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CKHA Upcoming Events In 2025

June 6-7-8, 2025: Neighborhood Garage Sale June 20, 2025: Summer Solstice

Celebration 5-7:30 p.m July 4, 2025: Fourth of July Parade July 30, 2025: CKHA Pool Party August 5, 2025: National Night Out September 13, 2025: Clean Up Day

CKHA Upcoming Meetings 2025 May 13, 2025, 7 p.m. – Monthly Board Meeting

May 13, 2025, 7 p.m. – Monthly Board Meeting June 10, 2025, 7 p.m. – Monthly Board Meeting July 8, 2025, 7 p.m. – Monthly Board Meeting

CKHA Contact Information:

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knollscolumbinehoa@gmail.com CKHA Website: https://www.ckha.org Facebook: Columbine Knolls HOA

Good News

The owner of the home damaged by fire in Columbine Knolls reports he has signed the repair contract; his contractor has obtained the building permit and work begin shortly. We wish the homeowner a successful restoration of his home!

A mother's arms are made of tenderness, and children sleep soundly in them.

-Victor Hugo

CKHA Monthly Board Meeting

The Columbine Knolls Homeowners Annual Meeting and Monthly Board Meeting will be held <u>May 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.</u> and will be

hosted on Zoom. The link can be found on the CKHA website at www.ckha.org.

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Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association (CKHA)

Community Garage Sale: June 6-7-8, 2025

The Community-wide Garage Sale will be held June 6-7-8, 2025. CKHA will advertise this event by placing signs at the main entrances and posting on social media. Each home is responsible to decide the day(s) and time(s) for their sale. Small signs are usually posted within the neighborhood directing customers to the days, address & time of your individual sale. We ask that you take down your signs when the sale is over! Best of luck with your sale!

Columbine Knolls Easter Egg Hunt:

Columbine Knolls families, friends, and neighbors enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt in April. Many thanks to Rob and Leanne Stark of The Stark Real Estate

Company and many volunteers for making this first CKHA event of the season a big success!



Correction To The Article Regarding "Smart Meters"

Please accept CKHA's correction to the April article regarding "Smart meters." The homeowner who suggested posting this in our newsletter was going to save money each month by using the flat rate. Subsequently, other homeowners found their bill would have increased slightly

using the flat rate. So, it appears each homeowner needs to check with Xcel regarding their specific situation! Again, our apologies.

Great Neighbors Make A Great Neighborhood! Good neighbors make all the difference in our neighborhood! Please

Good neighbors make all the difference in our neighborhood! Please consider turning out bright patio lights by 10 p.m. and being aware of where light from floodlights shine so as not to unnecessarily light up your neighbors' home! Lights are important and motion activated floodlights may achieve the same desired safety results just as much as leaving the light on for extended periods of time. Consideration is key and thank you for being aware of where your lights are shining!

Monthly Quilting Group

Are you interested in quilting for a good cause? Can you tie a knot with yarn? The Creative, Caring Quilters from St. Philip Lutheran Church would like to invite you to help create quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We sent 21 quilts this year around the world to people in need. We are meeting the third Saturday of each school month. Our next meeting is May 17 from 9-12pm in the Fellowship Hall of St. Philip and this will be the last meeting until fall as we don't meet during the summer! We have all the equipment so just bring yourself. Enjoy good conversation, coffee, treats, sewing tips. Sewing is good for the Soul! If you have questions, contact LeRae Schnickel at 303-579-6853.

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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!

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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

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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.

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CKHA Membership For 2025!

There is still time to join the

Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association!

It's not too late to join the Columbine Knolls Homeowners Association for 2025! You will receive all the benefits of membership and the Discount Card for the year. Additional perks include access to a packed calendar of local gatherings and activities! From the patriotic July 4th Parade at Marker Park to the Summer Solstice Celebration and lively CKHA Pool Party – there's something for everyone to enjoy throughout the year in our neighborhood with community spirit at its core.

You can join with a \$50 check and the form in this newsletter, or online with a credit card. If you join with a credit card, please fill out all the information on the Membership form. Your membership helps strengthen the foundation of our community here in Columbine Knolls.

