



Columbine Hills News

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2023 Autumn Event Calendar

CHCA BOARD MEETINGS: (6:00pm - 7:00pm)

Thur., October 26: St Philip Lutheran Church

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

XERIC GARDEN VOLUNTEERING:

Sat., October 21, 8:00am – 9:00am

(Kendall and Canyon)

Putting everything to bed for the winter.



OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS:

VAMONOS PEST PLAYS

LITTLETON FALL FESTIVAL

Sun., October 15 2023, 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Waterstone Church, 5890 S Alkire St, Littleton

This is a FREE family-friendly festival featuring live music, a pumpkin patch with pumpkin games, a petting zoo, corn bag toss, face painting, an artisan market, lunch, and a car show!

FALL FESTIVAL AT ELLSON FARMS

Sat., October 21 from 11:30am to 5:30pm

10450 West Bowles Ave, 80127

Visit the farm and enjoy bagpipers, homemade goodies from the farm, games, prizes, local vendors, live music, petting zoo, and more. All proceeds go to the rescue animals on the farm. Kids five and under come free!

Next Board Meeting

Please join us! We want your input.

*Pavilion at NE corner of
Kendall & Elmhurst Ave*

Thursday, Oct. 26: 6pm to 7pm

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Notes From The President

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." ~ Lauren DeStefano

Autumn is my favorite season too, Lauren. It inspires me to feel grateful for the abundance in my life, and to share the fruits (and veggies) of our harvest. It invites me to watch the sunset in the cooling air, and feel the breezes blow. It entices me to drive to the mountains for the mountain beauty that only aspens offer. The bouquet of fall is crisp and spicy, so far from the soft perfume of springtime. There are rituals and traditions associated with autumn.

Here are just a few:

Seasonal meals: Not only can we harvest and secure our crops by freezing, canning, and the like, but we can also cook with our bounty. Many meals can be based on squash, tomatoes, potatoes, corn, grapes, herbs, and other food grown or picked up at the Farmer's Market. From spaghetti squash with freshly made marinara and basil, to roasted corn and potatoes, to zucchini boats, zucchini bread, pumpkin and other squash pies, we all can embrace this fall fare.

Preparing the table: The simple gifts of autumn offer lovely tablescapes for your meals. Squashes and gourds, corn husks, seasonal tablecloths and crockery all serve to make fall dining a special experience.

Hiking: This is the best time of year for walking and hiking. What can be more satisfying than sliding your feet through fallen leaves?

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Highlights of the Fall Festival

The Fall Festival, held September 9, was a roaring success! We estimate that more than twice the neighbors came than last year; we needed to replenish food and beverages several times. Our new face painter Alpa (ThappaDesigns@gmail.com) was wonderful and a real trouper; she painted dozens of kid's faces and even stayed an extra hour to make sure that each child who wanted a face painting got one. Many of you contributed food and assistance; we thank you. It was an opportunity to meet new neighbors and catch up with old friendships. It was a bright and sunny day; we could not have asked for more.



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

Notes From The President,

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Performing a release ritual: Make a list of all those things you wish to leave in the past. This can be as simple as burning the paper on which you have written or burying your words in a box. As we move into the darkness of the year it is time to release old ways to make room for more intentional living.

Gathering outdoors with family, friends, and neighbors. Autumn evenings around a fire pit are so special when shared with others.

No matter how you celebrate the autumn months, may you have joy and harmony in this returning season. Let's pumpkin spice our lives up a little!

— Galen

National Taco Day

October 4

Get one, two or three on National Taco Day. On October 4th, the day recognizes the savory tortilla stuffed with fillings. It doesn't have to be Tuesday, so get out and enjoy your favorite.

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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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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CHCA Board Meeting August 31, 2023, 6:08-6:59pm

Officers: Galen, Dave, Michelle, Jodi. Members: Nick. Community member: Lia T

July minutes approved.

Galen going to look for a new face painter.

Treasurers Report: One member check for August. 179 members for 2023. The CD at KeyBank is supplementing the account. This will need to be rolled over in March 2024. KeyBank is a very good business partner. Expense for the Yards of the Month \$80. Also costs for the Xeric garden. There will be additional costs for the picnic in September (food and face painter). Approval of Treasurer's report.

