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CKHA Monthly Meetings 2025/2026

December 9, 2025, 7 p.m.

January 13, 2026, 7 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting

Followed by Monthly Board Meeting

February 10, 2026, 7 p.m.

CKHA Contact Information:

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CKHA Website: <https://www.ckha.org>

Facebook: Columbine Knolls HOA



What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.

—John Steinbeck

CKHA Monthly Board Meeting



The Columbine Knolls Homeowners Monthly Board Meeting will be

held **December 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** and will be hosted on Zoom. The link can be found on the CKHA website at www.ckha.org.

Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association 2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

What's the next line in this song? **All I want for Christmas is...** first guess - my two front teeth? Correct!

Try a newer version of this familiar song: All I want for Christmas is... **a CKHA 2026 Membership – that's it!**

Next question: Why do you want a 2026 membership for Christmas or the holidays?

Answer: It comes with a Discount Card for several vendors, community wide events throughout the year that are free to members, covenant enforcement, entrance maintenance, Clean Up Day, your questions answered by Board Members via email, a membership directory and more!

Seriously, CKHA is starting the 2026 Membership Drive to get a jump on the New Year! Think about including a Columbine Knolls Membership for \$50 per year in your gift giving for the holidays. It is a gift that gives all through 2026, benefiting you as a homeowner and our beautiful community!

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Become a CKHA Community Block Walker In 2026!

Do you like to walk in the neighborhood? Combine exercise and community service together and become a CKHA Community Block Walker! You would hand deliver the Newsletter each month to your designated area. It should take less than an hour each month and would be a service to our community.

Why we are asking for Block Walkers? Our Columbine Knolls Voice Newsletter is printed free of cost to us by our publishing company Newsletter Connections. The monthly cost to CKHA is postage to have it delivered to every home by USPS. Postage was much less 5 years ago at around \$150-180 per month to deliver to 1008 homes. Today the postage is closer to \$330 per month and postage most likely will continue to increase. Many areas around us have homeowners deliver the newsletter so there is no extra postage cost to the Homeowners Associations.

Please reply to our survey using the QR Code.

Or - Fill out this form and mail it to:

CKHA, P.O. Box 620095, Littleton, CO 80162



Yes! I would be willing to be a CKHA Community Block Walker in 2026 to deliver the newsletter to some of my neighbors!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

You will be contacted by the CKHA Community Block Walker Chair with details.

Columbine Knolls Recreation District (CKRD)

Director: *Kathy Wallace 303-979-5120 www.ckrd.org*

As the year draws to a close, the Columbine Knolls Recreation District extends its sincere appreciation to all residents for their continued engagement and support. This year represented an important milestone for our community through the completion of the Parks and Recreation capital assessment and Resident Survey. The input received from residents has provided valuable insight into how our parks, facilities, and recreational programs can best serve the Columbine Knolls community in the years ahead. The feedback gathered will guide the District's efforts to enhance recreational opportunities, improve amenities, and ensure that our shared spaces remain safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for all. During this season of reflection and gratitude, we extend warm wishes for a joyful holiday season and a healthy, prosperous new year. We look forward to continuing to serve the Columbine Knolls community and to building upon the progress made together in 2025.

— Sincerely, Columbine Knolls Recreation District Board of Directors and Staff

*Snow falling in the middle of a December night
will always fill my heart with sweet clarity.*

—*Novala Takemoto*

Wreaths Across America Day

Saturday, December 13, 2025

National Wreaths Across America Day is the culmination of a yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This mission is in part carried out each December with the placement of sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of those who have served our country. The observance is designated annually on a Saturday in December by Congress.

By coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and at more than 3,100 other participating locations around the country, Wreaths Across America strives to remember our fallen heroes. The day honors those who serve. And it teaches our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. Remember. Honor. Teach.

How To Observe Wreaths Across America Day

All across the country, volunteers come together to lay wreaths on the grave sites of the military. You can help by volunteering, too. Bring your children, no matter their age. It's an excellent opportunity to teach them about the sacrifices our military and their families make and show respect for our military. You can also donate to make sure every fallen hero is honored. Many volunteers start by laying wreaths for their family members but find they continue to help each year. The meaning of a somber commitment of honoring service members with a wreath grows every year.

