



# Columbine West Civic Association Newsletter<sup>©</sup>

CWCA — Your Homeowners' Organization

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Membership**  
<http://www.CWCA.info>

## CWCA Calendar of Events

- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**  
August 12 – 6:30p (Pool Pavilion)
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**  
September 9 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**  
October 14 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**  
November 11 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)



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## 2025 CWCA Meeting Dates

August 12, September 9,  
October 14, November 11

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

## CWCA Swim Night: August 9, 2025, 5:30p-7:30p

Our Annual Swim Night is coming up in August, thanks to some new neighbors that wanted to step up and help out! Mike and Elizabeth Cherry recently moved to Columbine West from Arizona, and have graciously offered to chair the event. CWCA will be providing free access to the Pool (First Come, First Served) as well as Hamburgers & Hot Dogs from the grill. Bring your Kids and enjoy a fun time of recreating and socializing with your neighbors. This will be the only Swim Night we have for 2025.

## Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Gary & Lynette Jones on being selected as our winners of the Yard Of The Month for July! As the years go by, there are fewer “original” owners remaining in Columbine West. The Jones family moved into 8095 West Ontario Place way back in 1979. Through the years, they have carefully sculpted and manicured their yard. There are a variety of colors throughout the Spring and Summer. It has always been a priority for Gary & Lynette to present a beautiful yard to help maintain property values in Columbine West. The Jones' were nominated by their neighbors. They have a sign in their yard and received a gift card for Home Depot. Yard Of The Month is sponsored by 20+ year Resident Realtor® John Basila. If you'd like to nominate one of your neighbors, please email John: [columbinerealtor@gmail.com](mailto:columbinerealtor@gmail.com)



## Concerts in Clement Park

Foothills Park & Recreation District is proud to offer Concerts in Clement Park free to the public and put on for the benefit of District residents and South Jefferson County residents. This outdoor series of concerts incorporates community collaborations and grant funded performances which are free, open to the public and family friendly. Performances are held at the Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman:**  
folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite:**  
90s alternative rock and pop covers

## Pick Peaches In Palisade

Colorado may not be known for the abundance of fruit it grows, but we are certainly proud of the peaches that come from the bountiful farms in Palisade. Found along the Western Slope near Grand Junction, the town is home to numerous farms, orchards, and vineyards that grow everything from wine-producing grapes to the juiciest peaches around.

The entire harvest season runs from late June to early October. While you can purchase Palisade peaches from almost any grocery store or at your local farmer's market, one of the most memorable ways is to pick your own. Choose from over 30 farms in the area, where you can schedule a time to stroll the fields and find the perfect peaches.

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## Columbine West Civic Association

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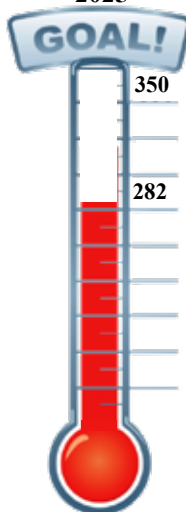
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## News Articles

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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2025



### Jefferson County Numbers

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
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| Colorado State Patrol       | 303-239-4500 |
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| Voting Information          | 303-271-8111 |

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Back-to-School Traditions

In anticipation of another school season, not to mention all the shopping that comes with it, these first-day-of-school traditions and ideas will help get kids in the headspace for a new year.

- **Have a show-and-tell dinner on the first night.** Family dinners are always important, but make it a back-to-school tradition to allow the kids to tell you everything about their first day, from the friends they haven't seen over the summer to the classroom layout or what they had for lunch.

- **A day-one surprise.** Celebrate the first day in style with a visit from the First Day of School Fairy. She can deliver a few back-to-school school supplies and an encouraging note for the new year.

- **Customize something.** You can order specialized pencils with their name or label their new water bottle, but allowing your kids to stake their claim on school gear can help them feel confident about heading back to school.

- **Make an awesome breakfast.** You'll be throwing cereal and milk at the kids soon enough, so why not whip up a fancy breakfast for their first day? It'll keep your kids full, and make them look forward to getting up early!

- **Read a special book the night before.** Whether it's *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* or *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, find a classic picture book that'll get your kids ready to start the new year.

- **Make a sundae bar.** This sweet, simple back-to-school tradition will calm anyone's jitters about heading back to school. Put your favorite toppings in jars and make them meaningful with labels encouraging the qualities you'd like to see demonstrated throughout the new year. Have your little

scholar cover their ice cream in kindness, bravery, obedience, and happiness, then top it off with sprinkles of love.

- **Celebrate School Year's Eve.** You celebrate New Year's Eve, so why not do the same for School Year's Eve? Get poppers or noisemakers, provide treats, and throw a little dance party. It'll get your students excited for what's to come, and it's a great way to include other fun first-day-of-school ideas on this list.

- **Have a back-to-school dinner.** Making a favorite meal and celebrating the start of another school year with an awesome dinner in their honor will always make your kids feel special.

- **Have a special activity for the end of the first day of school.** Whether you take them to their favorite park to burn off that first-day anxiety, have a craft planned, or grab an ice cream and talk, it's easy to make the first after-school afternoon unique.

- **Write a sidewalk chalk message.** If there's a sweeter first day of school tradition than a chalk message outside the front door, we haven't found it. Go all out or keep it simple—either way, it's an extra boost to help ease those first-day jitters. If your first day is distance learning, surprise the kids with a message they can see from the window or on a quick preschool start walk.

