

Greetings Columbine Heights Neighbors!

We hope you are enjoying this awesome fall weather.

First of all, thank you to all those attended the Summer Picnic. We would like to say “Thank You” to everyone that assisted in planning this event to make it a great success. As always, we appreciate any feedback to continue making it better each year.

Save the Date –

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday December 10th from 3pm – 6pm** for our annual Holiday Party. You should have received an evite as well. More details will be coming in the next few weeks. (** do we want to ask for additional volunteers or do are we covered with the block captains?)

Neighborhood awareness -

Holiday safety

It is that time of year again as we get closer to the holidays to be aware of strange activity. There has been an increase reporting in adjoining neighborhoods of stolen mail from mailboxes. Last year our neighborhood was one of many struck by “porch bandits.” If possible, take your outgoing mail to a blue box or the post office, having a locking mailbox, have packages re-directed to the UPS or FedEx locations.

If you plan to be out of town, let someone know so they can keep an extra eye on your place.

If you do spot suspicious activity, please contact the local authorities.

Proposed Littleton Developments

As you may (or may not be aware), there are two proposed developments that will impact our neighborhood primarily with increased traffic on Platte Canyon, Bowles and Coal Mine.

- **Platte Canyon Villas** on the South West corner of Platte Canyon and Bowles. The latest request is to build 40 duplex/paired homes. The initial plan was voted down 3-2 by the Arapahoe County Planning Commission. However, the developer has revised their plans from their original 50 duplex homes.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.arapahoegov.com/index.aspx?NID=1456>

- **Wild Plum Farms** – Hunters Lane Northeast of Burning Tree / South of Columbine Country club. Revision 5 of the proposal calls for 105 new homes. 35 homes would access the neighborhood through Columbine Country Club and the remaining 70 homes would access the subdivision off of Hunter Lane/ Platte Canyon – which is directly south of Coal Mine Road.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.columbinevalley.org/property-update-wild-plum-farm/>

The continuation of the public hearing is scheduled for October 25th at Hudson Gardens.

- **Clayton Family Farms** (next to Brookhaven Estates off of Bowles). The zoning allows for 7 homes and the builder is fighting to add 22 homes (down from 26). The only way out of the neighborhood is to go east onto Bowles.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.columbinevalley.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Clayton-Family-Farm-Referral1.pdf>

With both of these developments the greatest concerns are in regards to traffic and security. We will pass information on as we hear updates.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are coming up on our annual board meeting in January. We will let you know that date once it has been determined. With many new neighbors over the past few years we welcome your ideas and suggestions on how to improve our neighborhood. We are always looking for new board members to help keep our community strong. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour per month, sometimes a bit more when planning the annual activities. If you have an interest or have questions of what it entails, please contact any of the board members or email us at: columbineheights@gmail.com

If you would like to join any of the committees (social, architectural control, block captain, etc) please send an email to: columbineheights@gmail.com

From our survey there was a strong desire to have a neighborhood garage sale as well as dumpster day. If anyone would be interested in leading this effort in the Spring, let us know.

Let's continue to keep our neighborhood strong.

Cheers!

Columbine Heights Board