



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

- **Community Garage Sale:**
May 1st-2nd
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting & Election:**
May 12th – 7:00p (Dutch Creek)
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**
June 9th – 6:30p (Pool Pavilion)
- **Dumpster Day:** June 20th –
Dutch Creek Parking Lot
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**
July 14th – 6:30p (Pool Pavilion)
- **CWCA Pool Night:**
TBD - July
- **CWCA Monthly Meeting:**
August 11th – 6:30p
(Pool Pavilion)

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

–C.S. Lewis



2026 CWCA Meeting Dates
May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug 11

Annual Membership Drive Continues

Thank you to every one of you that has recently renewed your membership in the Columbine West Civic Association. We’re already close to 200 members of our 335 goal!! The CWCA is a not for profit 501(c3) and consists of ALL volunteers who work really hard to keep costs 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



CWCA Elections This Month!!

Our elections are coming up at the May Board meeting. All members of CWCA are eligible to vote. Positions to be filled include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and four Board seats. Please come to the meeting on May 12th at Dutch Creek Elementary to vote and maybe even add your name to the Slate.

Yard Of The Month

The 2026 season of Yard Of The Month is kicking off in May!! Once again, neighborhood Realtor® John Basila will be sponsoring the contest and providing the Gift Card prizes. As you meander through Columbine West, please keep your eyes open for beautifully cared for yards!! If you find a property that you think should be recognized, email the address to John at: columbinerealtor@gmail.com. Winners will also get to display a sign in their yard and receive a mention in the Newsletter.

Save The Date – Dumpster Day June 20th

We’ve scheduled our annual Dumpster Day event for Saturday, June 20th. Once again, we’ll have multiple Dumpsters in the Dutch Creek Elementary parking lot. This is the largest event we have for Members of CWCA. Renew your membership now, ahead of time, so you can participate!! Further details to follow next month.

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.

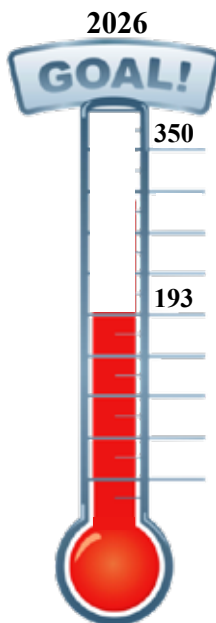
Yoga With A Ranger

Saturday, May 9, 2026, 8:30 am-9:30 am

Lookout Mountain Nature Center
910 Colorow Road, Golden, CO 80401

Cost: Free – Registration Required
on the Jefferson County Civic Rec Sign Up

Find peace and stillness this season with a gentle indoor yoga session held in the Nature Center's exhibit area. Surrounded by natural elements and educational displays, this practice blends mindful movement, breathwork, and mindfulness to help you stay grounded during the colder months. Connect with yourself and the rhythms of the season in a calm, supportive environment. All experience levels are welcome. Please bring water and a yoga mat.



Wildflowers Of Deer Creek Canyon Park

Thurs., May 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Deer Creek Canyon,
13388 Grizzly Road, Littleton

Cost: Free- Registration Required
on the Jefferson County Civic Rec Sign Up

In person at Deer Creek Canyon main trailhead. Join us as we explore a hiker-only trail where we'll be looking for as many flowering species as we can find.

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Columbine West Civic Association

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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

Easter Egg Hunt a Big Success

On March 28th, over 100 neighborhood children participated in our Easter Egg Hunt. More than 2,000 eggs were filled with candy, coins, toys and coupons by our volunteers and hidden around the Columbine West Pool shelter and Dutch Creek playground. Within 5 minutes, all of the eggs had been found! Afterwards, families helped plant over 100 donated pansies in the Community Garden. Big thanks and appreciation to Creek Side Gardens, Dairy Queen, Dutch Creek Elementary School PTSA and our Volunteers for their time, energy and participation.



Mother's Day, May 10

Mother's Day is a time-honored tradition of recognizing the women in our lives who raised us, dried our tears, and well, mothered us. Everyone has one or has someone who is like a mother to them. On the second Sunday of May, we honor those women who are our mothers. Whether we shower her with gifts, take her to a fancy dinner or make her a homemade card, what moms want most is to be surrounded by the love of her family. Knowing the people they love are safe, sound, and healthy is a mom's number one priority.

