



Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter

CWCA – Your Homeowners’ Organization

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Our Mission: “Promote neighborhood beautification and harmony through covenant enforcement, community based services, and social activities.”

Link For Membership
<http://www.CWCA.info>

CWCA Calendar of Events

- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**
April 14 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)
- **Community Garage Sale:**
May 1st-2nd
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting & Election:**
May 12 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**
June 9 – 6:30p (Pool Pavilion)
- **Dumpster Day:** June 20 –
Dutch Creek Parking Lot

Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers.

Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.

–Luther Burbank

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks, 'Go!'

–Christopher Morley



2026 CWCA Meeting Dates

Apr 14, May 12, Jun 9



Community Garage Sale May 1st & 2nd

It's time to prepare for the Community Garage Sale!! Once again, neighborhood Realtor® John Basila will be sponsoring the event. There will be directional signs and banners at all of the major entrances, and participants will also receive signs to place at the end of their blocks. If you'd like to participate and receive a sign & maps, please email your Address and Phone Number to John by Wednesday April 29th: columbinerealtor@gmail.com

John has lived in Columbine West for 25 years, and is the Broker/Owner of A Denver Home. He is also the Vice President of CWCA. All participants are responsible for their own hours and pricing.

2026 CWCA Easter Egg Stuffing Meetup

Thank you to the group of almost 20 neighbors that showed up to help us stuff 2,000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt!! Thank you, also, to our Host Amber Robbins for providing the space and refreshments! Since we're a volunteer organization, we truly appreciate your participation in keeping this event happening every year!!

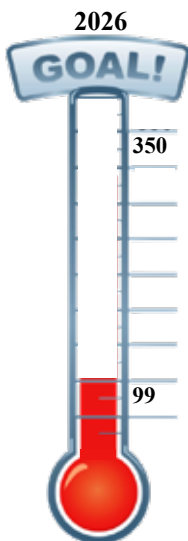


CWCA Elections coming in May

Our elections are coming up at the May Board meeting. All members of CWCA are eligible to vote. If you're interested in filling one of our open Board Member positions, please join us at our meeting on April 14th to add your name to the Ballot.

Annual Membership Drive Continues

Each year we're excited to see our "Membership Thermometer" increase every month. The CWCA is a not for profit 501(c3) and consists of ALL volunteers who work really hard to keep cost down, events up and a neighborhood to be proud of. Please join the efforts today. You can pay your dues via pay-pal, or you can always just clip out the membership coupon in the monthly newsletter and mail us a check. To pay electronically, visit our website: www.cwca.info



National Colorado Day

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News Articles

The newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for news is the 13th of each month for the next month's issue except the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. **All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.** To submit an article, please call a board member or e-mail the editor. All "Letters to the Editor" must be signed and include a daytime phone number in case there are any questions. Letters may be printed without the author's name if requested.

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CWCA Membership Form

Please fill out and mail with your \$35 check to CWCA.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Send to: CWCA, P.O. Box 620026, Littleton CO 80162

April Garden Calendar

April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

Garden cleanup is the first priority:

- Rake leaves and debris from around trees, shrubs and other garden areas.
- If you haven't done so yet, cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, blue mist spirea, potentilla, and some hydrangeas.
- Remove any broken or damaged branches from trees.

What we've been waiting for -- Planting season begins now!

- Plant container or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs from now throughout spring.
- Now is the time to plant bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 12 hours before planting. Vegetables – Early April Outdoors
- Soak parsley seeds 24 hours before planting ¼" deep.
- Dill seeds should be pressed lightly into the soil.
- Peas can be sown as late as mid-April.
- Indoors- Start warm season vegetables from seed like tomatoes and peppers.
- Mid April Outdoors: Plant lettuce, chard, spinach, kale, beets, carrots, radishes and onion sets.
- Indoors - Start seeds of flowers like zinnias and celosia that need four weeks before planting outside. It's not too late to plant Cardinal Seed Vine and Hyacinth Bean Vine indoors; two annual vines that put on a beautiful

show mid to late summer.

Other Garden Chores:

- Transplant: When soil has thawed, divide and transplant summer and fall blooming perennials such as sedum Autumn Joy, garden Phlox paniculata, Asters, perennial Dianthus, and Shasta Daisies.
- Roses – Once new growth starts, usually mid-April, slowly remove mulch from around the plants. Prune dead or damaged canes first, then prune all other canes to approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground. As active growth appears, fertilize with a rose food formulation of 9-14-9 which is higher in phosphorus to encourage blooms and strong roots. Do not prune live canes of climbing roses. However, cutting out dead canes is recommended.

Lawn Care:

- Core aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do to maintain a healthy lawn. This is also a good time to do an irrigation audit to make sure your system is working properly.

Weeding:

- As you see weeds pull them out. They are generally small this early and easy to remove.

Wasp Control:

- Hang pheromone traps out to capture early emerging yellowjackets. If you trap a queen early, you prevent a nest. These bright yellow traps are available at both garden centers and big box stores. They will not harm other insects just yellowjacket wasps.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research-based answers. Get answers to your horticulture questions by visiting ask.extension.org any time day or night.