—<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

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Homeowner's Association Board Meeting

Second Tuesday of month at 7p.m. Check the website for Zoom link or current location. Open to all residents, please come!



Yearly (Jan. - Dec.) Membership Dues: \$50.00

Send to: **Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association**

P.O. Box 620095 • Littleton CO 80162

Contact us at: www.ckha.org



The *Columbine Knolls Voice* is published monthly by the Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association, a non-profit organization. The newsletter is delivered by direct mail to all residents of Columbine Knolls.

News Articles

"Letters to the Editor" MUST be signed and include your full name, home address, and day or evening phone number. Letters up to 150 words or less on positive topics of general interest are welcome. Letters may be edited for length, grammar, and accuracy. 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 www.ckha.org.

Advertise in this Newsletter!

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association 2026 Membership Drive

Please send your membership dues today!
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Total remitted	\$ _____

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First Name(s): _____

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Publish my name and address in the membership directory? Yes No

Publish my phone number in the membership directory? Yes No

Publish my email in the membership directory? Yes No

***Mail this form and your check to:
CKHA, PO Box 620095, Littleton, CO, 80162***

CKHA 2026 Membership Drive

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- You can obtain your membership in two ways:
- 1) Fill out the form below, include a \$50 check and mail it in.
 - 2) Pay membership dues with Pay Pal or credit card - \$53.

The base amount for dues is \$50 per year and there is a \$3 processing fee for using PayPal. The amount you enter **MUST BE = \$53.00**. Donations to make Columbine Knolls a better place to live are also accepted. Any amount over **\$53.00** will be considered a donation. See the website www.ckha.org, Membership for the Pay Pal sign-up page!

National Poinsettia Day

Each year on the 12th of December, people across the United States celebrate one of the most recognizable plants of the holidays on National Poinsettia Day.

The poinsettia initially came to the United States with Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American botanist and the first U.S. Minister to Mexico. In 1825, he sent cuttings home to Charleston, South Carolina.

However, it wasn't until the early 1920s that the poinsettia started taking root in American culture. Paul Ecke, a second-generation farmer in California, discovered a grafting technique that caused the seedlings to branch. Hawking their Christmas flower at roadside stands, Paul Ecke Jr. later advanced sales of the poinsettia through shipping and marketing.

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Know Your Covenants

To keep the neighborhood informed the CKHA Board thought we would share different covenants of Columbine Knolls monthly that all Homeowners are accountable to follow. Our covenants run with the land, meaning they apply to everyone living in Columbine Knolls and are legally enforceable. All the Columbine Knolls covenants can be found on our website at www.ckha.org under Protective Covenants. Please contact the CKHA Board with any questions or concerns you may have at www.ckha.org.

Columbine Knolls Covenant C-6 PARKING & VEHICLES.

Mobile homes may not be parked or stored on a lot, either temporarily or permanently. Recreational vehicles may not be parked or stored on a lot, either temporarily or permanently, unless such parking or storage is entirely within the garage on a lot. Recreational vehicles are defined as motor homes and any other self-contained motorized recreational vehicles; campers of any type, including but not limited to camper trailers, truck campers, or any vehicles or trailers intended to be slept in; trailers of any type intended for use on public roads, including but not limited to hauling trailers, boat trailers, and flatbed trailers; boat of any type and accessories thereto; aircraft; snowmobiles; personal watercraft; and any off-road vehicles. This definition is intended to be interpreted as broadly as possible.

Recreational Vehicle Parking & Residential Street Parking

Recreational Vehicle Parking

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for enforcing the parking ordinance. The ordinance allows parking of recreational vehicles (RVs) and trailers when they are parked on a public roadway for fewer than 72 hours within a seven-day period.

RVs and trailers are not allowed to park on a public roadway for more than 72 hours within a seven-day period or be used as overnight accommodations on public property where not otherwise permitted. For more information and to submit a complaint, visit the Sheriff Office's Recreational Vehicles Parking website or call the non-emergency phone number for the Sheriff's Office at 303-271-0211.

