003 serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Denver/DenverVeteransDay>

An Extravaganza of Lights at Hudson Gardens

Nov. 24–Dec. 31, 2023 Walk through a winter wonderland of thousands of outdoor lights in Littleton. Explore the trails, where bursts of light and color wrap around trees and shimmer on bodies of water.

— <https://www.hudsongardens.org/>

Trail of Lights Chatfield Farms

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Columbine High School Annual Holiday Craft Fair

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Chatfield High School Craft Fair

Littleton, November 4th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. With over 70 holiday crafters plus a bake sale with silent auction, concessions and entertainment. 7227 S. Simms St., Littleton.

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Columbine Hills Statistics for October 2023

Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$950,000	\$950,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$620,000	\$685,000	5
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$625,000	\$659,900	2

Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (Jan. 1, 2023–Oct. 16, 2023)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$486,000	\$795,000	13
2-story	\$725,000	\$725,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$595,000	\$725,000	9
Bi-level	\$555,000	\$775,000	3

The statistical information is based on MLS data Oct. 16, 2023. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.



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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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