- **Pack a super special lunch.** Packing their lunch in a special lunchbox or bento box with a treat or a lunchbox joke is a great first-day-of-school idea! Get your kids involved by asking them what they want, and have them help you get it ready.

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Western Welcome Week started as a Homecoming event for the citizens of Littleton, Colorado. Now, it has grown to a multi-day celebration of the town, complete with parades, competitions, food, vendors, and plenty of other summery festival fun for the whole family!

Join the Littleton locals as they celebrate 97 years of "Community and Friendship" through their Western Welcome Week. The 97th annual festival will be held from Fri. to Sun., August 8th to 17th, 2025, with the grand parade happening on August 16th. This year's theme is The Spirit of Generosity!

Western Welcome Week had an interesting start. The Littleton Independent newspaper was holding a celebration in honor of its 40th year in the press. This led the editor of the Independent, Houstoun Waring, to organize an event marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Littleton's founder, Richard Little.

Its name was changed to Western Welcome Week in 1962 after Littleton's Chamber of Commerce decided to extend the days for celebration. The Western Welcome Week has since become a major event in the state where people come together to rejoice in the town and community they call home. There will be a lot of fun and engaging activities that will happen throughout the multi-day event.

There will be art exhibits, BBQ parties, book sales, a children's fishing derby, a live trivia challenge, a cake contest, pottery classes, a flower and car show, swing dancing, a pig roast, jazz performances, a western dance party, and outdoor concerts. The festival also aims to raise funds to help various organizations around Littleton.

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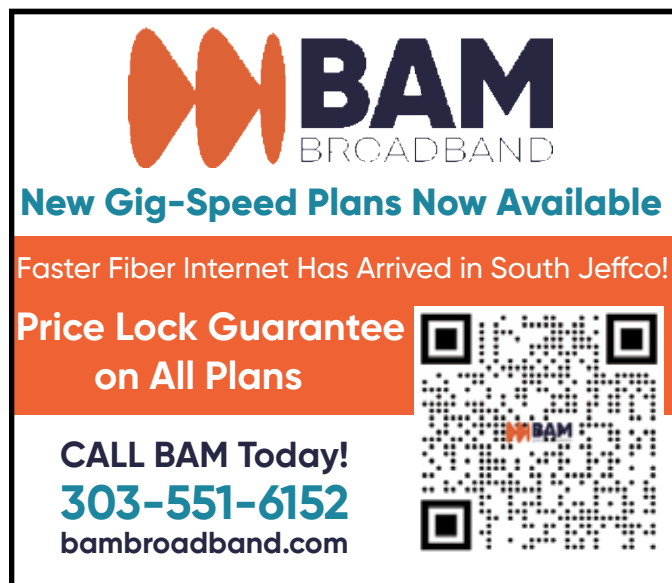
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**Saturday, August 2, 2025, 1:00pm to 10:00pm**

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival returns Saturday, August 2! Race or roll through the heart of historic Downtown Littleton and join hundreds of cyclists and bike enthusiasts competing in races of various skill and experience levels throughout the afternoon and evening.

New this year is the Arts Festival, Littleton's love letter to all who attend. With local artisans, food, beer, music, and entertainment, the Arts Festival is a new way to support local while cheering on the incredible racers! The day kicks off with the first ever Unified Ride, an inclusive and accessible bike wave open to all abilities and types of non-electric bicycles, including adaptive.

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival is designed to embrace the sport of cycling and offer memorable experiences for all who participate. Registration for the competitive races, Family Cruiser Ride, and Unified Ride is now open. Learn more at [LittletonCrit.com](http://LittletonCrit.com).



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## Columbine West Veterans

**Jack Woodman**, U.S. Army, 1967 - 1968 (Vietnam) 1st Logistical Command HQ

**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.

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**Richard Amador**, U.S. Navy, 1955-1959, 1st Class Quarter Master (QM1) aboard the USS Mt Baker, AE-4, and the USS Mt Katmai

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*— Walter Lippmann*

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**Chaplin, Major, William Harrison**, U.S. Army, Operations Chaplain, stationed at Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

**Sgt. Bethany Jagers**, U.S. Army, 282, Engineering Company, Ft. Carson, CO

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### Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

|                 | Lowest    | Highest   | How Many? |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ranch Style     | None      | None      | 0         |
| 2-story         | \$635,000 | \$635,000 | 1         |
| Tri/Multi-level | \$660,000 | \$660,000 | 1         |
| Bi-level        | \$515,000 | \$640,000 | 3         |

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

|                 | Lowest    | Highest   | How Many? |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ranch Style     | None      | None      | 0         |
| 2-story         | \$625,000 | \$650,000 | 2         |
| Tri/Multi-level | \$600,000 | \$629,000 | 2         |
| Bi-level        | None      | None      | 0         |

### Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Jan. 1, 2025–July 14, 2025)

|                 | Lowest    | Highest   | How Many? |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ranch Style     | \$555,000 | \$725,000 | 6         |
| 2-story         | \$642,500 | \$730,000 | 7         |
| Tri/Multi-level | \$553,000 | \$705,000 | 8         |
| Bi-level        | \$560,000 | \$600,000 | 6         |

*The statistical information is based on MLS data July 14, 2025. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.*



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## What Clients are Saying About Duane...

*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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