

Columbine Patio Homes *Happenings*

SEPTEMBER 2025

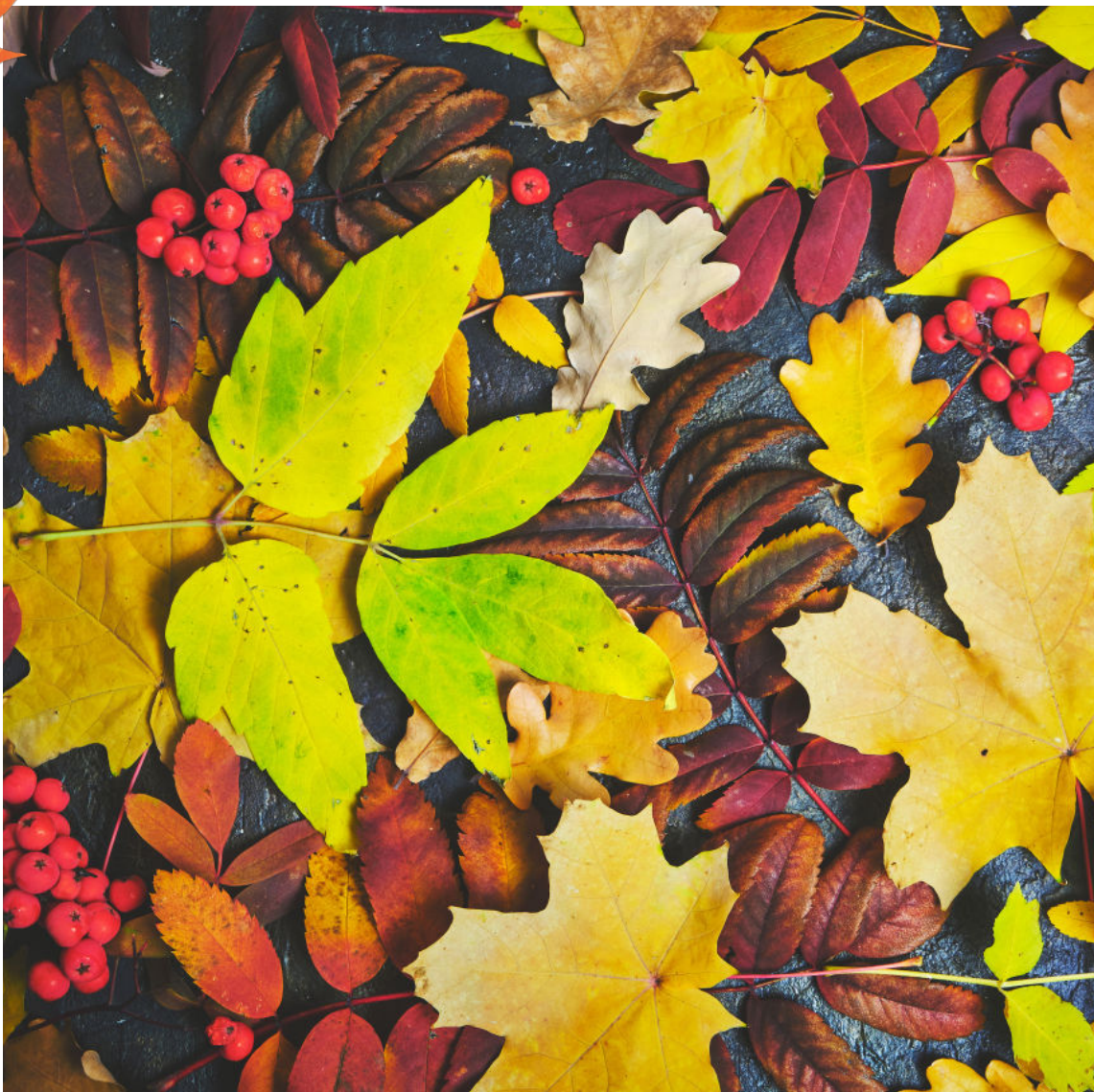
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SEPTEMBER SONG

It seems that summer's fading fast
And autumn-time is here;
The leaves all turn to red and gold
About this time of year.

October is just a breath away
And now September Song.
There's loveliness about the earth
And birds sing all day long.

The crimson red & gold & green
All to the eye will please.
Folks come from miles to Mountain high
To view this lovely scene.

We thank you, God, for all I see
So picturesque & clear; Each pretty leaf we
see today
Is in Your loving care.

-Katherine Smith Matheny

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S FUNDRAISER:
PASTA BUFFET & THE PURPLE PASSION PARLOR



Join us this Fall in supporting a cause close to our hearts—raising funds for Alzheimer’s research. Each year, our community comes together in meaningful ways to help fight this challenging disease, and we’re excited to do it again with your help!