Other old business: Shout out for two block walkers who offered suggestions for Yard of the Month.

New business: Jane Savage is planning to retire her role as lead gardener. Galen will do an article about it. The Xeric garden is mostly maintenance.

Fall Festival: Galen: The signs will need to be put up after Labor Day. Trying to figure out how many signs are out. Dave has 4 signs and 12 inserts.

The sign locations: St Phillip Lion house Firestone Elmhurst & Pierce Kendell and Chatfield Ken Caryl & Depew. Used to be one by Hogback BBQ. Will contact Steve and Kelly to see how many signs they have.

We will put up the membership banner at the fall festival. Possibly get one more banner?

Galen would like to get a few people to help with the Fall Festival (post on Nextdoor).

CoHope: CSU has 3 templates for Xeric front yards from Jefferson county. Unincorporated JeffCo has forced

associations to relax Xeric restrictions for front yards and to use the CSU standard.

Parking: Did not want to mandate that HOAs put in EV charging if the homeowner wants one. The ruling seems to be that installing EV chargers cannot be prohibited. Concern is Lithium battery fires.

There was a guest speaker about the parking ordinance passed that addresses all vehicles parked on the street for more than 72 hours. Can be a car, boat or RV. No longer need two affidavits from two neighbors, citizen can simply call Jeffco non-urgent number (303-277-0211) to have the situation evaluated. Vehicle owners need to find a place to store their RVs, boats, and cars off the street and roadways. There are some fines and laws around this.

Discussion of the shooting at the park.

Virtual meeting regarding a cell tower at St Phillips.

Movie night was postponed due to lack of interest. The date conflicted with the 50th anniversary for Columbine High School.

Will discuss Holiday light signs for this year on new business next month.

CHCA Meeting signs?

For the November newsletter, Galen hopes to interview Kim Hinson from Boots on the Ground for November's newsletter.

The community is open and welcome to submit ideas and articles for the newsletter.

Discussion of making National Night Out a CHCA event next Aug; block off a street and invite Police, Fire to talk to the kids, etc.

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- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cloves
- ⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg whisked for egg wash
- One home-made or store-bought pie crust

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Place squash puree, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, spices and salt in a blender and blend until smooth. Set aside.

Pour squash mixture into the (thawed) prepared pie shell. Take your egg wash mixture and brush the edges of the crust.

Bake for 15 minutes and then reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F. Continue baking for about 35 minutes more, or until the center of the pie is firm to the touch. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.

Cellular Tower Proposed On St. Philip Property

There is a proposed cellular tower to be built on St Philip Lutheran Church property. If you have questions or concerns, follow up by going to the link below, go to Planning and Zoning, and type in 7531 S Kendall Blvd. Or you can contact the case manager: Matthew Karney, 303-271-8767, mkarney@co.jefferson.co.us. The case number is: 23-121651CMT, rezoning from R-1 to Planned Development. There was an open online meeting on Sept 12; there may be more.

— Citizen Portal (jeffco.us)

Hi Neighbors,

We still need a newspaper deliverer for the NE quadrant of CHCA. It is only 54 houses, up and down Sheridan Ct and Ames Way, and four houses on Canyon Trail. Right now David and I are covering it, but we would prefer to be free to cover other walkers when they are unable to complete their routes. It is an easy route. Please let us know if you are interested by calling or texting 720-334-2876. The newsletters are usually ready to deliver by the 22-25th of the month; that gives you 5-8 days to have them delivered by the 1st. Thank you for your consideration.

— Galen W

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Alternatively, ride in the ultimate VIP section known as the Presidential/Waldorf Car. Passengers will have a dedicated attendant and their choice of special holiday drinks and snacks (only available during November and December months). Choose from special events during this timeframe such as Santa's Lighted Forest, Haunted Mine Adventure, Pumpkin Fest, and more.

Royal Gorge Route Railroad

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Leadville Colorado & Southern Railroad

Travel to the Continental Divide aboard the 2.5-hour ride on the Leadville Colorado and Southern Railroad. Meander through the San Isabel National Forest that's filled with stunning Colorado scenery. The most popular times to visit are in the summer and fall to view wildflowers and fall leaves.