HOW TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

Pay tribute to your mother this holiday. Surround her with the love she deserves and shower her with the affection and attention you know she wants. For those of us whose moms are no longer with us, spend some time remembering the woman you miss. Visit with those who remember her and honor her memory. If you're a mom, revel in the attention. You deserve it!

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-C.S. Lewis

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Fire Season Preparedness

Fire season is upon us. With severely dry and windy conditions, all of Colorado is in danger of fire. Here is a list of ways to prepare, ways to prevent, and what to do in case fire threatens our community.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

If you have 10 minutes:

- Evacuate people, children, pets: Have a pet carrier and leash/halter for each furry friend
- Essential documents: passports, visas, wills/trusts/POAs, insurance cards, birth certificates, medical records, password list: in waterproof bags. Consider making copies of these now.
- Cell phones, chargers, laptops, fresh batteries
- Prescription medications and list of medications
- Purses, wallets, credit cards, cash
- Eyeglasses, sunglasses, contacts, contact solution, hearing aids
- Pet food, people food/snacks*
- Water bottles/water*
- Keys to house, cars, garage
- Precious jewelry
- First aid kit*
- Whistle*
- Necessary assistive devices (wheelchair, walker)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

If you have 30 minutes more:

- OTC medications and vitamin supplements
- Memories: photos, scrapbooks

- Electronics that will fit in the vehicle
- Clothing for 2-3 days: include hats/visors, jackets, gloves, sturdy shoes
- Non-precious jewelry, watches
- Art
- Calendar/daytimer
- Self-care items: lotion, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, toothbrush and toothpaste, feminine and incontinence products
- Flashlight/working batteries
- A cooler with ice
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Cat litter/box, pee pads
- Tool kit
- Towels

* Having a ready-to-go box or bag with non-perishable snacks, water, a whistle, and a first aid kit saves time and can be used for emergencies and travel.

WHEN THERE IS FIRE DANGER:

- Make sure your vehicles are gassed up and backed into the driveway whenever possible.
- Keep your cell phone charged.
- Have a contact list of family, friends, neighbors.
- Know if there are nearby neighbors who are disabled or may otherwise need your help to evacuate safely; have their phone number.
- Have a fire extinguisher and fire blankets in the vehicle if possible.

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Fire Season, *continued from page 4*

BEFORE DIRECT FIRE DANGER:

- Remove leaves, branches, clutter, other kindling from at least five feet around your home, garage, deck, and outbuildings. Firewood should be no closer than 30 feet from buildings.
- Trim tree branches that hang above buildings. Keep at least five feet from sides and roof; branches should be no closer than ten feet from chimneys.
- Remove flammable items along fences. Rake leaves, remove branches, clutter. Wood fences are conduits for fire.
- Make certain your house number can be seen from the street.
- Purchase a fire extinguisher and fire blankets.
- Speak to your neighbors if their yard is unsafe.
- Build a list of contacts and locations to meet up. This may include home, school, and work numbers.

Brighten Your Home For Spring

Instantly brighten your space by swapping heavy, dark items for light-reflecting, natural alternatives. Key swaps include replacing dark curtains with sheer fabrics, switching to light-colored textiles, introducing mirrors, adding greenery, and changing to warm light bulbs, all of which enhance natural light and create a fresh atmosphere.

1. **Swap Heavy Drapes for Sheer Curtains:** Replace thick, dark window treatments with sheer or light-filtering curtains to maximize natural sunlight and create an airy atmosphere.
2. **Swap Dark Textures for Light Fabrics:** Trade velvet cushions or heavy throws for linen, cotton, or lighter tones to bring warmth without heaviness, instantly elevating the room's aesthetic.
3. **Swap Dark Decor for Mirrors:** Replace small artwork or dark decor pieces with mirrors placed opposite windows to reflect light and create the illusion of a larger, brighter space.
4. **Swap Dry Decor for Greenery/Flowers:** Bring in fresh-cut flowers or leafy green plants to add natural movement, color, and a spa-like freshness to tables and shelves.
5. **Swap Harsh Lights for Warm Bulbs:** Switch out bright white bulbs for warm white bulbs to create a softer, more inviting, and cozy ambiance. These small changes, often recommended for spring or summer refreshes, can significantly boost your mood and the feel of any room.

