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CWCA — Your Homeowners' Organization

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

CWCA Calendar of Events

- Daylight Savings -
Spring Forward, March 9
- CWCA Monthly
Meeting, March 11
- CWCA Monthly Meeting, April 8
- Easter Egg Hunt (Chairperson
NEEDED), April 12
- Happy Easter, April 20
- Community Garage Sale,
May 2 & 3
- Happy Mothers Day, May 11



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**2025 CWCA
Meeting Dates**
March 11,
April 8 & May 13

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

Annual Membership Drive Underway

Each year we wait with eager anticipation for the Membership Drive to arrive. It is always exciting to see our Dues Meter in the newsletter become highlighted, working towards achieving the annual goal, as homeowners that participate get tallied. For



many years we have set the goal at 350 households, which is approximately 1/4th of our community. Membership dollars help to bring scheduled events to the neighborhood, cover the cost of monthly meeting rooms, website fees & Covenant Control software. Your \$35 fee helps to purchase supplies for entrance maintenance, cover replacement costs for entrance banners and supports the Annual Halloween & Holiday Lighting contest. Our largest expense, The Annual Dumpster Day Event, uses a

budget of \$3000 to provide our Members an opportunity to remove trash and debris from their properties. CWCA is a not for profit 501(c3) and we are ALL volunteers who work really hard to keep cost down, events up and a neighborhood to be proud of. The Easter Egg Hunt is in jeopardy of not occurring – we need somebody to run it. We can provide everything necessary for a successful event. In addition to renewing your membership, please consider stepping up to Volunteer with our efforts.

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day

Where: Downtown Denver

When: Saturday, March 15, 2025

Perhaps the biggest St. Patty's Day event in Colorado, the Denver St. Patrick's Day parade is a long-time tradition in the Mile High City that both locals and tourists enjoy every year. In its 61st year, the parade will be bigger and better than ever before with hundreds of colorful floats, dancers, performers, and music, all honoring our police, fire, and first responders. The parade begins at 9:30 am at Wynkoop and 19th.

—<https://www.uncovercolorado.com>

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Starting off as a busy month, as always. If you have been wanting to find an opportunity to help others, then check out Columbine Kiwanis. We always have worthwhile and fun projects, that anyone can join. In March we will be working with the Sheridan Blood Bank, Project Cure, Sweet Dreams in a Bag, Meals on Wheels, working in school libraries and tutoring in local schools plus more. We are stretched and can use help. The projects are also a great chance to meet like-minded people.

Details about our upcoming projects and social events are in our weekly newsletter, contact news@columbinekiwanis.org to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more, visit our website at columbinekiwanis.org, or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. We also have a bimonthly meeting usually at Columbine library on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. For more information email kensweet@gmail.com.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers (69 members) dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. We are serving our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations throughout the year. All are welcome to help with any of our projects or attend any of our social events. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

Additional Places to Recycle

- **Rooney Road Recycling:** Schedule an appt, Wednesday or Saturday from 8am to 1:30pm
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Columbine West Civic Association

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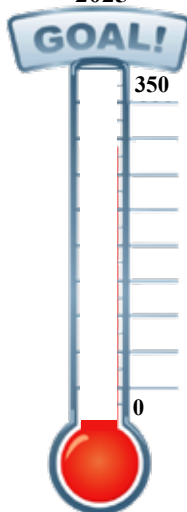
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News Articles

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.

Thank You For Supporting Membership!

2025



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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

March Garden Calendar

Plant: Indoors, after March 15th, start seeds under grow lights. Perennials like lupine and delphinium and annuals like cardinal vine, hyacinth bean vine, marigolds, zinnia, nasturtium and many more.

As soon as ground can be worked, till in 1" to 2" of composted cotton burrs or aged manure into your vegetable garden.

Mid-March plant peas and sweet peas directly in the garden, soak the seeds overnight. Lettuce can be planted next, then radishes. Fall-bearing raspberries can be planted mid-March. Some varieties are: Heritage, Fall Gold, Fall Red, September, Pathfinder or Trailblazer.

Garden centers will have small bare root trees and shrubs and bare-root roses on sale to tempt and tantalize you. Go ahead and succumb. These can be planted from now through April. If you're planting in March look for a time when we have predictions of three or four mild, pleasant days. Soak the roots overnight in a bucket to give plants a good start.

Late March fertilize evergreens and deciduous trees.