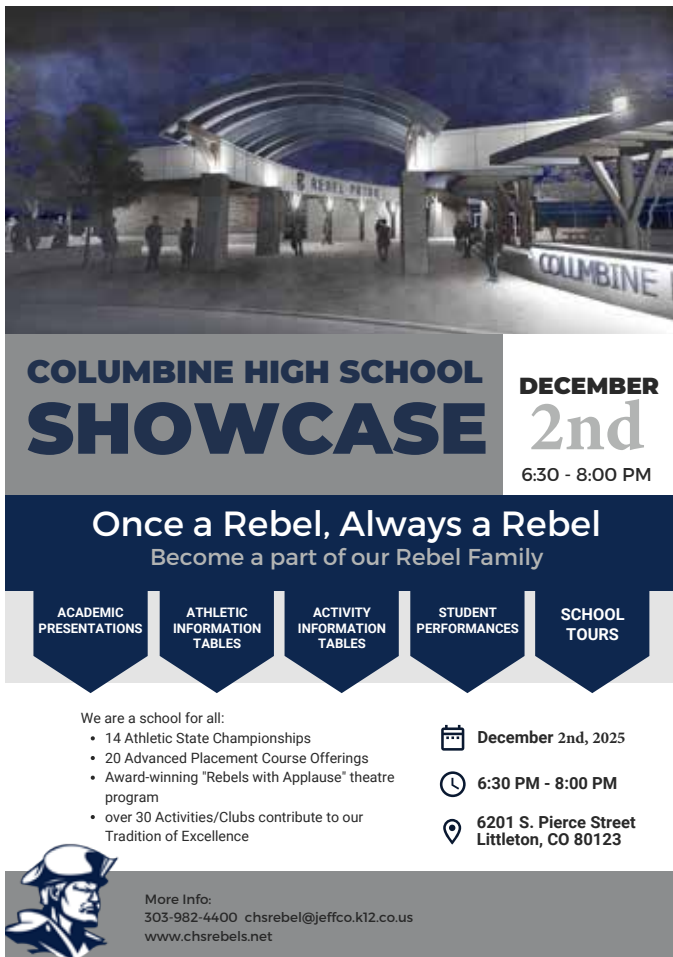
Residential Street Parking

On-street parking is not allowed in areas that are designated "No Parking" or in places where a vehicle would impede the travel lanes. Parked vehicles must avoid blocking driveways, crosswalks, access gates, fire hydrants, or sightlines at intersections.

If you park on a roadway:

- Do not park within five feet of a driveway.
- Do not park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Do not park within 30 feet of a stop sign, yield sign, or traffic signal.
- Do not park within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection. This includes marked or unmarked crosswalks (see Pedestrian Crossings).

If a vehicle is illegally parked on the roadway, please contact the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office through the Extra Patrol website or non-emergency line at 303-271-0211.



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Sandy Bolton's Recipe Corner

EASY NO-STIR FUDGE

Thanks to our neighbor Lynn for this delicious and super-easy fudge recipe and an amazing tip - an aluminum foil sling which can be used to lift cooled fudge/brownies from the pan.

Tip - Aluminum Foil Sling - Cut a piece of foil 1-2» larger than the pan. Turn pan upside down and «fit» the foil to the inverted pan. Remove foil, flip pan, and place the shaped foil in pan with 1 - 2” of foil overhang to be used as tabs to lift the cooled fudge/brownies from the pan. Peel off the foil and cut fudge into pieces. This is an easy way to remove cooled fudge/brownies from pan. Also, it is easier to cut fudge/brownies into pieces and easier to wash the pan.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips or Nestle Dark Chocolate Morsels
- 1 14-oz can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- dash of salt
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 to 1 cup chopped nuts

Instructions:

- Line an 8 or 9” square pan with foil, extending foil over edges of pan.
- In a double boiler or heavy sauce pan, slowly melt chocolate chips with condensed milk and salt over low heat. Stir.
- When mixture is melted, remove from heat and stir in vanilla and nuts.
- Spread evenly in a foil lined pan.
- Chill in refrigerator for 2 hours until firm.
- Remove fudge from pan by lifting the foil tabs. Peel off foil and cut into pieces.

Variations:

- add craisins and/or nuts
 - add 2 cups mini marshmallows
- Bon Appetit!

To share a recipe or tip, please email Sandy Bolton at sbolton777aol.com.