Durango and Silverton Train and Railroad

The Durango and Silverton train is a coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive that rides 200 feet above the Animas River through the San Juan National Forest. The views from this ride fall nothing short of beautiful, with majestic peaks and a babbling river. It was voted as the #1 train for two years in a row by USA Today. With popular events including The Polar Express train ride, D&SNGRR Brew trains, and Wine and Rails, there is something for all ages to choose from throughout the year.

Cripple Creek and Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad

Without a large time commitment, step aboard the Cripple Creek and Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad for a fun 4-mile, 45-minute ride on a historic steam locomotive. Discover old mines and beautiful scenery, all while listening to fully narrated stories from the conductor about the history of the Cripple Creek area.

Tiny Town and Railroad

Tiny Town and Railroad is a unique park filled with children-sized replica buildings for the entire family to explore. It might not be the typical train ride you are thinking of, but Tiny Town offers a miniature 10 minute train ride that takes passengers around the park. Depending on when you are there, visitors can ride behind one of the two real steam engines or the Rio Grande F7 diesel replica. The park is open seasonally from May through October.

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Local Pumpkin Patches

Anderson Farms, Erie, CO

Known as one of Colorado's longest-running corn mazes and pumpkin patches, Anderson Farms has become a northeast Colorado favorite fall attraction. Located in Erie, Anderson Farms not only boasts the biggest pumpkin patch in Colorado but also has gourd launching displays, pony rides, a playground, and a farm stand. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch where you can choose from over 26 varieties of squash, pumpkins and gourds. And for the thrill-seekers they have Terror in the Corn where you can explore 10 acres of fear.

Cottonwood Farms, Lafayette, CO

Cottonwood Farms not only has a well-stocked pumpkin patch but also features a corn maze, farm animals, straw-bale maze and hayrides. This farm, which offers free admission during weekdays and \$5 on Saturday and Sunday, is a destination for both fall produce and Christmas trees from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Colorado Pumpkin Patch, Monument, CO

The Colorado Pumpkin Patch, a family-friendly farm, provides families with a stellar pumpkin patch, outdoor laser tag, gourd target practice, a petting zoo, mazes, and of course a hayride. This pumpkin patch recommends choosing pumpkins Oct. 1-20, ensuring that you get the best selection. Guests will not find scary activities on this farm, making it perfect for a fall family outing.



Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Littleton, CO

At Denver Botanic Gardens, Chatfield Farms boasts a 10-acre pumpkin patch and an seven-acre corn maze. A mini-maze is even offered for small children to enjoy. Guests can drop their pumpkins off at the pumpkin daycare while they enjoy the rest of Chatfield Farms.

Rock Creek Farm, Broomfield, CO

Rock Creek Farm in Broomfield wows guests with a 100-acre pumpkin patch and six miles of corn mazes. But that isn't all: Rock Creek also has a petting zoo, pumpkin carving, straw bales and more. After a few hours of fall fun at Rock Creek, don't forget to snack on their famous caramel apples and pumpkin desserts.

Mile High Farms, Bennett, CO

Mile High Farms impresses guests with not just its eclectic pumpkin patch, but also the farm's two corn mazes, a petting zoo, inflatable bounce castles, hayride and even face painting. Find pumpkins in wide variety, from baking pumpkins to whimsical Cinderella pumpkins. This Bennett farm is perfect for fall family fun.

Miller Farms, Platteville, CO

A family-run business for generations, Miller Farms offers a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, corn maze and hayrides through 180-acres of fields where you can pick your own vegetables. Guests can also learn about the true nature of farm life with their farm tours. The Annual Fall Festival is a popular time to visit this Platteville farm.

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Saturdays

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JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 30
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National Pumpkin Day

October 26th

National Pumpkin Day recognizes a favored autumn decoration and food on October 26th. Not only do they make great fall decorations, but the pumpkin also completes a variety of tasty recipes. Join a pumpkin competition or visit any of the many fall festivals featuring the beautiful gourds.

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—John Sinor

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Columbine Hills Statistics for September 2023

Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$660,000	\$699,000	3
Bi-level	\$625,000	\$625,000	1

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	None	None	0

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

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$486,000	\$795,000	12
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 Sep. 16, 2023. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.



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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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