



THE HONKER

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Volunteer Spotlight: Fred Garland

Fred is our resident landscape architect. He regularly tours the grounds looking at bushes and trees to track what needs to be done. He keeps Kent apprised of projects that need to be done and works with Kent on setting priorities and hiring various contractors to complete the work. He also oversees the replacement of trees and bushes that have to be taken out. Sometimes he is involved in building or repairing retaining walls that need attention and he has worked on many other improvement projects within our community. When people have a landscape question, Fred is usually the person who can help. He is very knowledgeable and can help you get things done. When you ask for his help, be sure and thank him for all the time he spends making this a better place for you to live.

— Rosanne Beers



Our Community is the Feature of a Professional Video

Columbine Lakes is a unique and beautiful community of townhomes situated on 21 acres of private land owned by us. I don't think many realtors are aware of the nice settings of many of the homes nor are they cognizant about the amenities of the clubhouse.

A friend of mine, who is a member of our LUMC Optimist Club, has produced a 21-minute DVD with music that shows this attractive community. A disc is playing in the clubhouse lobby most of the days. Watch it if you wish. Rosanne has an inventory of discs that are \$5.00 each. This money will be donated to the LUMC Optimist Club.

— Paul Morrell

Beware

One of our homeowners recently received a phone call from someone who called her "Grandma" when she answered the phone. He said he needed money to get out of jail. She stated that she didn't have any money and hung up. She called the sheriff's office and reported it, which is exactly what you should do, if you get a call like this from someone claiming to be a relative or from someone who claims to be calling in behalf of one of your relatives. But, before calling the sheriff, dial *57 to trace the call. When you call the sheriff's office, tell them that you traced the call. This is a scam that has been going on for some time. The Arapahoe Sheriff's number is **303-795-4711**.

November Calendar

Activity	Date	Time(s)
Ladies Bridge	1st Tuesday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Pinochle	2nd Tuesday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bunco	2nd Friday	12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bingo	Last Friday	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
HOA Mtg.	18th	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Aerobic Swim Group	Tue-Sat	8 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Clubhouse and Office Hours

Mon. closed • Tues. - Fri.: 1 - 5 p.m. • Sat. 2 - 6 p.m.

Next HOA Meeting

November 18th • 7 p.m.

Clubhouse

Everyone is Welcome!

Sad News

Wendy and Dan Kenny's daughter, **Laura Kenny**, died unexpectedly earlier this month. She was only 31 years old and an American hero who was wounded in action and had been in the hospital for a year. She had only recently gotten out of the hospital. Our sympathy goes out to their entire family. What a tragedy!

From the Social Committee

We intend to continue our once per month Bingo Parties on the Last Friday of each month. We start at 7 p.m. and play to about 9 p.m. We always have refreshments. We serve alcohol on a cash donation basis, which helps the Committee stay solvent.

"It's so clear that you have to cherish everyone."

— Alice Walker

Annual Meeting

The Board wants homeowner feedback as to whether you want to spend a chunk of money to solve the geese poop issue. A company with Border Collies has demonstrated how they could get rid of our problem and have presented the Board with a contract. The information will be presented at the Annual Meeting to solicit homeowner feedback before any action is taken. Come get involved. It's your money.

Insurance Claims

If you have any insurance issues affecting the exterior of your unit or property, please contact **Kent Kuhlmann** at Westwind Management and let him handle the issue with the insurance company. He can do it in a way to keep us in a lower risk group, which keeps our insurance costs down.

Financial Report

The good news is that the Budget Committee and the Board has recommended no increase in homeowners' dues for 2010. The fees will remain at \$258.00 per month.

The bad news is that the city of Englewood has increased our sewage treatment costs by \$16,000 over last year. Kent has been discussing this situation with two senior staff with few concessions. We get our water from Denver, but our sewage is treated by Englewood. They have the option of charging per unit or based on overall water consumption during the winter, so trying to reduce our water consumption to offset our increased costs is our only option. Water is budgeted to increase by \$8,900 again to over \$100,000 for 2010. Of course, this adversely impacts our reserve contribution, which has been reduced to \$124,000. Because this is what we draw upon for major repairs, don't expect to see any major projects undertaken in 2010.

One concern is the amount we are spending on fence repairs and the number of calls we receive for our handyman, Adi, to attend to minor repairs. A year ago, we contracted with him to work three days per week. Between his hire date in August of 2008 and the present, we've expensed over \$36,000 for his services.

