



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

CWCA – Your Homeowners' Organization

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

## CWCA Calendar of Events

- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**  
February 10 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**  
March 10 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** March 28
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**  
April 14 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)
- **Community Garage Sale:**  
May 1st-2nd
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**  
May 12 – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)



**2026 CWCA Meeting Dates**  
Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12

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

## Holiday Decorating Contest

The Columbine West Civic Association once again sponsored a Holiday Decorating Contest. There were many wonderfully decorated homes in the neighborhood, and the selection committee narrowed it down to two winners: 8072 West Quarto Drive (Red) and 7733 West Plymouth Place (Blue). The West Plymouth home was even set to music!! Congratulations to the winners!! Each received a gift card from CWCA.



## Snow Removal From Your Private Property

Many local laws require residents to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow-storm to allow safe use by pedestrians. This is particularly important along school pedestrian routes to prevent children from having to walk in the street.

Owners must place snow from their sidewalks onto their front yard or other areas of their own property, and not into the street. This practice reduces the number of icy areas on streets and ensures proper drainage flow into the storm sewer once snow melts.

–<https://www.codot.gov/travel/snow-removal>

## The Treasure Cove

The Columbine West Civic Association ended up with a little surplus money in the Budget for 2025. As a result, we made the donation of a freezer to The Treasure Cove.

If you're unfamiliar with Dutch Creek Elementary's Treasure Cove, it is a place where students, families and community members can donate items for others, and those in need can pick up items at no cost. Items include coats, toys, shoes, food and other essential items. The Pantry is cared for and organized by volunteer fifth-grade students.



## Wish Lantern Festival

Friday, February 6, 2026, Silverthorne Pavilion

Part of Silverthorne's First Friday series, the Wish Lantern Festival honors Mexico's Noche de Candela and the Chinese Lunar New Year. Both of these traditions use wish lanterns, and Silverthorne will be floating theirs down the Blue River.

—<https://www.uncovercolorado.com/events/february/>

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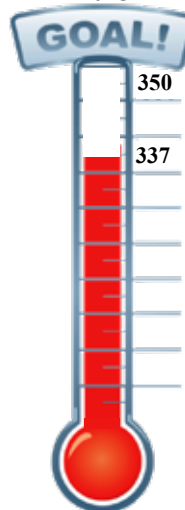
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The newsletter is published monthly. Deadline for news is the 13th of each month for the next month's issue except the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. **All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.** To submit an 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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## Fun Indoor Activities For Long Winter Evenings

**1. Cook an International Feast.** Spice up your dinner routine by picking a country and cooking a meal inspired by its cuisine. Make sushi rolls for a Japanese night, prepare Italian pasta from scratch, or try Mexican tamales. Get the whole family involved in chopping, mixing, and tasting. Add an educational twist by looking up fun facts about the country while you cook.

**2. Plan a Themed Movie Marathon.** Nothing beats curling up for a movie night when it's frosty outside. Make it extra special by choosing a theme—holiday classics, adventure films, or animated favorites—and matching snacks to the theme. For example, hot cocoa for winter-themed movies or nachos for an action-packed flick.

**3. Turn Game Night into a Tournament.** Whether it's classic board games, card games, or trivia challenges, a family game night is a recipe for laughs and good-natured competition. Create a mini-tournament, complete with a scoreboard and small prizes for the winners. For added excitement, have everyone bring their "A game" with silly team names or costumes.

**4. Bake Your Family Favorites.** There's something about winter that calls for baking. From gooey chocolate chip cookies to warm banana bread, baking together is both fun and delicious. Let each family member choose a favorite recipe, or try something new each week. Don't forget to sample your creations fresh out of the oven with a glass of milk or a cup of tea!

**5. Create a Family Vision Board.** Gather old magazines, scissors, and glue for a night of dreaming and planning. Encourage everyone to cut out pictures and words that represent their goals, hopes, and dreams for the year ahead. Share

your boards with each other and talk about how you can support one another in reaching those aspirations.

**6. Build a Blanket Fort and Have a Storytelling Session.** Transform your living room into a magical hideaway by building a blanket fort. Pile it high with pillows, string up fairy lights, and settle in for an evening of storytelling. You could share memories, tell favorite family tales, or invent silly stories together. It's a nostalgic activity that's just as fun for adults as it is for kids.

**7. Take a Virtual Adventure Together.** Travel might not be on the agenda, but virtual adventures are just a click away. Explore online tours of famous landmarks, museums, or even space! Let each family member pick a "destination" and guide the group through a virtual journey. It's an educational and inspiring way to explore the world from your couch.