If you would like to join our **Walk to End Alzheimer’s Team** for the walk **on Sunday, October 5th at 1:00pm**, you may register by going to act.alz.org/goto/worthingtonwalks or by scanning the QR code below. There is no fee to register but raising \$100 will earn you the Walk T-Shirt!



PASTA BUFFET FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Date: Wednesday, September 24th, 2025
Time: 4:30 – 7:00pm
Location: The Worthington Dining Room

Enjoy a delicious evening featuring:

- Pasta buffet with appetizers & drinks
- Ice cream sundae bar
- Live jazz by a 7-piece band during dinner
- Piano performance by our very own Esther
- Parsons during cocktail hour

Tickets will be available soon!

- \$25** = VIP Happy Hour, Buffet Dinner & Ice Cream Bar
- \$15** = Buffet Dinner & Ice Cream Bar
- \$5** = Ice Cream Bar Only

Tickets can be purchased for the full evening or individual portions of the event. *All proceeds go directly to Alzheimer’s research.*

THE PURPLE PASSION PARLOR

September 12–24 | Galleria

We’re transforming the Galleria into the Purple Passion Parlor—a pop-up fundraiser space where you can:

- Purchase items donated by residents and staff
- Enter to win fun prizes
- Support Alzheimer’s awareness in style!
- It’s not too late to donate new or gently used items to be sold—just drop them off at the Worthington front desk.

Invite Family & Friends!

We encourage you to spread the word and invite your loved ones to this special evening. Staff will also be reaching out to families to help make this event a success.

Everyone who purchases dinner tickets will be entered into our door prize drawings!

Thank you for being part of this important cause—we can’t wait to see you there! If it’s pretty, purple, and in good condition, it’s perfect for the cause!

Please drop off your donated items at the front desk or bring them directly to Denise. Your thoughtful contribution will help make this year’s fundraiser a meaningful—and memorable—success.

Thank you for supporting a cause close to all of our hearts.



FUN DATES & HOLIDAYS -
SEPTEMBER 2025

September 1 (Monday) – Labor Day

A national holiday honoring workers. A great day to relax and enjoy a picnic or barbecue with friends!

September 7 (Sunday) – Grandparents Day

A sweet celebration honoring all the love, wisdom, and cookies our grandparents bring to the world!

September 13 (Saturday) – Positive Thinking Day

A reminder to keep those good vibes going—smiles, kind thoughts, and optimism all around!

September 14 (Sunday) – Rescue Pet Visit (Community Event)

Come meet adorable rescue puppies and kittens on the front lawn from 1–3 PM!

September 17 (Wednesday) – Constitution Day

Celebrating the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787—a moment in history that shaped the nation.

September 19 (Friday) – Talk Like a Pirate Day

Arrr matey! Have a little silly fun today with pirate phrases and humor.

September 21 (Sunday) – International Day of Peace

A global day for promoting peace, kindness, and harmony in communities and beyond.

September 22 (Monday) – First Day of Fall (Autumn Equinox)

Crisp air, colorful leaves, and pumpkin everything—fall begins today!

September 24 (Wednesday) – National Punctuation Day

WHAT’S GOIN’
ON?

ROLLERS & STROLLERS

Join the patio home residents every Wednesday at 10am as they “Roll ‘n Stroll” around the circle. A great way to get some fresh air and connect with your neighbors. The weather is nice, come out and get some exercise with friends!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!
827 TORINO CIRCLE

Let's celebrate the Torino Circle community with one last ice cream social **on Labor Day, Monday, September 1st, at 3 p.m.** Bring a chair, and we'll gather at Dan and Kathy Wendland's driveway, #827. Come and enjoy treats and conversations with neighbors old and new!



TORINO CIRCLE
DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join us on Monday, September 8th, at 10 am for our monthly discussion group. We ask that you come prepared to share some of your favorite places of interest or activities in Fort Collins and environs.

Hosts: Ellie & Mike Aronow

Address: 856 Torino Circle

Phone: Please RSVP to 480-993-7910. Your RSVP will help us plan for seating.

DISCOVER “LIFESCAPES AND ANTHROSCOPES” — PART 9 OF KEVIN’S NATURE SERIES

Join Kevin **on Thursday September 11th, at 10:00 AM in the Worthington Activity Room** for the 9th installment of his always-popular nature series! This year’s theme, “Colography: The Nitty-Gritty Colorado,” offers a fun and fascinating blend of Colorado’s natural history and human impact on the landscape.

This unique and thought-provoking presentation is perfect for anyone curious about how nature and humanity shape each other across the Centennial State.