We have increased the budget for drainage, because of the poor soil conditions. The developer under provided for this important issue and we have recently had many very expensive problems to correct.

At the September monthly homeowners meeting, there was an open invitation for homeowners to participate in the budget process and we'd like to thank the following homeowners who assisted in repairing the 2010 budget: **Vicky Haddock, Lee Wasilik and Fred Garland.** We'd love to have more of you attend these monthly meetings and become involved in the management of your association.

Please Get Approval Before Making Architectural Changes

This is for your own protection. The process involves filling out an ACC form, which then goes to the Architectural Change Committee. If it is a Fast Track item, the ACC can approve your request, but before you make any changes you need a letter of approval from Westwind Management spelling out any requirements you have to meet to be within the approved guidelines.

If your request does not qualify for Fast Track, then it must receive Board approval before the letter from Westwind Management is written. You need to submit your request 7-10 days prior to the Board, meeting, if it will need Board approval, in order to give the ACC time to consider your request and make their recommendations to the Board. Board meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month.

When you make architectural changes before receiving your letter of approval, you do not know the requirements you must meet to get approval, which can end up costing you extra money to redo things.

If you know of neighbors who do not read the Honker, please encourage them to do so, because it is the Board's main way of communicating and providing reminders that can save you from being in violation of guidelines and costing you extra money to redo things.

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On the Wild Side 10-09

KEEPING OUR WILDLIFE HOME

As you know by reading the article about geese management, to control the problems that occur with goose droppings, the board is considering the use of trained dogs on the lawns and noise making devices on the pond to chase geese away. The goal is to drive away the entire goose population on the property between November and March of each year.



Common sense tells us that this would affect not only the geese, but all the wildlife on our property, including the beautiful and unusual diving ducks that we get on our ponds in the winter. What would happen to the peace and beauty here if, day in and day out, (and some evenings as well), we had dogs running around chasing geese as well as loud noises occurring on the pond? Is this the environment we want to live in? Is this what we want the wildlife here to endure?

Many of us moved here because of our love and enjoyment of nature and its creatures. That atmosphere would be lost with this venture. The nature around us is an invaluable aspect of our community that others only dream about.

We need to find different options for goose droppings mitigation. Together, we can find a better solution.

To be heard and make your wishes known, attend the next board meeting. Also, send comments via mail or email to:

Columbine Lake Townhouse Association,

Attn: Kent Kuhlman
15150 E. Iliff Ave, Aurora, CO 80014 OR
Email: kent@westwindmanagement.com
You may also contact your board members.

— Thank you, Deb Carstensen



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1. Ask yourself, "What takes up my time that is not directly contributing to the life I want or the future I am building?"
2. Before you add anything (even structure or support) to your already crowded schedule, see where you can create some time and space for yourself.
3. Make a list of your commitments and unfinished projects.
4. Take a hard look at each commitment and unfinished project, etc. Ask yourself these questions:

Does the project or commitment truly support who you want to be and where you want to go?

Do you feel joyful doing it?

If not, can it be dumped or delegated?
5. If it supports who you are and what you're up to, what immediate steps can you take to complete it? Design an action plan and complete it as quickly as possible to get it off your list.



By following these steps, you will improve your whole life and create more time to enjoy it.

— Rosanne Beers

50¢ Recreation Commemorates South Suburban's 50 Years of Success

South Suburban Parks and Recreation celebrates 50 years of service to the community in 2009. On Friday, November 6, 50¢ Friday will be held at South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S. Vine St. in Centennial. Skating enthusiasts of all ages can attend the 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. public sessions for 50¢ as well as rent skates for only 50¢. Glide on in and enjoy inexpensive winter fun.

On Friday, November 27, visit any of South Suburban's four recreation centers all day for only 50¢. Check out the weight rooms or cardio equipment, shoot some baskets and enjoy some quality family time.

- Lone Tree, 10249 Ridgeway Cir., 5 a.m. – 10 p.m., 303-708-3500
- Goodson, 6315 S. University Blvd., 5 a.m. – 10 p.m., 303-798-2476
- Buck, 2004 W. Powers Ave., 5 a.m. – 10 p.m., 303-797-8787
- Sheridan, 3325 W. Oxford Ave., 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., 303-761-2241

Visit www.sspr.org and find more special holiday activities at South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

World Kindness Week: November 9-15

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