Sweater Fest

A Holiday Market & Party at Aspen Grove

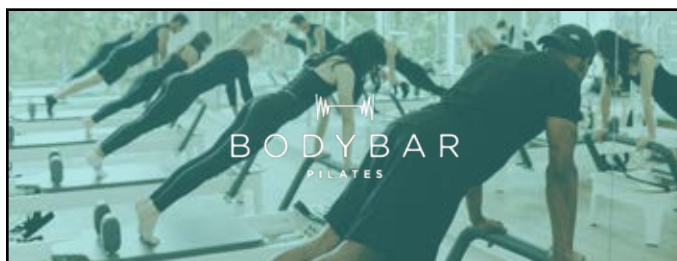
December 5 (3pm-9pm) & December 6 (10am-5pm)

Feel the joy a one-of-a-kind vintage treasure can bring this season! We're getting warm and cozy indoors at Aspen Grove for Sweater Fest, a two-day holiday market and party celebrating all things local, festive, and fabulously knit.

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Scrap Metal Recycling - Steel, cast iron, brass, aluminum, extension cords, car parts (rotors, rims & more), metal bed-frames, file cabinets, disassembled and metal only trampoline frames & springs, BBQ grills, patio furniture (no glass or other non-metal material), satellite dishes. Layne will also recycle larger appliances.

Make arrangements with Lane Williams by texting him 720-883-5829 for an individual pickup.

American Samaritan – 720-841-1257

Website: americansamaritan.org

They provide a comprehensive pick-up and delivery service for furniture and piano donations and sales across the Denver metro area and the front range.

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

We've had a busy and rewarding month! Our members handed out Halloween candy at school and community events and enjoyed presentations from our Key Clubs at local schools. Meeting these dynamic students reminds us that our future is in good hands—thank you, teachers and principals, for all you do.

December will bring our biggest effort of the year: **Salvation Army Bell Ringing, starting December 14.** We'll fill about 100 two-hour shifts at two King Soopers stores and welcome help from Kiwanians, friends, and community members. Kids and musical instruments add extra cheer! Last year we raised \$18,000 for the Salvation Army, and we hope to do even better this year.

We'll also host our Quarterly Blood Drive on December 8.

If you're looking for hands-on service opportunities or want to meet active community members, join us! Details on upcoming projects and events are shared in our weekly newsletter—email info@columbinekiwanis.org to subscribe. Visit columbinekiwanis.org or come for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting every Wednesday at 7 am at 4Gs Restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton.



REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2025

This Fall Market is Full of Opportunity!

Now that we are past the Labor Day Holiday, and the Summer Real Estate Market is behind us, the term Fall has greater meaning this year than at anytime over the last decade! Let me explain further, as many have mentioned that Market Updates are a little boring or maybe redundant with little change from month to month. We agree that sometimes months feel like weeks, and these come at us very quickly, with little change month over month! This is one Market Update that you will want to pay attention to as we call it a Fall Market, and historically has been the second busiest and active time in the Denver Real Estate Market! The term Fall this year has extra meaning as Home Prices have continued to fall this year, and to be honest some of the best values on most real estate is right now! But wait, there is more as Interest Rates have fallen dramatically over the last couple of weeks with the Average 30 year fixed rate mortgage in the low 6% range, and most of the Government Insured Loans like FHA and VA in the high 5% range.

Buyers, this is your time of year to engage if you have been on the sidelines for a while, as you will find the best pricing, lowest interest rates and the best values and affordability we have seen all year! Sellers, the market has been hit hard with standing inventory putting downward pressure on pricing, so this is the time to make your home show the best it possibly can and price it correctly! The Denver Market still has over 13,000 Active Listings, which is approximately 22% above this time last year!

