



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

CWCA — Your Homeowners' Organization

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Membership**  
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## CWCA Calendar of Events

- **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)
- **There is no meeting in December**



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## 2025 CWCA Meeting Dates

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 Recap

We had a tremendous turnout for our Annual Swim Night on August 9th!! Big Thanks & Appreciation to Mike and Elizabeth Cherry who stepped up to chair the event. CWCA provided free access to the Pool, and Mike manned the Grill until all of the hamburgers & hot dogs were gone. Around 50 Residents participated, and a lot of the kids were able to score some cool prizes. Elizabeth is our newest neighborhood Realtor, working with Coldwell Banker Realty. Mike & Elizabeth had so much fun, that they're planning to chair the event again next year!! Thank you, everyone, for participating!!



## Yard of the Month

Congratulations to Grace Lopez for being selected as our Yard Of The Month winner for August. Her home at 7512 W Ottawa Place features a spectacular Garden full of various color Zinnias along the sidewalk and Marigolds along the driveway. A decorative fence protects all of her vegetables like carrots and beans and tomatillos and squash. Grace enjoys working in her Garden and socializing with her neighbors. There is a sign in the yard and Grace received a gift card for Home Depot as a prize. Grace was nominated by her neighbors. Yard Of The Month is sponsored by neighborhood Realtor® John Basila. If you'd like to nominate one of your neighbors, please email John: columbinerealtor@gmail.com



## Autumnal Equinox

The Autumnal Equinox in September ushers in a change of season. It is observed annually when the sun can be seen directly overhead along the equator. The day marks the end of summer and beginning of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

The autumn equinox is one of two days when all points on Earth except the polar regions see the sunrise and set at due east and due west. With few exceptions, all latitudes see almost precisely 12 hours of daylight and 12 of darkness.

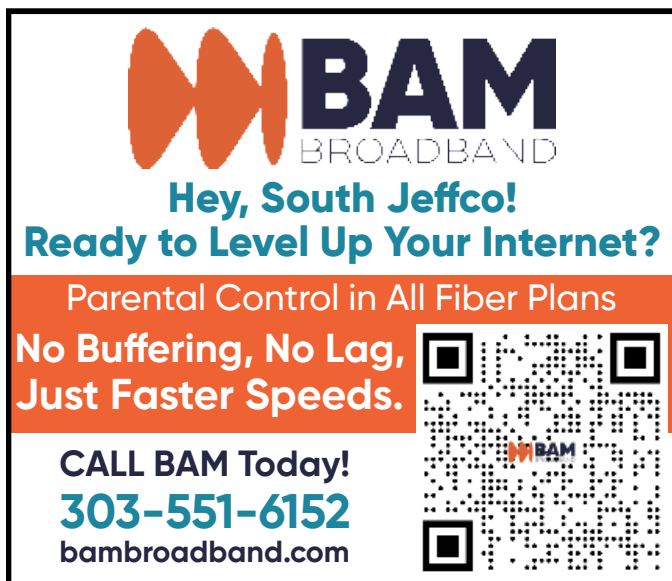


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## Columbine West Civic Association

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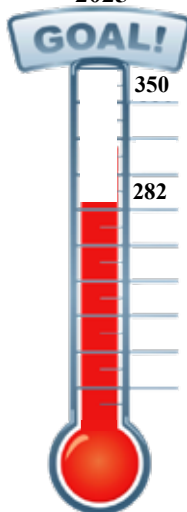
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Sheriff - Emergency	911
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Traffic Complaints	303-271-5677
Extension Services	303-271-6620
Voting Information	303-271-8111

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



# Chipotle Chicken And Corn Chowder

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 can chipotle chiles in adobo sauce
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 poblano pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 6 small red potatoes, peeled and diced small
- 4 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 4 ounces Cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 30 ounces canned sweet corn, drained
- 15 ounces canned cream-style corn
- 1 cup crushed tortilla chips
- Juice from 1 lime, about 2 tablespoons
- Chopped cilantro, to garnish (optional)



