



Minutes For March 11th, 2025 Meet by Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Board members present:

Kathy, Mark, Marie, Sara

Treasurer's Report:

Paid \$410 for the website domain name. Lasts 2-3 years. \$1400 collected in dues. Dues drive is now until April 1st.

Old Business:

Front Entrance clean up-hiring a handyman to do several small jobs

Events:

Easter Egg Hunt

Zoo Lovers Day

Each year on April 8th, National Zoo Lovers Day encourages us to explore our local zoos. Each year millions of people visit zoos and learn about the many animals that live there. Also known as zoological parks, many of them serve as breeding centers. These facilities are relied upon when species are endangered or at risk of becoming endangered. They also provide education to the public about a broad variety of animals and their habitats.



Ultimate Spring-Cleaning Checklist

1. Clean Baseboards: Spring cleaning is the perfect time to clean your baseboards. "Although they're often overlooked, clean baseboards give your home the perfect finishing touch," says Leanne Stapf, COO of The Cleaning Authority. Baseboards can be easily cleaned with a vacuum with a bristled brush hose attachment to remove any dust; then, wipe them down with a damp microfiber cloth and all-purpose cleaner.

2. Dust: No matter how much you try to prevent it, dust builds up in every room of the house. When dusting, work from the top of a room down, vacuuming the dust that settles on the floor. This includes hard-to-reach places, such as the tops of ceiling fans and window casings.

3. Vacuum. Vacuum your floors to clean crumbs and loose dirt. "It's common to track the bacteria and dirt from your shoes across the carpet," says Stapf. "Not only can a buildup of grime break down your carpet fibers, but it can also harbor pollutants that may make you sick."

4. Mop. After vacuuming, go over your floors with a mop. "Floors are one of the most exposed areas in our homes, which is why mopping them frequently is crucial in keeping your home clean," says Diane Amos, cleaning expert for Pine Sol.

5. Shampoo Rugs. Synthetic carpets and rugs with waterproof backings can be deep-cleaned with a rotary shampoo machine and a hot-water extraction machine. Rugs without backings require professional cleaning.

6. Wipe Walls and Ceilings. Over time, our walls and ceilings build up with unwanted marks. To clean your walls, start by using a vacuum to remove dust. Next, tackle stubborn surface grime, which is especially prevalent in kitchens, with a solvent-free degreaser (test it first in an inconspicuous area to ensure it won't mar the surface).

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Earth Day Facts For Kids

1. The First Earth Day Was Celebrated in 1970. It was inspired by protests during the Vietnam War. At that time, very harmful human activities such as oil spills, the uncontrolled use of pesticides, and deadly smog, were a daily occurrence. Because of this, people wanted to take action to stop activities that were so bad for our environment.

2. Earth Day Takes Place in More Than 192 Countries. Despite being celebrated almost exclusively in the United States for almost 20 years, Earth Day has now become an internationally recognized day. Every year, celebrations bring together more than one billion people across the world.

3. We Always Celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The date was chosen on purpose to encourage more college students to join celebrations and protests on this day, as it fell exactly between spring break and final exams. On April 22 of every year, rallies, concerts, and outdoor activities are organized worldwide.

4. Earth Day Initiatives Have Done Amazing Things Worldwide. The first edition of Earth Day led to the adoption of very important environmental laws in the United States, including the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts. On April 22, 2011, 28 million trees were planted in Afghanistan to bring green areas back to life that were destroyed during the country's long conflict. And in 2016, the United Nations chose Earth Day to sign the famous Paris Agreement.

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Cleaning Checklist, *continued from front page*

7. Reseal Grout Lines. The cement-based material between wall, floor, and countertop tiles is extremely porous and stains easily. Protect it by applying a grout sealer with a small foam brush.

8. Clean Upholstered Furnishings. Take cushions outside and gently beat them by hand to remove dust. If there are stains, check the care labels for cleaning recommendations. Use a vacuum's upholstery and crevice tools to clean under seat cushions.

9. Polish Metal Door and Window Hardware. Return dull knobs, hinges, and other metal finishes to their former glory with a quick polish. Liquid polishes and polish-dampened cloths work well for medium-tarnished surfaces, while pastes and creams are best for heavier work.

10. Wax Surfaces. Clean wooden surfaces with a soft cloth dampened with water and mild dishwashing liquid. Then apply wax a few feet at a time with a cotton rag folded into a square pad. Let the wax dry; buff with a clean cloth.

11. Clean Window Furnishings. Drapes, curtains, and blinds should also be tended to. "While we may not directly interact with them, curtains can accumulate dust and odors from around the home and need to be cleaned," says Stapf. "Give the curtains a little extra TLC once every season, but look at their material before throwing them in the washing machine. Some may need to be sent to the dry cleaners."

12. Wash Window Screens. Window screens get very dirty throughout the year. Clean them using warm water and a mild dishwashing liquid, scrubbing each screen with a brush. Once clean, rinse them thoroughly with water.

13. Clean Light Fixtures and Ceiling Fans. Light fixtures are a hub for dust. "Your ceiling fan is a great place to start—just make sure you turn off the light bulb and let it cool before wiping it down," says Amos. Wipe the blades with a pillowcase so the dust gets trapped inside.