Bring Flowers To Someone Day

April showers means May 15 is Bring Flowers to Someone Day to celebrate why giving flowers plays a significant roll in kindness. Flowers are one of nature's most beautiful gifts. Bring Flowers to Someone Day is the perfect way to give the gift of love and kindness to those around you. Whether you gift flowers to show sympathy or give them just because, the simple act of giving flowers brings joy to the recipient.







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The difference between CKHA, the homeowners' association and CKRD, the recreation district is at times confusing. They are very different entities - check it out!

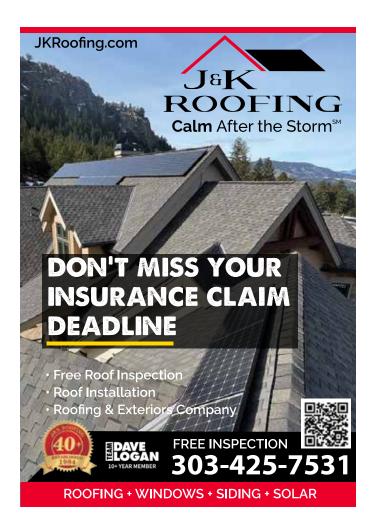
- **CKRD** is the recreation district we all pay yearly taxes to support and includes the swimming pool, tennis courts and parks in the neighborhood. We, as Columbine Knolls homeowners, receive a discounted price for membership to the pool, tennis courts and combined pool/tennis membership. "Out of district" people may join our amenities for a higher price.
- CKHA is the association governed by our Protective Covenants that apply to all of us. We host neighborhood wide events, maintain a website and a way for the community to be in touch with the CKHA Board regarding questions and/or concerns. We help monitor Covenant compliance. Our association has a voluntary membership fee of \$50 per year.

Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together.

-Susan Gale

This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.

-Elmer Davis



Columbine Knolls Recreation District

Director: Kathy Wallace 303-979-5120 www.ckrd.org SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring has officially begun and summer's right around the corner. Adult tennis leagues and youth baseball are back in action. As usual Marker Park is a popular attraction and can be enjoyed by all. With the increase in users please help us keep the park clean and safe by picking up after your pets and throwing trash away. Per Jefferson County please keep your pets on leash.

POOL OPENS MAY 21ST

The pool will be open 12-5pm to allow swim team and staff trainings to be completed for the season. All new furniture and updated play area.

Pool Hours June 2nd-August 10th

12-7pm weekdays

10am-7pm weekends

Family night Wednesdays until 9pm

POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Check out our new low price on individual memberships and our new punch card, good for everyone in the family and your friends too.

REPORT A CONCERN

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Resources For CKHA Homeowners

The Metal Man – 303-319-2373, Text is best. Mike, owner of The Metal Man will pick up metal and more from your driveway or garage. He takes appliances, including refrigerators, lawnmowers, snowblowers, bicycles, treadmills, BBQ's, garage shelves, anything metal. Even pots & pans, keys, wires like extension cords, computer cords, Christmas lights, and even car batteries. There is no charge to come to the neighborhood for a full load so perhaps you could combine items with your neighbor(s) to make up a full load. If you only have one item or a TV he will charge for the trip. If you have questions, please text Mike and he will be happy to answer!

American Samaritan – 720-841-1257, Website: american samaritan.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.

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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-10 GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL. No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. All incinerators or other equipment for the storage or disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

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 further details.

If you are interested in a Tribute Tree or Memorial Bench as a memorial gift contact Sarah McAfee, Parks Operations Coordinator, Foothills Park & Recreation District, smcafee@fhprd.org, 303-409-2317.



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.



Columbine Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. All are welcome to help on any of our projects or attend any of our social events anytime.

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. You do not need to join our club to participate. We have a lot of fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community. For details about a project or social event email kensweet@gmail.com.

Peace Officers Memorial Day

Every May 15th Peace Officers Memorial Day pays tribute to local, state, and federal law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice or been injured in the line of duty. The observance takes place during Police Week. According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serve in the United States today. Each year, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial adds new names to the wall. The average is 163 deaths per year. Fallen law enforcement officers represent all levels of law enforcement, including local, state, federal, tribal, and military law enforcement. They are family members, husbands, wives, parents, sons, and daughters.