<p>AVG DAYS ON MARKET AUGUST 2025</p> <p>44 DAYS HOUSES 2024: 36 DAYS UP 22.22%</p> <p>59 DAYS CONDOS 2024: 40 DAYS UP 47.50%</p>	<p>ACTIVE INVENTORY AUGUST 2025</p> <p>9,025 HOUSES 2024: 7,497 UP 20.38%</p> <p>4,034 CONDOS 2024: 3,227 UP 25.01%</p>	<p>ACTIVE LISTINGS</p> <p>13,059 AUGUST 2025 UP 21.77%</p> <p>10,724 AUGUST 2024</p>
<p>AVERAGE SOLD PRICE (YEAR OVER YEAR)</p> <p>-0.47% CONDO 1 YEAR</p> <p>+0.31% SINGLE FAMILY 1 YEAR</p>		<p>AVERAGE SALES PRICE (HOUSES & CONDOS - AUGUST 2025)</p> <p>\$716,245</p> <p>LAST YEAR: \$708,017 +1.16%</p>

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Volunteering can be a fun and deeply rewarding experience where you can meet like-minded people, help improve lives and build a stronger community.

Here are some upcoming opportunities to engage in our community. We hope to see you this Holiday season!

1. Run a toy drive. Mile High United Way collects toys each year for our Children’s Holiday Party. This annual event, which is filled with face painting, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa, brings the spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of families in our community. Run a toy drive for the event and help bring joy to children this Christmas.

2. Support our community resource center. Our 2-1-1 Help Center serves as a critical resource and safety net for Colorado residents, particularly during the winter months. Our Resource Navigators work every day to help vulnerable people in our community gain access to basic needs like food and shelter.

3. Help children develop a love of reading. You can help a child build confidence, improve their literacy skills, and develop a love of reading. Volunteer to build literacy kits for young students or become a reading partner through our weekly Read With Me program.

4. Support people experiencing homelessness. Volunteer to put together hygiene kits for at risk individuals and families in our community. The kits, which contain a wide range of important self-care items, are distributed to people across Metro Denver who are currently experiencing homelessness. Contact us to see when you can join in on the next kit build.

5. Join a donor group. We believe the most fulfilling way to get involved is to do it together. Join a network and meet other socially minded individuals who are dedicated to creating a lasting impact. During the Holidays, our donor groups engage in a range of activities, such as creating Thanksgiving gift baskets for families in need.

6. Help a small business owner in Denver. Are you a small business expert? Volunteer your time and expertise to help small, local businesses in Metro Denver reach their growth potential through our United Business Advisory program.

7. Become an advocate. Mile High United Way works every day to remove barriers and create pathways to success for all people in our community through our policy initiatives. Become an advocate and help us change the odds and move families out of poverty.

8. Become a corporate partner. Get the whole team involved and become a Mile High United Way Corporate Partner. We’re proud to partner with hundreds of local companies to execute strong, effective CSR programs that positively impact the community while improving employee engagement and business returns.

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When: Nov. 21, 2025–Jan. 11, 2026

Where: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

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HUDSON HOLIDAYS

When: Nov. 28, 2025–Jan. 4, 2026

Where: Hudson Gardens & Events Center

You'll be enchanted by towering trees draped in thousands of colorful lights. A grove of dancing Christmas trees, a multi-colored forest inhabited by giant snowmen, the holiday light tunnel and glowing reindeer will light up Hudson Gardens into an extravaganza of holiday cheer. Purchase a delicious cup of hot cocoa or adult beverage before stopping by for a perfect free family photo opportunity with Santa.

MILE HIGH DRONE SHOWS

When: Nov. 21–Dec. 31, 2025

Where: Downtown

For 41 magical nights, 600 drones will soar into the sky, creating breathtaking holiday-themed animations. See these dazzling displays from across the city every night at 7 p.m. for free. From Santa and his reindeer to iconic Denver landmarks like the Mile High Tree Presented by Xcel Energy & Xfinity and Denver Union Station, each night will bring a new visual experience to life.

CHRISTMAS IN COLOR

When: Nov. 13–Dec. 30, 2025

Where: Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater,
Water World, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

At three locations, drive through millions of lights perfectly synchronized to holiday music that you'll hear right through your radio. You'll see giant candy canes, snowmen, arched pathways and more.

THE MILE HIGH TREE

When: Nov. 21–Dec. 31, 2025

Where: Tivoli Quad on Auraria Campus

Join in the free festivities at the Mile High Tree Presented by Xcel Energy & Xfinity. It's a brilliantly lit, 110-foot-tall immersive art installation that provides a dazzling lights-and-music show. You can experience two of Denver's most popular holiday attractions in one place: America's tallest digital tree and the Denver Christkindlmarket, the city's only authentic German holiday market.

