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2025 CHCA Annual Events Calendar:

BOARD MEETINGS: *First Thurs. of every month (excluding Jan.), from 6pm-7pm*
St Philip Lutheran Church:

April 3, May 1, Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4.
January’s meeting is for board members only as we plan for the new year.

Pavilion, Kendall and Elmhurst Ave:
June 5, July 10, Aug 7, Sept 4. If raining/storming, will be held at St Philip.

WINTER EVENTS:

Saturday, December 13th: 5:00-6:30

Evening with Santa at the pavilion on the northeast corner of Kendall & Elmhurst Ave.

Drugs

We continue to experience blatant drug use and distribution on S Kendall Blvd. If you live on Kendall between Elmhurst Drive and Monticello and have a Ring camera, please take note of any apparent drug use/selling behavior and contact the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department (303-277-0211). Some action has already been taken but we hope to eradicate this issue. The more who reach out to Jeffco the greater the impact.

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Notes From The President



*“He who binds to himself a joy
Does the winged life destroy
He who kisses the joy as it flies
Lives in eternity’s sunrise”
~ Eternity, by William Blake*

Gratitude; noun
grat.i.tud the state of being **grateful: thankfulness**

This is the month of gratitude. It is a time for us individually or collectively, quietly or boisterously, to express our thankfulness for those

people and things we have in our lives. We honor and celebrate our ancestors for that which they have contributed to us and our families (Dia de los Muertos, Nov 1); we celebrate the harvest with meals shared with family, friends, neighbors; (Rwanda, Netherlands, Philippines, Liberia, Canada, Brazil, and several other countries around the world have unique traditions and dates to welcome and laud the harvest); and in the US, we celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November as we prepare for the cold and windy winter. Many Americans share that Thanksgiving is their favorite holiday; the food (the leftovers!), the camaraderie, the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, great weather, a four-day weekend, and obligatory/acceptable afternoon naps, are but some of the reasons why Turkey Day reigns.

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Fall Festival Photos 2025

The annual Fall Festival was a success! Thanks to everyone who participated!



Notes, *continued from front page*

Since David's father passing in the spring, we have little family left here in Colorado. No doubt we will celebrate with friends and perhaps neighbors who are as precious as family. We plan to enjoy the late days of autumn, walking through the neighborhood and scuffing our feet in the leaves. And to remind ourselves to express our gratitude out loud.

To all my CHCA neighbors, fellow board members, and newsletter walkers, I want to wish you a sweet November and a love-filled Thanksgiving Day. I am grateful for you all.

— 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.

Columbine Hills Civic Association:

2025 Suggested Annual Donation: \$25

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- Xeric garden plantings and care
- National Night Out
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- Fall Festival



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We Need A Newsletter Deliverer!

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Poem
by JoJo Ireton
7 years old

As the seasons change,
the weather starts to cool,
a rainbow of red, pink and
orange starts to bloom
from the sky.
As you look up at the sky,
the fireplace starts,
smoke comes out of
the chimneys.

Letter To The Editor

The Highland Development Company is proposing to develop the 10.5 acres located east of S Platte Canyon Road with 38 duplexes and 40 townhomes. In the letter Arapahoe county required they distribute to near neighbors, they indicate that with two access points for so many homes “this project will have an impact on traffic to S. Platte Canyon Rd., however as this road is classified as a state highway (CO75) traffic capacity should not be an issue.” Given the backup that already regularly happens on S Platte Canyon Rd, this seems wildly optimistic. In the letter they acknowledge the two- and three- story homes “may also impact [the] view[s] to the South Platte Reservoir” for residents. It is the opinion of residents that 35’ structures (what they quote as their maximum) will certainly impact the views of the reservoir for the existing residents (it will be directly across from 7680-7790 S Sheridan Road, 5243 W Canyon Trail and southern residents of S Platte Canyon Drive).

