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2025 CHCA Annual Events Calendar:

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

Oct 2, Nov 6. No meeting in December and January's meeting is for board members only as we plan for the new year.

AUTUMN & WINTER EVENTS:

Saturday, October 25: 5:00-6:30

Trunk or Treat (parking lot, Kendall and Elmhurst Ave.)

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

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

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Notes From The President

October glows on every cheek,
October shines in every eye,
While up the hill and down the dale,
Her crimson banners fly.

— Elaine Goodale Eastman (1863-1953)

I love the month of October. I love all the harvest food, from apples and pears, to squash of every ilk, to tomatoes, tomatoes, tomatoes. By the end of this month our freezers will be bulging and apple butter will be shining in jars. We may be tired of zucchini bread (though probably not; my mother-in-law Helen gave me the best recipe ever and I will share it with you later in the newsletter), but there are so many other ways to enjoy a good zuke. Some of my best memories of

Helen were in the kitchen, baking umpteen loaves of zucchini bread and quarts and quarts of apple butter and enjoying a glass of wine. Helen was a rare bird: she treated me with the same love and respect that she gave the rest of her family, and was kind, loving, and generous to everyone she met. I am forever grateful for my time with her.

The month of October celebrates, to name but a few, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, World Polio Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day, National Coming Out Day, World Teachers' Day, Yom Kippur, and of course, Halloween. Then there are the more, shall I say, particular days? Oct. 1 is Willy Wonka Day, Oct. 5 is National Get Funky Day, the 9th is International Beer and Pizza Day, Oct 10 is National Plantbased Burger Day, the 30th is National Text your Ex Day!

In the southern hemisphere, October marks mid-spring; here in Colorado it is deep autumn, dry and perfect for the best hiking and leaf-watching. We will be donning our hiking boots and heading out in the hills and mountains to delight in the beauty of autumn scenery. Perhaps we will see you on a trail.

— Galen Wiese, President, CHCA

Trick or Treat Addendum

For our Trunk or Treat evening we are looking for families who would like to bring their vehicle and host one of our Trunk spots for trick-or-treating! You can decorate your car however you want, as long as it is family-friendly; it is for the kids, after all. If you wish to volunteer and set up early and/or plan to bring your car, email Angela at ColumbineHillsGarden@gmail.com. Helpers, please arrive by 4:30.



Helen's High Altitude **Zucchini Bread**

Makes two large loaves or three small ones.

- 3 eggs
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 T vanilla
- 1 T cinnamon
- 2 T cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 c sugar
- 2 c plus 1 T flour
- 2 T water
- 3/4 c oil
- 1 c nuts) optional 3 c grated zucchini

Grease and flour loaf pans.

Beat eggs lightly, add oil and all other ingredients.

Add zucchini and nuts last.

Pour into pans, bake at 340 for one hour or until done.

For low altitude, subtract 1 T flour and 2 T water.

Dark, moist, and delicious!

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I Columbine Hills Civic Association:

2025 Suggested Annual Donation: \$25

Your 2025 donation will help support:

Neighborhood events and activities such as:

- Garage Sales
- Evening w/ Santa, & others
- Dumpster Day
- Xeric garden plantings and care
- National Night Out Beautification & improvement projects
- Fall Festival

Please return this form with your donation to

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Names:
E-mail:
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Phone Number:
() Can you add an additional donation for our tree fund? \$
Total 2025 donation \$
() Are you interested in joining the Board?

) Can you volunteer for an event?

Which one(s)?) Would you like to deliver newsletters, or serve as a back-up?

() Route () Back-up

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

Columbine Hills Civic Association Board of Directors

President: Galen Wiese Vice President: Jenn Gerdes Secretary: Kelsey Scott

Co-Treasurers: Steve DeMarco & David Wiese

Social Media/Website: Jenn Gerdes, Gii Grimes,

Kelsey Scott

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Janet Hopkins, Angela Ireton

Cohope Reps: Jenn Gerdes, David & Galen Wiese

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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

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CHCA Meeting: September 4, 2025

Meeting called to order by President at 6:15.

Officers present: David, Gii, Kelsey, Angela, Steve, Galen

Board members present: Michaelle, Janet, Kelly **Community members present:** Scott, Francine,

Elizabeth, Karen

Changes in CHCA by-laws require a majority of board members [6 of 10]

Approval of minutes from August meeting as recorded in Newsletter. Moved by Angela, Seconded by Kelly. Approved

Treasurer's report presented by David Wiese: Will pay website bill in Sept; anticipate \$500-\$600 for Community Fest and Fall Festival. Moved by Gii Seconded by Kelsey. Approved <u>CHCA</u> by-laws require a written report by Treasurer

Welcome community members – what can we do for you?