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WRAP UP THE YEAR

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The New Year is the perfect time to set fresh goals and build lasting financial habits. Whether you're saving for today or tomorrow, we're here to help you make it happen.



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CHERRY CREEK NORTH WINTER WANDERLAND

When: Nov. 20–Dec. 24, 2025

Where: Cherry Creek North

Enjoy a collection of free holiday offerings and festivities throughout the neighborhood! Festivities include a dazzling display of nearly one million twinkling lights on more than 600 trees spread throughout the walkable neighborhood and Giving Machines—vending machines that don’t dispense snacks or drinks, but instead offer the chance to make a positive impact! Enjoy Small Business Weekend (Nov. 29–Dec. 1), Saturday Night Lights with complimentary holiday treats and festive entertainment (Dec. 6, 13 & 20), a Chanukah celebration (Dec. 14) and the Cherry Creek Holiday Market (Nov. 20–Dec. 24), where you can browse gifts from more than 40 local makers, designers and creators. After a long day of shopping, warm up inside the all-new Mistletoe Lounge (Nov. 20–Dec. 24), a new pop-up Christmas bar offering a festive drink menu and comfy seating in a setting that’s best described as the inside of a “real-life snow globe.”

BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT

When: Nov. 21, 2025–Jan. 11, 2026

Where: Denver Botanic Gardens

Consistently lauded as one of the top holiday light shows in the nation, Blossoms of Light is a spectacular celebration that illuminates Denver Botanic Gardens’ York Street location. Wander a mile-long path through immersive, luminous displays that accentuate and highlight our plant collections. A cherished holiday tradition for nearly four decades, Blossoms of Light is constantly evolving to inspire wonder and delight in even the most seasoned visitors.

Holiday Decorations And Pets

- **Christmas trees and holiday greens:** Make sure your dogs or cats do not chew on limbs or droppings from the tree. Ingested pine needles could get lodged in the intestinal tract, puncturing the lining or bunching together and causing an intestinal obstruction.
- **Water base:** The water base of a Christmas tree may contain dangerous chemicals that could harm your pet.
- **Christmas lights and tinsel:** Position your tree’s lights and tinsel away from the bottom of the tree where pets can reach them. Some pets climb up or into trees and can even knock them over. If swallowed, tinsel can be very dangerous to cats.
- **Candles:** Don’t leave candles unattended. Pets may accidentally knock them over and spill wax or start a fire.
- **Firestarter logs:** Dogs that enjoy chewing should steer clear; these logs contain sawdust and paraffin which can cause an irritated stomach or even intestinal blockage when ingested.
- **Plants:** A number of seasonal plants are poisonous to pets if nibbled or eaten, including ivy, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias.

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Rob is a fourth-generation Colorado native who has been a part of the *Columbine Knolls* community since 1997. Starting as a Certified Residential Appraiser, he later became a broker with RE/MAX in 2006. Over his 34-year career, he achieved the RE/MAX Diamond Award, Lifetime Achievement, & Hall of Fame. He has also been recognized as 5280 Magazine's Top Real Estate Agents.

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Embracing Winter: How To Protect Your Home From The Colorado Cold

Happy December! It is hard to believe how quickly 2025 has flown by. As we enjoy the final days of the year, it is also time to prepare our homes for the cold Colorado months ahead. Here are a few quick tips to help you winterize your home and stay cozy this season.

1. Protect your pipes: Last January brought bitter temperatures as low as -19°—brr! Now’s the time to insulate pipes in unheated areas with foam sleeves or wraps. During the coldest nights, let faucets drip slightly to keep water flowing and prevent frozen pipes.

2. Clean your gutters: You have probably raked your fair share of leaves by now, but don’t forget the gutters! Clear out any leftover debris so melting snow and ice can drain properly. This simple task helps prevent roof leaks and costly water damage once the freeze sets in.

3. Service your furnace: Replace your air filter and consider scheduling a quick furnace inspection. A tune-up now ensures your system runs efficiently—and helps avoid those inconvenient mid-winter breakdowns.

4. Fun Fact: Reverse your ceiling fan! Switch your fan to spin clockwise in winter. This pushes warm air down from the ceiling, improving comfort and reducing heating costs.