The Columbine Hills Civic Association did not hear about the proposed development because that side of the street is in Arapahoe County. The Arapahoe County Case No. is Q25-046 and phone numbers were provided to reach Highland Development Company at 303-945-9867 and Kathleen Hammer at the Arapahoe County Planning Division at 729-874-6650. This is a planned topic for the November meeting of CHCA. What are your thoughts?

— Alexis Benz

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Please consider joining us on a project or two; these events offer great opportunities to meet like-minded people. To learn more, visit our website at columbinekiwanis.org, or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 AM at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. We also have a bimonthly meeting at the Colorado Credit Union the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 PM. For more information email kensweet@gmail.com.



JoJo Ireton, 7, is the winner of this month's art contest. She will receive a \$10 DQ gift card.



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DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025

WINNER WILL RECEIVE A
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Columbine Kindness

Article II – November 2025
by Anne Haberman

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CHCA Meeting Minutes: October 2, 2025

Meeting called to order by President at 1805.

Officers present: David, Galen, Steve, Gii

Board members present: Michaelle, Janet, Kelly

Community members present Megan, Lia, Liz, Scott, Karen, Alexis

Changes in CHCA by-laws require a majority of board members [5 of 9]

Approval of minutes from Sept meeting as recorded in Oct Newsletter

Moved by David, Seconded by Gii: approved. Treasurer’s report presented by David Wiese

Moved by Galen Seconded by Kelly: approved

Welcome visitors – what can we do for you?

Discussion of speed bump install and S Kendall which is on Jan 26 agenda; dropping speed limit to 25, consider asking Jeffco about a ‘No commercial vehicles’ status for Kendall; noted increased number of critters in the ‘hood as habitat loss continues east of Platte and south of Mineral

Discuss with Jeffco what a neighborhood watch entails and reach out to CHCA neighbors

Continue to see drug-dealing and drug use on S Kendall and in the parks; reach out again to Jeffco

Uncover what Section eight housing standards are for the appearance of the property

Homeless encampment is reoccupied; sheriffs have engaged a couple of times

On east side of Platte, Arapahoe County is evaluating a proposal for building 38 duplexes and 40 townhomes, 2-3 storied. If you are concerned about how that might affect your property,

contact Highland Development Company at 303-945-9867 or Kathleen Hammer, Planning Division, PWD Dept for Arapahoe County, at 729-874-6650. A public meeting has already been held but since it is Arapahoe County, we were not apprised in COHOPE. If you are invested in the outcome, please submit an article for our newsletter.

Proposal for a Farmer’s Market in Columbine Hills. Will place on the Jan 2026 meeting agenda.

Old business:

Columbine Day at the parking lot: most input suggested that it was fun but since many of our visitors were not from CHCA, and it being so close to our annual Fall Festival, we will forego it in the future. Perhaps CHCA can purchase a raffle ticket to support animal welfare. Huge shout-out to Gwen Pina for our raffle gifts! They were lovely and all the recipients loved what they chose. Thank you, Gwen!

CHCA Fall Fest: Another great time. Many community members volunteered and participated. Tara England drew some remarkable chalk art, Alpa Gupta kept very busy painting faces, and neighbors helped with baked goods, grilling, set-up and break-down.

New business:

We will have a board meeting in Dec (4th). In previous years we met on the 3rd Thursday of the month, and the proximity to Christmas and the holidays made it difficult.

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Upcoming events:

Trunk or Treat: We have many neighbors reaching out to participate.

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Columbine Hills Statistics for October 2025

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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$675,000	\$699,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$615,000	\$864,900	4
Bi-level	\$779,000	\$779,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$585,000	\$650,000	2
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Columbine Hills (Mar. 1, 2025–Oct. 15, 2025)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$509,390	\$865,000	12
2-story	\$680,000	\$680,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$600,000	\$750,000	9
Bi-level	\$560,000	\$685,000	7

The statistical information is based on MLS data Oct. 15, 2025. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

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