

## *Columbine Heights Fall Update ~ October 2017*

We hope you are enjoying the Fall weather. After much discussion at our October HOA Board meeting we regretfully and unanimously decided to not hold the annual Holiday Party in December this year. However, we will be changing the Annual Board Meeting in January to also include a social gathering before and after the official meeting.

The reason for our decision was two-fold. First, December is busy and hectic with many conflicting events and getting ready for the holidays. Second, after repeated requests and phone calls, the board struggled to find anyone and willing to either assist or even volunteer to coordinate the holiday gathering.

Several years ago the Block Captain program was revitalized, one captain per block. This took the extra workload off the CHOA Board and the energy and excitement of this group helped make some of the latest neighborhood events fun and memorable. As with most successful events, it was a lot of small tasks distributed among many volunteers. Unfortunately other commitments took priority and a majority of the Block Captains resigned their positions this year thus ending the program. The coordination of our community events fell back to the CHOA Board Members this year.

The CHOA Board Members are volunteers, we also have other commitments – family, jobs, charity events and sit on other boards. Our primary responsibility is to enforce the covenants and ensure compliance to **protect the property values** of our Columbine Heights community. If we did not have an HOA we would be susceptible to enforcement or lack of enforcement by Arapahoe County as they see fit.

From previous surveys, there has been interest in our current activities as well as potential others – dumpster day, neighborhood garage sales, progressive dinners, etc. In order to ensure success, we will need volunteers to pull these events together as well. We also need volunteers to join the CHOA Board of Directors as there are some members that will not returning to their position in 2018.

We hope you are able to join us on January 18, 2018 at the Annual Board Meeting / Neighborhood Social. We want your ideas, suggestions and participation. Specific details will be sent in the coming weeks.

If you have any comments, questions, concerns; feel free to reach out to the board at [columbineheights@gmail.com](mailto:columbineheights@gmail.com) or contact any of us on the board directly.

Thanks!

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