From all of us at Stark Real Estate Group, we wish you a warm, safe, and joyful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

— Rob Stark

Local Columbine Knolls Resident, Stark Real Estate Group

Howliday Dog Market

Friday, December 12, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 13, 12:00 am – 4:00 pm

Aspen Grove

Bring your pup and get ready for the ultimate holiday shopping event! The Howliday Market is back — two festive days packed with wag-worthy fun, local vendors, and holiday cheer (for humans and dogs alike).

Shop Local. Support Rescue. Celebrate Your Pup. Discover over 25 dog-friendly and special holiday gift vendors featuring gifts, treats, and accessories for you and your four-legged friends (and a few for your cats, too!). Sip on a festive cocktail from our BARBOX holiday bar featuring a custom drink line-up, grab a bite from the food truck, and enjoy the cozy holiday vibe.

ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES:

Friday Night: Live music and a Dog Sweater Contest at 6:30 pm – bring your pup (and yourself!) in your cutest, ugliest, or most creative sweater for a chance to win cash prizes!

Saturday: A DJ spinning classic holiday jams sets the mood for a chill, festive shopping day.

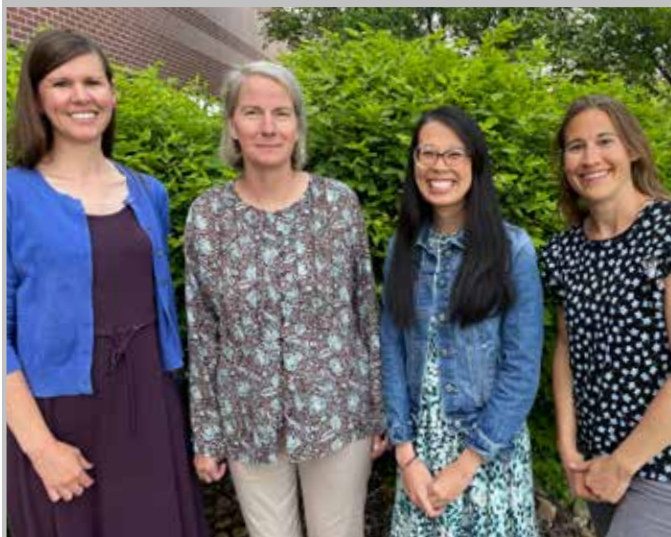
HOLIDAY EXTRAS:

- Dog Cookie Decorating sponsored by AJ’s Dog Bakery
- Eye-Spy Scavenger Hunt to win gift cards
- Plenty of photo ops and festive fun around every corner

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Memorial Gifts

Would you like to memorialize a family member, long-time neighbor or friend who has lived in Columbine Knolls? A Memorial Gift can be made to Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association in their honor to be used for beautification of our neighborhood. Contact ckha.org for details. If you are interested in a Tribute Tree or Memorial Bench as a memorial gift, contact Sarah McAfee, Parks Operations Coordinator, Foothills Park & Rec District, smcafee@fhprd.org, 303-409-2317.

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Homes **FOR SALE** in Columbine Knolls on 11/17/2025

<u>Style</u>	<u>Lowest</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>How Many?</u>
Ranch	\$665,000	\$1,045,000	5
Bi-Level	- NONE AT THIS TIME -		
Tri-Level	\$710,000	\$710,000	1
2-Story	\$749,900	\$1,120,000	5

Homes **UNDER CONTRACT** in Columbine Knolls on 11/17/2025

<u>Style</u>	<u>Lowest</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>How Many?</u>
Ranch	\$699,999	\$715,000	2
Bi-Level	- NONE AT THIS TIME -		
Tri-Level	- NONE AT THIS TIME -		
2-Story	- NONE AT THIS TIME -		

Homes **SOLD** in Columbine Knolls in past 6 Months

<u>Style</u>	<u>Lowest</u>	<u>Highest</u>	<u>How Many?</u>
Ranch	\$595,000	\$895,000	9
Bi-Level	- NONE AT THIS TIME -		
Tri-Level	\$648,000	\$750,000	2
2-Story	\$641,500	\$1,150,000	13

All the above information is from MetroList on 11/17/2025

Not all the listings were listed and/or sold by **Kari Kline**