– Fredricka Bogardus, Colorado Master Gardener

The beautiful spring came, and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.

–Harriet Ann Jacobs

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National Earth Day

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- Support and use recycling programs in your community.
- Volunteer to clean up local parks and streets on clean-up days.
- Support and frequent green businesses.
- Use re-usable products versus disposable.
- Repurpose items that have outworn their use.
- Shop secondhand and thrift stores for gently used items.
- Use energy-efficient appliances or line dry your clothes.
- Walk or ride your bike to work if possible.
- Carpool or make one trip instead of multiple trips for shopping.
- Encourage your favorite products to reduce packaging.

Additional Places to Recycle

- **Rooney Road Recycling:** Schedule an appt, Wednesday or Saturday from 8am to 1:30pm
- **Green Sheen Paint:** 1055 S Jason St., Denver, 303-514-3955. Mon.-Sat. all day, 8am-4pm. Paint must be in original can w/ label attached. You can recycle oil, latex, stain and acrylic paints. No paint thinner or flammables. Aerosol cans: \$1/per.
- **AAA Propane:** 7405 W 44th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033, 303-425-7623. They will accept 20# & 30# tanks of any shape for recycling.

Interesting Facts For April

- The first president of the United States, George Washington, was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.
- April is the equivalent of October in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The phrase “April Showers bring May Flowers” comes from a poem from the 1500s by Thomas Tusser.
- The April full moon earns the name April’s Full Pink Moon not due to its color but because it’s named after the pink phlox flowers that bloom in North America’s early spring.
- Some of the famous people with an April birthday are Queen Elizabeth II, Leonardo da Vinci, Charlie Chaplin, William Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, and Jackie Chan.

Semiquincentennial Coins & Medals

To celebrate the Nation’s Semiquincentennial (SemiQ), the United States Mint is proud to unveil one-year-only changes to well-known American coinage, such as the circulating dime, quarter, and half dollar. The Mint will also release special numismatic coins and medals in 2026 featuring unique designs and enhancements for core products and annual releases.

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Taste Test Colorado Wine

Wineries have proven to be a prime spot to enjoy the spring weather while supporting locally-owned businesses. Colorado has a plethora of options to explore and wine events throughout the warmer months, and April kicks off the festivities.

TASTE OF VAIL

Vail, Colorado; Wednesday–Saturday, April 1-4, 2026

Expect to eat well at the resort’s early spring get-together, Taste Of Vail. Combine a day of fine food and wine, and even skiing or snowboarding if you can manage. Thirty or so of the top chefs from the Vail Valley showcase their stellar fare. Wash it down with choices from over 50 winemakers from around the country.

BARREL INTO SPRING

Palisade, Colorado;

Friday–Saturday, April 17-18 and May 8-9, 2026

Barrel Into Spring is the perfect way to welcome the warm weather and enjoy local wineries, held in late April and early May. Participants will pick up a tasting glass and an event “passport” to guide them through the weekend. This is a self-paced tour, so you can explore the 7 wineries throughout Grand Valley at your leisure.

DURANGO WINE EXPERIENCE

Durango, Colorado; Friday–Saturday, April 24-25, 2026

End the month with the Durango Wine Experience, held on the last weekend in April. Friday features a “walk-about” style of tasting, with multiple locations in downtown Durango offering their selections of wine. Saturday is the grand tasting,

where you’ll find numerous wineries and hundreds of unique wines lining the streets to showcase their craft. There will also be seminars held all weekend, so you can channel your inner sommelier.

– <https://www.uncovercolorado.com>

A Message from Foothills Park & Recreation District

Foothills Park & Recreation District has recently observed an increase in unauthorized motorized vehicle use within parks and on trails, including e-motorbikes. Please remember that motorized vehicles and e-motorbikes are not permitted in any parks or trails unless specifically authorized.



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- CU Art Museum
- Hudson Gardens (Garden Area)
- Arvada Center Galleries
- Peterson Air & Space Museum
- CO Springs Pioneers Museum
- CU Museum of Natural History
- Golden History Museum
- CO Sports Hall of Fame
- United States Mint

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DENVER ART MUSEUM

Jan	13	Jun	9	Nov	7
Feb	10	Jul	14	Dec	8
Mar	10	Aug	1		
Apr	26	Sep	12		
May	12	Oct	13		