**8. Have a DIY Karaoke Night.** Unleash your inner superstar with a karaoke session at home. Use a karaoke app or find instrumental versions of your favorite songs online. Whether you're belting out classics, crooning to love songs, or having a dance-off, the energy and laughter are guaranteed to warm up any winter night.

**9. Have a Puzzle Marathon.** There's nothing more satisfying than finishing a big jigsaw puzzle as a family. Set up a cozy puzzle station, make some hot chocolate, and spend the evening working together to fit the pieces. For an extra challenge, try a puzzle with a winter scene or a holiday theme.

—By Kari Owens



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## Winter Movies To Watch When It's Too Cold To Go Outside

### Coming to America (1988)

Coming to America goes from the fictional country of Zamunda to the snowy streets of N.Y.C., as Prince Akeem (Eddie Murphy) travels to Queens to find his queen (pun absolutely intended). These days, it's not just a throwback; it's also peak New York winter in the '80s.

### Cool Runnings (1993)

Feel the rhythm, feel the rhyme...Yes, this is the movie about the Jamaican bobsled team, and what's even better is that it's based on truth. When a Jamaican sprinter (Leon Robinson) is disqualified from the Olympic Games, he and a disgraced coach (John Candy) work together to form the first Jamaican Olympic Bobsled Team.

### Force Majeure (2014)

Telling the story of familial tension after the patriarch attempts to abandon them during an avalanche, this film hits hard. For good reason, of course. Watch this Swedish film solo (and not with a partner you've been fighting with).

### Frozen (2013)

Let it go, let it goooooo.....this is the animated film that birthed the earworm of a century. Frozen is a force, producing spin-offs and a Broadway musical, but the OG is always a great choice. Watch this one with the youngest members of your family and ask them, "Do you want to build a snowman?"

### Groundhog Day (1993)

Groundhog Day is one of those film concepts that takes an idea—inexplicably living the same day over again—and shows you what its real-life application would be like. Note: It wouldn't be fun. Bill Murray is at his comedic best, the plot is universally acclaimed, and honestly? The message at the end makes the movie. This one is meant to be enjoyed with a nice cup of tea, and without worry that Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow.

### Knives Out (2019)

There's not much cozier in the colder months than curling up on the couch with a good whodunit. Not only does Knives Out offer a particularly twisty mystery, but it also features plenty of enviable knitwear that'll inspire your winter wardrobe. Chris Evans's character especially gives a masterclass on cold-weather layering.

### Planes, Trains & Automobiles (1987)

Steve Martin? John Candy? A road trip comedy? Perfection. What's the movie about, you ask? Steve Martin plays Neal Page, an advertising executive on a trip to New York, trying to return to Chicago to be with his family on Thanksgiving. He meets Del Griffith (Candy), a traveling salesman, when Griffith steals his cab, and the two wind up on the same plane to Chicago, which is diverted to Wichita. They decide to try to get to Chicago by train, but that doesn't work out either. What's the last choice, you wonder?

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## Winter Movies To Watch, *continued from page 4*

### Anatomy of a Fall (2023)

A cold drama (in more ways than one!), this award-winning film centers around the mysterious death of a man (Samuel Theis) who's found lying in the snow underneath his office window. Much of the drama takes place in a courtroom, where the man's wife (Sandra Hüller) is on trial for his murder, and where their visually impaired son (Milo Machado-Graner) must serve as the case's main witness.

### The Chronicles of Narnia:

#### The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (2005)

Sometimes it can feel like winter weather will never end, but, in The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, four children travel to a magical land where it is literally always winter (but, tragically, never Christmas), thanks to a curse from the villainous White Witch. Watch this if you need some family-friendly fantasy for your winter movie night.

### Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)

Imagine being able to erase the memories of someone causing you pain. Without question, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind wants to blow that concept out of the water. When their relationship goes down the drain, a couple (Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet) decides to undergo a medical procedure to erase each other from their memories. This one is perfect for a Saturday night, wrapped up in a blanket, having all of the feelings.

### The 'Harry Potter' Movies (2001–2011)

Yes, all of the Harry Potter movies qualify as great winter watches. If you've been living under a rock, Harry Potter is the story of the boy wizard who lived. But it's so much more than that. The snow and Christmas imagery are enough to warm the hearts of even the most warm-blooded muggle. Plus, there are enough sequels to get you through a blizzard.