- 1. Folks can request a claims credit from Xcel if the outages impact business.
- 2. Consider getting a speed bump on S Kendall, north of the roundabout to slow drivers. Would cost CHCA about \$2500 (neighborhood pays half). Will add to Jan agenda. Meanwhile neighbors, what do you think?
- Still nefarious activity from a trailer in front of a CHCA home. Galen will speak with the homeowner before reaching out to Jeffco.
- 4. Home on Kendall is very poorly kept up. Consider ideas to get the community involved: a community workday, Boy Scouts, schools, St Philip, Brothers Redevelopment?

Old business:

Xcel has identified what the problem was for CH



New business:

Block walker: We need a new block walker: can you help? Route is Jay, Monticello, Elmhurst Dr; 44 houses. SW quadrant.

Recently filled holes at the intersection of Depew and Platte are breaking down. We do not know who filled those holes; if anyone does, please let us know!

Unhoused individuals at C470 and Platte; law enforcement has dispersed the group at least once.

Events:

Columbine Center Community Fest: Sept 20, 10:00-4. Schedule volunteers: David/Galen 930-12; Gii & Angela 12-2; Kelly & Steve 2-4. D&G will pick up canopy and table at 4:00. Pens, Raffle gifts courtesy of Gwen P, (discussed whether only paying members can sign up for raffle; not at this time).

What else to display on table: sign-ups for volunteers for FF, T or T, and Eve w/Santa. Galen will purchase white board, markers, and large post-it notes. Will invite visitors to identify how they perceive CHCA, what could be added, improved, eliminated. Will need Jenn to bring QR codes. Will have a water cooler and cups.

Fall Festival: Sept 27, 1230-4. Scheduled volunteers: D&G 1130-130; return at 4 to help break down. Gii, Glenn and Angela 12:00 to 2; Kelly and Steve 2:00 to 4. Cornhole (Kelly), Chalk art, Alpa Gupta, our face painter, will be there at noon. D&G will purchase all food; invite all to bring tasty desserts. We may have flower bulbs to offer our neighbors; Angela to lead.

Need to extend the dates for Kid's Corner art submissions. Meeting adjourned at: 7:30

Next meeting at St Philip LC, Oct 2, 6:00.



Emma England Is This Month's Kid Corner Artist

Congratulations Emma; you will receive a \$10 Dairy Queen gift card for submitting this painting.



Downtown Littleton Pumpkin Poles

Halloween begins with the creation of Pumpkin Poles by the downtown merchants. They will be on display in early October through Halloween (depending on the condition of the pumpkins). Located throughout downtown on Main, Alamo and Prince Streets, visit early in the month. You don't want to miss these one-of-a-kind creations.



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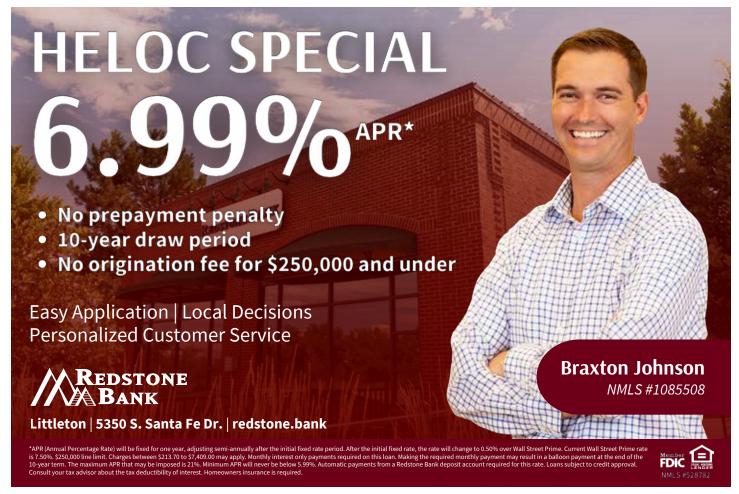