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE & SCIENCE

Jan	11	Apr	13	Sep	1
Feb	1	Apr	26	Oct	11
Feb	9	Jun	19	Nov	7
Mar	6	Aug	24	Nov	16

CHATFIELD BOTANIC GARDENS

Jan	19	Apr	22	Aug	25
Feb	12	Jun	9	Nov	27
Mar	9	Jul	1		

DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

Jan	19	Apr	22	Aug	25
Feb	12	Jun	9	Nov	27
Mar	9	Jul	1		

FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK

Jan	23	May	22	Sep	25
Feb	27	Jun	26	Oct	23
Mar	27	Jul	24	Nov	27
Apr	24	Aug	28		

MUSEO DE LAS AMERICAS

Jan	2	May	1	Sep	4
Feb	6	Jun	5	Oct	2
Mar	6	Jul	3	Nov	6
Apr	3	Aug	7	Dec	4

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK ART DISTRICT ON SANTA FE

Jan	2	May	1	Sep	4
Feb	6	Jun	5	Oct	2
Mar	6	Jul	3	Nov	6
Apr	3	Aug	7	Dec	4

DENVER ZOO

Jan	9	Apr	19	Nov	22
Jan	25	Nov	11		
Feb	22	Nov	14		

PLAINS CONSERVATION CENTER

Jan	15	Jun	11	Nov	14
Feb	19	Jul	11	Dec	17
Mar	21	Aug	20		



Irene Shick, Realtor
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*Dates subject to change. Please check with each park or museum for the most up-to-date information.



**CENTENNIAL
STATE GROUP**

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Ongoing projects that you can join. You can consider them one and done, help once and see if they fit your needs.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Thursday preparing distribution and distributing food.
- Project Cure – once a month – Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday-(Each member drives about once a month)
- Blood Drive – March (Next June)
- Working with Schools – every week (Library and tutoring)
- Jr. Achievement
- The Action Center – Sorting Clothing – date pending
- Meetings with breakfast, project updates, and a timely speaker.

APRIL EVENT

Columbine Kiwanis will be having a Top Golf fun event, Sunday April 26, 12:00-3:00. It's a lot of fun for individuals and raises money for our nonprofit foundation. This year we will distribute about \$30,000 to schools, scholarships, and service groups we work with including The Actin Center, Sharing with Sheridan, Outdoor labs, Meals on Wheels, local schools and outers. We tend to donate our money where we spend our service house.

For information on buying tickets or helping sponsor the event see contacts below. Sponsors will get advertising in our Columbine Kiwanis newsletter and be submitted to local press. Sponsor names be highlighted at the event.

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 a.m. at 4Gs Restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. Or email me at KenSweet@Gmail.com.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a volunteer-led organization of 70 members dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through more than fifty active projects and support for over twenty community organizations each year. All are welcome—no membership required to participate. Join us for service, friendship, and fun as we make a positive impact together.



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- Dan Chism, Sr.**, USMC, 1963-69,(Vietnam 1965-66), 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, stationed Danang, Chulai & Thubi
- Jim Slora**, U.S. Air Force, 1961-1965, Special Weapons Maintenance, 1910th Communication Sq., Lowry AFB, Co.
- John Weksler**, USN, 1960-1966, Aircraft Carrier Essex, Pensacola, FL., U.S. Army, 1966- 1973 (Vietnam), Helicopter Pilot, Colorado National Guard, 1973- 1987, Buckley AFB, CO. (Retired)
- Annie Weksler**, U.S.A.F, 1968-70, Nurse, George AFB, CA
- Sidney Nelson**, USN, 1968-1972 (Vietnam) GMG2 Riv Div 591, Brown Water Navy
- Craig Martin**, USMC, 1976-1982, Presidential Guard (Carter Administration) & Mountain Survival Instructor
- Wade Gardner**, U.S.A.F., 1986 - 1990, C-141B Loadmaster, McGuire A.F.B. New Jersey
- Belinda Gardner**, U.S.A.F. 1987 - 1991, 438th Comptroller Squadron, McGuire A.F.B. New Jersey
- David E. Garcia**, USMC, 1963-67 (Vietnam War), Radioteletype Operator (RATT), 1st Marine Air Wing, returned to Yuma, AZ.
- Tony Monte**, USMC, 1968-1975 (Vietnam War)
- Ken Sweet**, U.S. Air Force, 1967-71, Fighter Aircraft Electronics, MI
- Gene D. Willenbrecht**, U.S.Navy, 1971-1977 (Vietnam War) MM1 aboard the USS Enterprise
- Richard Amador**, U.S. Navy,1955-1959, 1st Class Quarter Master (QM1) aboard the USS Mt Baker, AE-4, and the USS Mt Katmai
- Jason Collins**, U.S. Army (Retired), 2003-2004, 2005-2006 (2 Tours Iraq), 1-10 CAV,4th ID, Truck Driver
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You gotta bloom where you're planted.

-Dolly Parton



Columbine West Military Members

"He has honor if he holds himself to an ideal of conduct though it is inconvenient, unprofitable, or dangerous to do so".

— Walter Lippmann

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	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$539,000	\$539,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$669,000	\$669,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$549,900	\$590,000	2
Bi-level	\$575,000	\$575,000	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (June 1, 2025–Mar. 17, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$560,000	\$648,950	3
2-story	\$575,000	\$719,000	13
Tri/Multi-level	\$553,000	\$698,000	14
Bi-level	\$429,000	\$611,000	6

The statistical information is based on MLS data Mar. 17, 2026. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.



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