Lawn: Core aerate the lawn or have it done by a qualified lawn service. Aeration can be done anytime during the growing season, but to get your lawn off to a good start do it in March. Before aeration make sure the soil is moist to get 3" plugs. Leave plugs on the lawn. If you had crabgrass problems last year apply a pre-emergent herbicide. However, once you've applied a pre-emergent you won't be able to put down grass seed. The herbicide will block the seed from taking root.

Tools: Get your lawn mower ready. Clean and sharpen the blade, drain gas and oil, and replace the spark plug. If your hand tools weren't cleaned last fall, do it now.

—By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener

The Patriot Guard Riders of Colorado

Founded in 2005, the Patriot Guard Riders of Colorado are a 100% volunteer 501 (c)(3) organization whose primary mission is to ensure dignity and respect at the services of fallen military personnel, Veterans and First Responders. The Patriot Guard Riders of Colorado is a State Chapter of the National Patriot Guard Riders.

We "Stand in Honor" for the fallen service members, Veterans, and first responders by holding American and appropriate service flags at funerals, memorials, celebrations of life, dignified transfers, or interment services at churches, parks, cemeteries, military bases, or wherever the ceremony may be in the state of Colorado at the request of the families.

Are you looking for something to do in your spare time? The Patriot Guard would love to have you join us. You do not have to be a Veteran or own and ride a motorcycle to join us. Our only requirement is RESPECT for the fallen. There are no dues or fees required. Membership is free. You attend missions when you can.

We invite you to sign up, come out, and see what we do. Our missions and events, as well as other information, are posted on our website. The national website to join is <https://patriotguard.org/login/> and be sure to subscribe to Colorado mission notifications. You can also contact our State Captain by email at cosc@patriotguard.org.



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Grocery Shopping Habits To Change If You Want to Save Money

Here's how to take down your food bill. Looking to cut down on costs? Avoid making these mistakes at the supermarket.

You're shopping while hungry. You've probably heard you should never go grocery shopping on an empty stomach. There's a good reason for that: Hunger and cravings can drive your decisions, overshadowing clear-minded logic and leading to an increase in impulse buys.

SOLUTION: Fuel up first! Schedule your shopping trips after mealtimes or eat a quick, healthy snack beforehand.

You're going in without a list. Strolling up and down each aisle looking for dinner inspiration may be a relaxing practice, in theory, but it's an activity that can cost you.

That's because grocery stores are designed with the goal of persuading you to add more goods to your cart. As you walk past brightly colored cereal boxes and big red discount signs, immersed in the scents of freshly baked pastries and a catchy pop playlist, you may be convinced to treat yourself and end up spending way more than you originally planned.

SOLUTION: Come in with a game plan. Before you leave the house, think about what you want to eat for the week, then write out a shopping list organized by category (e.g. produce, dairy, meat and seafood, pantry). Now you're ready to navigate through the store like a pro, avoiding as many distractions as possible.

You didn't shop your kitchen first. Starting with a meal plan is great, but it loses most of its value if you jot something down without taking inventory of what ingredients are in your house first. Without checking to see if you already have a container of breadcrumbs in the pantry or bag of peas in the freezer, you're most likely going to double up on purchases, needlessly spending.


SOLUTION: Before heading out, cross any ingredients you have at home (and therefore don't need to buy) off your list. Even better: Shop your kitchen before making a list, so you can flag which foods you already have at home that need to be used up ASAP and brainstorm delicious ways to feature them in meals throughout the week. For example, if you see an extra carton of Greek yogurt in the fridge, consider slating protein-packed pancakes and air fryer fish taco bowls into this week's rotation.

You're not looking at unit prices. Once you get to the store — with shopping list in hand — you're ready to start evaluating the costs of everything. If you're making your decisions based exclusively on the purchase prices, you may not actually be getting the best deal. A quick side-by-side comparison in the grain aisle may tell you one brand of rice is clearly cheaper, but pick up the bag and you may find it weighs so much less than its more expensive counterpart.

SOLUTION: Base your decisions off the unit price rather than the purchase price. That means dividing the total cost by a standard unit of measurement (think: ounces, grams) to better

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Grocery Shopping, *continued from front page*

calculate how much a good costs. This standardization makes it easier to properly compare prices. To continue with the rice example, if brand A costs \$4 for 8 ounces and brand B costs \$6 for 16 ounces, it becomes clear that brand B is actually the better financial selection, costing nearly 13 cents less per ounce.

You're not scoping out the deals. Waiting until you get to the store to see the sales puts you in a position where you'll have to pivot and improvise what you'll be cooking for the week. Plus, you may miss out on an opportunity to score big savings at one grocery store, since instead you go to another.

