

Greetings Columbine Heights Neighbors! Fall 2017

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 all those 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 17th 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. **If you would like to volunteer to assist in coordinating this event, please send an email to columbineheights@gmail.com**

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. In previous years 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 and / or have packages re-directed to the UPS or FedEx locations. Do you know that you can re-direct a FedEx package to Walgreens on the corner of Coal Mine and Platte Canyon for no charge? UPS store in the King Soopers shopping center will accept package deliveries. 7-11 east of Wadsworth will hold your Amazon deliveries.

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

Garage & Car Safety

If you are on NextDoor.com you may have noticed there have been an increase in garage and car break-ins as well as car thefts in the Columbine Valley area.

Tips –

Keep your garage door closed - This probably seems like an obvious security measure, but many families leave the garage door open a lot, even when they go off for the day. Breaking into a garage isn't difficult, but thieves like it even better if the door is just left open! I've had several friends' bikes stolen during the day while they were home.

Remove the remote and any valuables from your vehicle - If your home has an automatic garage door opener, your remote control are probably a small black box that clips to the visor of your car. Sure, this makes it easy for you to get in and out of the garage, but it also makes it easy for a thief to steal the remote out of your car when it's sitting in the driveway (probably unlocked) on a Saturday afternoon. After that it's easy for the criminal to come back in a few days when you are at work and just pop open the garage door.

Install motion sensing lights and/ or security cameras. - Keeping your garage well-lit will deter thieves. You can shop for motion sensing lights that do everything from basic motion detection to alerting you through an app when its light flicks on. To keep a complete eye on your home, consider installing home security cameras as well as a video camera doorbell such as Ring.

If you have GPS in your car and have a favorite with your address, change the contact to something other than “Home.” If someone steals your car they have access not only to your address but to your home as well. Keep insurance and registration cards in your wallet rather than your car.

If you do spot suspicious activity, please contact the local authorities.
Arapahoe County Sheriff - [\(303\) 795-4711](tel:3037954711). For true emergencies contact 911.

Please also reach out to the board members of any hazards such as wild animals on the loose. You may contact Jack at 303-795-8556.

Unpaid Dues?

Hard to imagine but there are a few neighbors that have not paid their \$75.00 for the dues for this year. Don't worry - we are still accepting them. If you have a question about your payment please contact Rick Simms at 303 730-3730 or email at rsimms@rsimmspc.com. It is very important that we receive the dues in order to keep our neighborhood aware of issues, control covenants, and provide social events. All of this helps to maintain the value of our homes and is a small price to pay for the value you receive.

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 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 these efforts in the spring, let us know.

Let's continue to keep our neighborhood strong.

Cheers!

Columbine Heights Board