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Etiquette For Dog Parents

Dog parents have a responsibility to manage their pets' behavior and follow certain rules of etiquette. Follow these guidelines to ensure that you and your dog are being courteous community members.

- Scoop your poop. Bring several bags on your walks to be sure you have enough. If you run out, either come back and clean it up later, or ask another walker if they have a bag to spare.
- Prevent barking. Practice getting your dog's attention to easily redirect him if he barks at people or other dogs.
 If you know your dog acts this way, only allow him in the yard when supervised.
- Only let your dog greet a stranger if they ask. The same rule applies if you see another dog and caretaker approaching. Ask first and respect the other's response.
- Always leash your dog on walks. Keep your dog close to you and stay alert to others. Your leash should be short enough to prevent your dog from contacting a passersby.
- Don't play while on leash. If you meet another dog on a walk (and it's alright with their caretaker) let the dogs sniff each other for five seconds and move on. Letting your dog play with another dog while on leash can result in injury and teach your dog that all dogs enjoy this kind of interaction, although many don't.
- Be aware of other people's feelings. If your dog does something to upset someone (jumping up, barking) apologize to them and take measures to prevent the situation from reoccurring.

— Animal Humane Society

Last Day Of School Traditions

The last day of school is both a happy and sad occasion. While you celebrate your child's accomplishments, you also mark another year off the calendar.

- **1. Photo.** Take a photo of your child in the place where you also took a photo on the first day. That could be by the front door, at the school, or sitting at their desk.
- **2. Balloons.** Count down the last day with balloons. Fill five balloons with a note or a treat and number them. Each day, have your child pop a balloon and enjoy the surprise inside.
- **3. Signatures.** Send your child to school on the last day with something that friends can write on and a sharpie. Your child's friends can autograph their shirt, a pillowcase, or another keepsake. This is especially fun for kids moving up to the next school campus, i.e. 5th grade to middle school.
- **4. Planning.** Make a summer bucket list. Sit down together and plan out a few fun things to look forward to doing over the summer break.
- **5. Surprise.** Kick off the summer with a fun surprise when your child comes home from the last day. Keep it simple, such as hiding a bucket of water balloons by the front door or making a Last Day basket full of summer fun.
- **6. Chalk.** If your child rides the bus, decorate the sidewalk from the bus stop to the front door with sidewalk chalk. Write messages like, "Happy summer!"
- **7. Garden.** Start a summer garden. Beans, carrots, cucumbers, and melons can be planted in May or June throughout the US.

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Spring Landscaping Tips!

Spring is here and your landscape is beginning to wake up! It's the perfect time to get a head start on gardening tasks. By following these tips, you can create a beautiful and sustainable landscape that thrives in Colorado's unique environment. Dig in!

- Cut back perennial flowers & ornamental grasses. Cut all the dead, crispy, brown material from last year to ground level. Removing them allows new growth.
- Prune shrubs. Spring is the perfect time of year to prune damaged or crowded branches from your bushes. Use good pruning techniques and avoid shearing shrubs. For more info check out this video: https://planttalk.colostate.edu/youtube-videos/tree-videos/#shrubs
- Refresh wood mulch areas. Add new mulch to plant beds with enough mulch, chips, or bark so the entire layer is 3-4 inches thick. This will suppress weeds and preserve soil moisture throughout the growing season.
- Water by hand in dry periods. Your plants' roots become
 active once the soil temperature rises over 40 degrees. This
 means your plants will start using soil moisture before you
 turn on your sprinkler system. During an extended dry period,
 water your lawn, flowers, and trees with a hose-end sprinkler
 periodically to ensure the soil is moist enough to support
 healthy growth.
- Consider Xeriscaping a portion of your landscape. Explore planting drought-tolerant native plants to reduce water and enhance the visual appeal of your yard. Options include sage, yarrow, Rocky Mountain Juniper, or hedgehog cactus.

—Rob Stark, Local Columbine Knolls Resident & Realtor, Stark Real Estate Group

Sandy Bolton's Recipe Corner BAKED FRENCH TOAST

This French Toast is baked in the oven so everyone can enjoy breakfast together instead of waiting for the next batch to come from the frying pan. You can use any kind of bread - Challah, white, day-old French, etc.