Garden

As the seasons change, it's time for some garden cleanup... or is it? This might be controversial for some, but I am going to encourage you to leave the leaves. As we fully enter fall, and the leaves do just that, it's time to think about leaves as a resource, and not an aesthetic nuisance. Many plants in our yards will struggle through a cold and snowy winter. Snow directly on many plants will cause them to either die or have a hard time come spring. By using leaves that have fallen, we can provide our perennials with nature's blanket. Feel free to rake up the leaves on your grass, then pile them up, around, and over your tender perennials. Once I do that, I like to use a hose and spray the leaves down. This helps them stay in place and not blow around so much. By using leaves to provide some winter insulation, you can hold onto plants that would normally die in the winter, and you can even help little critters or beneficial bugs find a safe and somewhat warm landing spot for the winter. Many native bees will burrow, and a little leaf cover is great for them. As the leaves get more and more moisture from snow on them, they will start to break down, and once spring comes you can thin out the amount of leaves (as too thick a blanket in spring can hinder growth), but keep a layer there- the earth worms will love it and will eat them and mulch them into the ground for you, providing your soil with added nutrition. Another tip for soil- if you have annuals or a veggie garden, don't pull the plants out by the roots this fall. If you must cut them back, simply cut them off at the base, but keep the roots in the ground. Even though it's an annual and would die anyway, the roots will provide food for the worms and other soil life come spring.

- Angela Ireton





Columbine Kindness... Article 1

JAROD AND KELSEY SCOTT FEEL FORTUNATE TO LIVE BETWEEN FOUR EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUALS WHO EMBODY THE VERY SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY, DEAN, TERRI, JOHN, AND FRANNY DESERVE ALL THE PRAISE AND RECOGNITION. IN A WORLD WHERE KNOWING YOUR NEIGHBORS IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY RARE, THESE FOUR FEEL LIKE FAMILY IN TIMES OF TROUBLE-THEY'RE THERE IN MOMENTS OF CELEBRATION-THEY'RE THERE. FULL OF GENEROSITY, PATIENCE, AND JOY, DEAN, TERRI, JOHN, AND FRANNY ARE TRULY THE HEART OF OUR STREET, THEY MAKE TIME TO SAY HELLO TO EVERYONE. LEND A HELPING HAND WHEN IT'S NEEDED, SHARE A LAUGH OR TWO, AND NEVER MISS A WEST CHESTNUT AVENUE BLOCK PARTY. THANK YOU FOR BEING THE KINDEST, WARMEST, AND MOST WELCOMING NEIGHBORS WE COULD EVER ASK FOR YOU DESERVE TO BE CELEBRATED EVERY SINGLE DAY, WE LOVE YOU!

JAROD, KELSEY & ELIAS SCOTT

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The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers (69 members) dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. We are serving our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations throughout the year. All are welcome to help with any of our projects or attend any of our social events. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

Here's what we have on the docket:

- Sheridan Food Bank: Every Thursday, volunteers work with the Sheridan Food Bank staff to distribute food to 100–150 recipients.
- Project C.U.R.E.: Once a month, volunteers help sort medical supplies.
- Meals on Wheels: Volunteers deliver meals to community members every weekday.

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.





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Janet Hopkins

I don't know who cares in this fine group, But here is my story in one swell swoop.

We moved from Kentucky in sixty-nine, And found Columbine Hills suited just fine.

Raised two boys. Ran a Blood Bank twenty years. Found a niche in Theatre with my peers.

With love of snow skiing, tennis, sailing, While self-employed, my interests weren't flailing.

Gardens and classes are now my mainstays, On-line games, crosswords, puzzles fill my days.

An avid reader, I'm inspired to write, Poetry has settled in my first sight.

Since these activities keep me from harm, I find home in the "Hills" still has its charm.



- Janet Hopkins, Board member-at-large

We Need A Newsletter Deliverer!

Neighbors, can you sign up to deliver newspapers once a month? The neighborhood is in the SE quadrant (Jay, Monticello, Elmhurst Drive) and includes 44 houses. By volunteering to deliver the newsletters, you will be part of a team that saves CHCA around \$5300 in yearly mailing fees. This has a substantial impact on our annual budget.

We have folks to cover your route when you cannot. Let us know. Contact Galen Wiese at 720-334-2876.

October is the month of painted leaves. Their rich glow now flashes round the world. As fruits and leaves and the day itself acquire a bright tint just before they fall, so the year near its setting. October is its sunset sky; November the later twilight. -Henry David Thoreau

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2-story	\$675,000	\$739,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$625,000	\$894,900	3
Bi-level	\$585,000	\$779,000	2

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Hills

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$589,900	\$589,900	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

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

Lowest	Highest	How Many?
\$509,390	\$865,000	11
\$680,000	\$680,000	1
\$600,000	\$750,000	9
\$560,000	\$685,000	6
	\$509,390 \$680,000 \$600,000	\$509,390 \$865,000 \$680,000 \$680,000 \$600,000 \$750,000

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