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Watch The Rockies At Coors Field

Nothing says warm weather like baseball on a sunny day. What better place to watch a game than Coors Field in downtown Denver with a grand view of the mountains in the distance? The Rockies season runs from early April through early October, and maybe longer, pending a playoff run.

Opening day for the Colorado Rockies will be held on Friday, April 4th, 2025 as they take on the Oakland Athletics. There are plenty of festivities to celebrate the return of baseball. Coors Light will be set up in McGregor Square with activities for the whole family, the Broncos quarterback will throw a ceremonial first pitch, and there will be a flyover by the Air National Guard. Don't miss this exciting day!

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Great Spring Hikes

- **Waterton Canyon:** The Waterton Canyon Trail is located near Chatfield State Park. It is a 12.6-mile out-and-back trail.
- **Alderfer / Three Sisters Park:** A popular hike about 30 miles from Denver is the Evergreen Mountain Trail loop at Alderfer/Three Sisters Park. It's a 4.2-mile hike roundtrip. This trail may have icy spots and mud.
- **Mount Galbraith Loop via Cedar Gulch Trail:** The Mount Galbraith Loop via Cedar Gulch Trail is a 4-mile loop in Jefferson County. This beautiful hike follows the Cedar Gulch Trail and encircles Mount Galbraith with great views of Golden, Coors Plant and Denver. If you want to reach the peak, the elevation is just over 7200 feet. You will see interesting rock formations and lots of animal trails along the way.
- **Mount Falcon Castle Trail Loop:** The Mount Falcon Castle Trail Loop is located near Morrison and is a 7.4-mile loop trail. There might be some patches of ice and mud on the trail.
- **Mayflower Gulch:** The Mayflower Gulch trail is located about 15 minutes south of Frisco. The trail is 6.1 miles out and back.
- **Carpenter Peak Trail:** Carpenter Peak Trail is a 6.3-mile out-and-back trail in Roxborough State Park. This may be a muddy hike, so come prepared.
- **Red Rocks Park:** The Red Rocks to Dakota Trail Loop. It is a 6.4-mile hike.

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

We all made our new year's resolution to get more involved with our community, working with schools, food banks, and neighborhood cleanups. Things that help others and make us feel better. But now that the time has come we don't know where to volunteer.

If you need suggestions look into Columbine Kiwanis, we always have a lot of projects and can use help. We always have worthwhile fun projects, that anyone can join. In April 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 am 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 pm. 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.

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Hippity Hoppity Events, Aspen Grove

Don't miss out on this egg-stra special day at Aspen Grove! Spots for storytime are limited, so be sure to RSVP early. We can't wait to celebrate spring with you!

STORYTIME WITH MOTHER NATURE & MR. BUNNY
Inside Tattered Cover, 10:30 am – 11:15 am

A whimsical storytime for kids 8 and under featuring Mother Nature and a special guest appearance from Mr. Bunny! Seating is limited, and an RSVP is required to attend. RSVP for Storytime.

MR. BUNNY PHOTO TIME

Inside Pink Attic Cat, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

Hop on over to Pink Attic Cat for a festive photo opportunity with Mr. Bunny! No set time slots – just stop by anytime during the event hours for your bunny moment. RSVP for Mr. Bunny Photos (open to everyone, no limit – Mr. Bunny will be available for photos from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm)

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April Garden Calendar

April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

Garden cleanup is the first priority.

- Rake leaves and debris from around trees, shrubs, etc.
- If you haven't done so yet, cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, blue mist spirea, potentilla, and some hydrangeas.
- Remove any broken or damaged branches from trees.

What we've been waiting for – Planting season begins now!

- Plant container or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs from now throughout spring.
- Plant bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 12 hours before planting. Vegetables – Early April Outdoors
- Soak parsley seeds 24 hours before planting ¼” deep.
- Dill seeds should be pressed lightly into the soil.
- Peas can be sown as late as mid-April.
- Indoors - Start warm season vegetables from seed like tomatoes and peppers.
- Mid April Outdoors: Plant lettuce, chard, spinach, kale, beets, carrots, radishes and onion sets.
- Indoors - Start seeds of flowers like zinnias and celosia that need four weeks before planting outside. It's not too late to plant Cardinal Seed Vine and Hyacinth Bean Vine indoors; two annual vines that put on a beautiful show mid to late summer.

Other Garden Chores:

- Transplant: Divide and transplant summer and fall blooming perennials such as sedum Autumn Joy, garden Phlox paniculata, Asters, perennial Dianthus, and Shasta Daisies.
- Roses – Once new growth starts, slowly remove mulch from around the plants. Prune dead or damaged canes first, then prune all other canes to approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground. Fertilize with a rose food formulation of 9-14-9 which is higher in phosphorus to encourage blooms and strong roots. Cutting out dead canes is recommended.

Lawn care:

- Core aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do to maintain a healthy lawn. This is also a good time to do an irrigation audit to make sure your system is working properly.

Weeding:

- As you see weeds pull them out. They are generally small this early and easy to remove.

Wasp control:

- Hang pheromone traps out to capture early emerging yellow-jackets. If you trap a queen early, you prevent a nest. These bright yellow traps are available at both garden centers and big box stores. They will not harm other insects just yellow-jacket wasps.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research-based answers. Get answers to your horticulture questions by visiting ask.extension.org any time day or night.

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