- 3 large eggs
- 1/4 t salt
- 2 t brown sugar
- 2 T melted butter
- 1/2 t cinnamon
- 1 c milk
- 1 T vanilla
- 8 slices of bread
- · fresh blueberries and strawberries for serving
- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees and butter a NON-stick 18X13 baking pan/cookie sheet.
- 2. Whisk eggs until fluffy, add brown sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, salt and whisk until well mixed. Add milk and melted butter. Whisk.
- 3. Pour egg mixture into buttered baking pan. Put 8 slices of bread in pan and then flip each piece in the same order so bread is soaked on both sides.
- 4. Bake at 425 for 10 15 minutes on low oven rack. Move to high oven rack and broil 2-4 minutes.
- 5. When top is nicely browned, remove pan and then flip each piece.
- 6. Serve with butter, syrup & fresh berries. Bon Appetit!

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DIVORCE BOOTCAMP. GET THE FACTS from a panel of experts. 2nd Saturday of each month, 9-11 a.m. St. Philip Lutheran Church, 7350 S. Kendall Blvd. FREE www.divorceadvicecolorado.com

AMINALS PETSITTING SERVICE - Pet sitting (in your home). Bonded & ins. Refs. avail. Call Nancy & Rick (Owner/Operator) at 303-335-6237. Not accepting new clients at this time.

Classified ads are \$4.00/line (about 40 characters/line). Contact Newsletter Connections at **303-979-7499** or **info@NewsletterConnections.com** to place an ad. To view our display ad prices, visit our website at **www.NewsletterConnections.com**. The deadline for placing a classified or display ad is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue (i.e., 15th of Sept. for Oct. issue), except the January issue, which has a deadline of December 6th. Residents placing ads to sell household items are not charged a fee.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

Teacher Appreciation Day

National Teacher Appreciation Day is on the Tuesday during first full week in May as a reminder to show appreciation for teachers everywhere. We are using this National Day to say thank you to all teachers for their time and dedication to educate our children.

The legacy of brave men and women who have fought and died for their country is the freedom we enjoy as Americans.

– Lucian Adams

South Jeffco Government

Jefferson County Commissioners 101 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden CO 80419, 303-271-8525 commish@co.jefferson.co.us

Main Number 303-279-6511

Animal Control 303-271-5070

Assessor 303-271-8600

Building 303-271-8260

Clerk & Recorder 303-271-8168

Health & Environ. 303-232-6301

Highways & Trans. 303-271-8495

Planning & Zoning 303-271-8700 Public Information 303-271-8512

Sheriff's Dept. 303-271-0211

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COLUMBINE KNOLLS MARKET UPDATE

RE/MAX Synergy

Homes FOR SALE in Columbine Knolls on 04/15/2025						
<u>Style</u>	<u>Lowest</u>	<u>Highest</u>	How Many?			
Ranch	\$695,000	\$995,000	5			
Bi-Level	\$859,000	\$859,000	1			
Tri-Level	\$800,000	\$800,000	1			
2-Story	\$1,150,000	\$1,200,000	2			

Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine Knolls on 04/15/2025

<u>Style</u>	<u>Lowest</u>	<u>Highest</u>	How Many?
Ranch	\$850,000	\$850,000	1
Bi-Level		- NONE AT THIS TIME -	
Tri-Level	\$995,000	\$999,900	2
2-Story	\$875,000	\$875,000	1

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

<u>Style</u>	<u>Lowest</u>	<u>Highest</u>	How Many?
Ranch	\$640,000	\$875,000	4
Bi-Level	- NONE AT	THIS TIME -	
Tri-Level	\$739,000	\$1,040,000	3
2-Story	\$748,638	\$1,200,000	7

All the above information is from MetroList on 04/15/2025 Not all the listings were listed and/or sold by **KARI KLINE**

Spring is here - and more buyers are entering the market. Let's work together to make sure you are ready for how buyers are submitting offers today. Buyers are hitting the market, the last thing you want is to list too high, watch your house sit, and then have to drop the price just to get attention. Let's connect so that doesn't happen to you.

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