### The Mountain Between Us (2017)

Idris Elba and Kate Winslet get stranded in the bitterly cold wilderness of Utah and have to put their differences aside to survive a deadly snowstorm. Seeing them put their survival skills to the test will keep you on the edge of your seat—but, let's be real, who wouldn't mind being stuck with Elba?

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🏠 Inventory is starting to climb

That combo means buyers are getting more options—and more negotiating power—than they had just a few months ago. If you've been waiting on the sidelines, this could be the opening you've been looking for.

And for us homeowners?

More serious buyers + improving affordability = renewed momentum.

Curious what this means for your plans this year?

Whether you're thinking about buying, selling, or helping a friend or family member move into our amazing Columbine West neighborhood, I'm happy to walk you through your options without pressure. (Don't forget all CW clients get BIG Thank-You Items and Discounts!)



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## The Love Letter Project

12-26-25 to 02-08-26

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In partnership with ROX Arts Gallery

Now in its 6th year, the Love Letter Project invites you to help spread a little warmth where it matters most. We're asking our community to create and share handwritten Valentine's cards for neighbors served by Nourish Meals on Wheels and Meals on Wheels recipients across the Denver metro area. These cards are delivered by hand before Valentine's Day, each one a small reminder that someone is thinking of them.

### How to Take Part

- Make a card. Handmade cards are encouraged, but heartfelt words matter more than perfection.
- Drop it off at ROX Arts Gallery or in the mailbox right next to the gallery.
- No stamp needed. Cards are hand-delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers.
- Please do not seal your card.
- Write as many as you'd like. One card is lovely. Many are even better.

### Why It Matters

Nourish Meals on Wheels serves homebound Littleton residents, and this project also reaches Meals on Wheels recipients throughout the Denver metro area. For many, your card may be the only Valentine's Day card they receive. A few kind words can turn an ordinary day into something quietly unforgettable.

## For The LOVE of Junk

A Pop-Up Valentine's Flea & Gift Market

Dates: Friday, February 13: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Inside Space 450 Aspen Grove

Vintage romance meets flea-market magic at For the LOVE of Junk, a Valentine's weekend pop-up celebrating all things old-school, one-of-a-kind, and delightfully unexpected.

Shop soulful finds, quirky treasures, nostalgic décor, and gifts with real personality. Add a bouquet from the Flower Bar, sip from a full bar that benefits the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley, and soak in the vibes.

- Live jazz music on Friday night
- DJ spinning tunes on Saturday
- Flower Bar for custom blooms
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- 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
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- Craig Martin**, USMC, 1976-1982, Presidential Guard (Carter Administration) & Mountain Survival Instructor
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- Jason Collins**, U.S. Army (Retired), 2003-2004, 2005-2006 (2 Tours Iraq), 1-10 CAV,4th ID, Truck Driver
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## Columbine Kiwanis

If one of your resolutions is to help the local community, join Columbine Kiwanis.

### A few things we are proud of:

- Over \$15,000 collected for the Salvation Army. Thank you to the King Soopers Stores and people who donated to our kettles.
- 250 Meals on Wheels Deliveries.
- 12 Project Cure Medical supplies sorting.
- Blood Drive - December
- 50 days working at the Sheridan Food Bank. Usually Thursdays
- Socials every month.
- And much more

### Upcoming projects that you can help.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Thursday preparing distribution and distributing food.
- Project Cure – once a month – Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday-(Each member about once a month)
- Blood Drive – March
- Working with Schools

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](mailto:info@columbinekiwanis.org) to subscribe. Visit [columbinekiwanis.org](http://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](mailto:KenSweet@gmail.com).

## 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

**LCpl. Evan Doop**, U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at 29 Palms, California

**ET3 David Fillpot**, U.S. Navy, Plankowner, USS Carl M. Levin, stationed in Honolulu, HI

**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

**GM1 David Tuey**, Petty Officer 1st Class, Small ammunitions, Navy Base, SD

**HM1 Michael Tuey**, IDC, Independent Corpsmen, Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia

**Cpl. Kristyn Lutz**, U.S. Marine Corp, Stationed in Camp Pendleton, California

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## Columbine West Statistics for January 2026

### Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	\$629,000	\$739,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$579,000	\$579,000	1

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$450,000	\$610,000	1

### Homes SOLD in Columbine West (June 1, 2025–Jan. 14, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$560,000	\$648,950	3
2-story	\$575,000	\$700,000	11
Tri/Multi-level	\$553,000	\$698,000	13
Bi-level	\$475,000	\$575,000	2

The statistical information is based on MLS data Jan. 14, 2026. Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Duffy & Associates, LLC.

### 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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