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove one chile from the can of chiles and mince it. Remove 1 teaspoon of the adobo sauce and set it aside to be used later. You can save the remaining chiles and sauce for another use.
2. Melt the butter in a large Dutch oven or stock pot over medium heat. Add the poblano pepper, red bell pepper, the chile from the can, cumin, thyme and oregano, and sauté for 5 to 7 minutes, or until the peppers become soft. Add the garlic, stir and cook for an additional 30 seconds, or until fragrant.
3. Stir in the flour with a wooden spoon and cook for 1 minute, or until there is no longer any visible raw flour. Slowly stir in the milk and chicken broth, scraping up any bits from the bottom of the pan as you stir.
4. Add the potatoes, bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender and can be easily pierced with a knife.
5. Add the shredded cheeses a handful at a time, stirring after each addition until the cheese is completely melted.
6. Finally, stir in the chicken, both cans of corn, the tortilla chips, lime juice and the reserved 1 teaspoon of adobo sauce. Cover and cook for an additional 10 minutes, or until the soup is completely heated through. Serve immediately.

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## HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

As the seasons change, a little upkeep now can save big headaches later. Here are some quick homeowner to-dos to keep your house in top shape this fall:

- ☒ *CLEAN GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS – PREVENT WATER DAMAGE BY CLEARING OUT LEAVES AND DEBRIS.*
- ☒ *CHECK THE ROOF – LOOK FOR MISSING OR DAMAGED SHINGLES BEFORE WINTER SNOW ARRIVES.*
- ☒ *SERVICE YOUR FURNACE – SCHEDULE A TUNE-UP TO MAKE SURE IT'S READY FOR THE COLD.*
- ☒ *SEAL GAPS & CRACKS – KEEP HEAT IN AND PESTS OUT BY CAULKING AROUND WINDOWS AND DOORS.*
- ☒ *TEST SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS – REPLACE BATTERIES IF NEEDED.*
- ☒ *SHUT OFF AND DRAIN SPRINKLERS – PROTECT PIPES FROM FREEZING TEMPS.*
- ☒ *INSPECT CHIMNEY & FIREPLACE – CLEAN AND CHECK FOR SAFETY BEFORE COZY FIRES BEGIN.*

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## Milkcaps For Moola

Hey Columbine West neighbors! Do you receive Longmont Dairy delivery? Did you know that your bottle caps can be turned in at Dutch Creek Elementary and recycled? The Dutch Creek PTSA earns \$\$ for returned milk caps. What an easy way to support your neighborhood school without spending extra \$! Just bring your bottle caps in a baggie to Dutch Creek during the school day. They can be put in the cow print box in the lobby. Or, just email [dutchcreekptsa@gmail.com](mailto:dutchcreekptsa@gmail.com) and we will do a porch pickup.

## Excess Harvest

Excess harvest can be handled in several ways: freezing, canning, drying, donating to food banks or charities, sharing with neighbors, making jams or jellies, or composting any unusable portions.

**Freezing:** Blanching and freezing vegetables like spinach, kale, and zucchini preserves their nutrients and texture for future use.

**Canning:** This allows for long-term storage of items like tomatoes, pickles, and jams.

**Drying:** Drying herbs, fruits, and some vegetables (like tomatoes) reduces their size and weight for easy storage.

**Pickling:** Pickling vegetables in vinegar and spices creates a flavorful and long-lasting preservation method.

**Fermenting:** Fermenting foods like sauerkraut and kimchi can be a great way to add probiotics to your diet.

**Donating:** Food banks and charities are often grateful for fresh produce donations.

**Sharing with neighbors:** A simple act of sharing with those around you can build community and reduce waste.

**Selling:** If you have a surplus, consider selling at a farmers market or through a local co-op.

**Composting:** Composting is a great way to recycle any overripe, bruised, or unusable parts of the harvest back into the garden, creating nutrient-rich soil for next year.

**Creating a "harvest restaurant":** Host a dinner party featuring your excess produce.

**Donating to local nursing homes:** Some nursing homes appreciate fresh produce for their residents.



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### Allows Citizens to Submit Road Maintenance Requests

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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

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**Tony Monte**, USMC, 1968-1975 (Vietnam War)

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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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**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	\$624,900	\$700,000	2
Tri/Multi-level	\$595,000	\$595,000	1
Bi-level	\$499,000	\$640,000	3

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

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

### Homes SOLD in Columbine West (Mar. 1, 2025–Aug. 14, 2025)

	Lowest	Highest	How Many?
Ranch Style	\$555,000	\$725,000	6
2-story	\$575,000	\$690,000	7
Tri/Multi-level	\$553,000	\$705,000	10
Bi-level	\$560,000	\$600,000	5

*The statistical information is based on MLS data Aug. 14, 2025. 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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