SOLUTION: Do a little digging for deals and discounts before you make your shopping list. Check the circulars in your mailbox or online to see the weekly specials available at the supermarkets near you. Subscribe to email newsletters, download grocery store apps and sign up for free memberships, which often unlock exclusive savings. For instance, Amazon Prime members have access to special deals at Whole Foods. Other grocery stores offer special customer appreciation discounts on purchases made at certain times. And, many stores have senior discount days that offer a certain percentage off as well.

—<https://www.bhg.com/>

Good Samaritan Day

National Good Samaritan Day on March 13th recognizes the unselfish actions of those who provide help when needed. The day is also known as Good Samaritan Involvement Day and celebrates kindness in all its forms.

Find Your New Favorite Restaurant

The Mile High City hosts its 21st annual Denver Restaurant Week this month, featuring hundreds of participating eateries that offer set-price menus. For either \$25, \$35, \$45, or \$55 you'll have a three-course meal experience at an array of restaurants around town. Everything from international cuisines to award-winning chef creations and even food halls is included in this 10-day event, so be sure to poke around and try out somewhere new.

When: Friday–Sunday, March 7-16, 2025

—<https://denverrestaurantweek.com>

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—Sara Coleridge



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Emerald Ash Borer Treatment

To effectively treat for Emerald Ash Borer, you should spray your ash trees in early spring, shortly after leaves emerge; this is when the insecticide will be most readily taken up by the tree and protect it from the emerging adult beetles laying eggs throughout the growing season.

Key points about spraying for Emerald Ash Borer:

Timing is crucial: Apply the insecticide when the tree is actively transpiring, meaning after leafing out but before the peak of summer heat.

Preventative approach: Treat ash trees even if you haven't seen signs of infestation, especially if EAB is known to be present in your area.

Systemic insecticides: Most effective EAB treatments are systemic, meaning they are absorbed by the tree and transported throughout its tissues, reaching the larvae feeding beneath the bark.

Annual application: Depending on the insecticide used, you may need to reapply the treatment every year.

Get Over It Day

Each year on the 9th of March, people across the country observe National Get Over It Day. Just as it implies, the day is to do exactly that, GET OVER IT.

"It" may be a variety of things. Sometimes we need to get over the small things like spilled milk or traffic. Even news such as being passed over for a promotion, poor grades, or an argument with a family member shouldn't cause us to live our lives in a state of misery forever.

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for Teen Services**

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, Chu Lai & 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

Dave Fine, U.S.A.F, 1966-1970, F4 Fighter Radar Tech, George AFB

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Signing up is easy, visit us at www.CWCA.info and enter your email in the subscribe box. CWCA is continuing to make Columbine West a great neighborhood. The more connected we are, the stronger we are.

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 and we will do a porch pickup.

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YourJeffco App

Allows Citizens to Submit Road Maintenance Requests

Jefferson County is excited to announce the implementation of a new website and app, YourJeffco, that enables citizens, visitors, and business owners in the county to report issues and concerns about roads and bridges maintained by Jefferson County (outside of city limits in unincorporated Jeffco). Reporting a pothole, flooded road, downed tree, graffiti, or scores of other issues is now as simple as pulling out a smart-phone. <https://www.jeffco.us/4492/YourJeffco>

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Hug a G.I. Day

As the only day on the calendar that is mnemonically a military command, March 4th recognizes National Hug a G.I. Day. Gather around your servicemen and women to give them a hug. It's simply a way to show your support. With either a pat on the back or a hearty handshake, be sure to give both past and present G.I.s your appreciation. While G.I.s refer to Army personnel, the day encompasses all those who have served in the military. So, hug those Jarheads, Wingnuts, Squids, and Coasties, too!

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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Current Homes FOR SALE in Columbine West

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	None	None	0
2-story	None	None	0
Tri/Multi-level	None	None	0
Bi-level	None	None	0

Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Columbine West

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$525,000	\$725,000	3
2-story	\$675,000	\$675,000	1
Tri/Multi-level	\$615,000	\$615,000	1
Bi-level	None	None	0

Homes SOLD in Columbine West (June 1, 2024–Feb. 14, 2025)

	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>How Many?</i>
Ranch Style	\$475,000	\$650,000	4
2-story	\$573,989	\$895,000	13
Tri/Multi-level	\$554,000	\$695,000	10
Bi-level	\$515,000	\$575,000	4

The statistical information is based on MLS data Feb. 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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