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- CU Art Museum
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- 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		

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Feb	19	Jul	11	Dec	17
Mar	21	Aug	20		



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



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10 Things Homeowners Should Do Before Summer

Few things are as American as home ownership! Although being a homeowner is the classic American dream, it is actually a big responsibility. Not only is it a large investment, there is the ongoing issue of upkeep and maintenance. This isn't easy to do because every season, every climate and home comes with unique challenges. You have to understand those challenges in order to protect your home and keep it in great shape for years to come. With summer right around the corner, there are some things you'll want to add to your weekend to-do list.

1. Check the gutters, even if you cleaned them before spring. This is the easiest way to make sure that summer showers don't lead to foundation damage. Gutters should be clean of debris, well connected and the downspouts need to usher water away from your foundation.
2. Before it gets too warm outside, inspect your home's crawl spaces. You are looking for moisture first, because even a little moisture can lead to mold and rot. You should also take a note of the temperature in these areas to make sure your insulation is doing its job.
3. Schedule a summer HVAC check up. This will let you beat the summer rush and catch small issues before they lead to expensive repairs and downtime during the hotter months of the year.
4. Inspect your home's irrigation system. This includes examining the lines and nozzles for leaks and clogs. Check your sprinkler heads to make sure they are also working properly.
5. Get your yard gear out of storage and check everything out. This includes checking your mower, trimmer and hoses along with anything you rely on for maintenance. Doing things like checking the oil, starting up everything and making sure hoses haven't developed holes over the winter can save you a lot of frustration!
6. Schedule pest control! Bugs might be few and far between in the winter but spring and summer is a different story. Schedule pest control now to prevent being overrun by creepy crawlers.
7. If winter and spring storms have damaged your trees and shrubs, now is the time to take care of it. Remove dead or unhealthy branches, or call in a professional for help. Luckily, it's a great time to plant if you're wanting to replace dead shrubs or bushes.
8. Changing temperatures and moisture can cause big problems for your driveway, sidewalk and foundation. Walk around and examine everything, paying close attention to cracks. If you notice anything new, call a professional to fix it before it grows into a larger, more expensive problem.
9. Check all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as your fire extinguishers. If you don't have any, make this a priority!
10. Last but not least, remember to switch out your HVAC filter. Mark it on your calendar and do it more frequently throughout the cooling season. This will help your equipment work properly, and help keep your utility bill in check.

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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
- 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
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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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Get Caught Reading Month

There is no better challenge than Get Caught Reading Month in May. All month long, wherever you go, the campaign challenges every one of all ages to get caught reading! Here are some great tips to be prepared to read all month long.

- Tuck magazines into your bag. Anytime you have some free time you will have something to read.
- Place books for all ages in the car. Everyone will have something to read. Older children can read to those who haven't mastered the skill.
- Unplug for the month. Then stop by the library and pick out the latest bestseller or classic on your reading list.
- Charge up the digital reader's battery and load it up. Many classics have been made available for a small fee or no cost.
- Get caught reading to children. Find a snug spot and create a routine that carries on throughout the year.
- Encourage reading during stressful times as a way to distract the mind away from worries and to refocus.

Columbine West Military Members

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— **Walter Lippmann**

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Columbine West Statistics for April 2026

Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$600,000	\$650,000	2
2-story	\$665,000	\$665,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	\$529,000	\$529,000	1

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$650,000	\$650,000	1
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	\$450,000	\$595,000	3
Bi-level	\$575,000	\$575,000	1

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Sep. 1, 2025–Apr. 16, 2026)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$560,000	\$648,950	2
2-story	\$608,000	\$719,000	8
Tri/Multi-level	\$563,000	\$698,000	8
Bi-level	\$429,000	\$611,000	6

The statistical information is based on MLS data Apr. 16, 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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