Don’t miss it!
Sign-up required! Call 970-490-1000

TORINO CIRCLE LUNCH BUNCH – AUGUST HOST NEEDED!

We had a great turnout for our last gathering on August 14th. Thanks to those who hosted the May, June and August outings at C.B. & Potts, The Moot House and Simmer: Barbara Hagen, Mary and Bob Clark, and April Adams.

Please join us in September!

Date: Thursday, September 11
Time: Noon

Restaurant: First Watch
(2809 S. College Avenue, FoCo)

Hosts: Ellie and Mike Aronow
****RSVP to Ellie no later than end of day Tuesday, 9/9, in person or at 480-993-7910.****

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC – FREE MONTHLY CHECK-UP!

Did you know that The Worthington offers a monthly Blood Pressure Clinic for residents? This free service is provided by the caring nurses and CNAs from Columbine Health and is a great way to stay on top of your health.

When: Every third Friday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Where: Worthington Galleria Coffee Shop
Next Clinic: Friday, September 19th, 2025

This clinic is free and open to all patio home residents. Stop by for a quick check-in and a friendly hello!

THE TORINO CIRCLE WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

September 15th, 2025, will find our group meeting at the home of Katie Fletcher (#871). Katie will lead our discussion of the book The Frozen River, by Ariel Lawhon. Ariel Lawhon tells “a gripping historical mystery of the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history. This is an excellent book that pairs well with our July selection of Lady Tan’s Circle of Women by Lesa See.

Barbara Hagen and Carol Herbert,
Co-Organizers

If you are new to our community or would like to join our group, but haven’t read the book, join us anyway. We’d enjoy having you there. Any questions about joining, or anything else about the group, please contact Barbara Hagen at (970) 219-9600 or e-mail her at bhagen6NT@gmail.com

VISIT FROM UNTIL THEY’RE HOME – RESCUE PET EVENT!

We’re excited to welcome Until They’re Home, a passionate Colorado-based rescue agency that’s transforming the way homeless pets find their forever families. Dedicated to innovative, compassionate solutions, they support both pets and the people who love them.

Their mission includes:

- Temporary foster care
- Rehousing support
- Sliding-scale behavior training
- Ongoing aftercare through their “Find a Foster” program

We’re proud to share that our community hairstylist is a volunteer with this amazing organization—and they’re bringing some adorable rescue puppies and kittens for a special visit!

Date: Sunday, September 14th
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Location: Front Lawn – Worthington

Come out, meet these lovable furballs, and learn more about how you or your loved ones can support animal rescue efforts. **Feel free to invite family and friends**—it’s a great way to spend the afternoon and support a good cause!

TORINO CIRCLE GENTLEMEN’S BOOK CLUB

More Than a Book Club – A Time to Connect
Calling all gentlemen of Torino Circle! You’re invited to join a new monthly gathering that’s not just about reading—it’s about sharing, connecting, and enjoying great conversation with fellow neighbors.

Reading the book is optional—your life experience, thoughts, and stories are what truly make the group special. Whether you’ve read every chapter or just come for the coffee and camaraderie, you’ll be warmly welcomed.

Next Meeting:
Monday, September 15th, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Home of Hart Renger #814

Book(s):
Virgil Wander by Leif Enger & Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty by Patrick Radden Keefe

Questions? Contact Bob Clark at (970) 420-0318
We look forward to seeing you there—bring your thoughts, your stories, and a smile!

GUEST SPEAKER EVENT: ONCE UPON A YEAR WITH JIM WILLARD

Thursday, 18th, at 11:00 AM
We’re excited to welcome back Jim Willard for his popular series, Once Upon a Year! **Join us on Thursday, September 18th, at 11:00 AM** for a nostalgic journey through time.

In this engaging program, Jim will take us on a trip down memory lane—exploring notable moments from years past, including highlights in world events, politics, pop culture, music, and entertainment. It’s a fascinating and fun look at the decades that shaped our lives.

This event fills up fast, so sign-ups are required!
Reserve your spot today by calling 970-490-1000.

Don’t miss out on this entertaining and enlightening stroll through history!

MONTHLY MEN’S BREAKFAST

Friday, September 19th at 8:00 AM
Start your morning off right! **Join the men of our community for our Monthly Men’s Breakfast on Friday, September 19th at 8:00 AM in the Worthington Private Dining Room.**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast, hot coffee, and meaningful conversation in great company. It’s a perfect way to kick off the day—relaxed, social, and satisfying.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sign-up required!
Call 970-490-1000

TORINO SHARING LIBRARY

Thank you to all who donate books for the sharing library and all the Torino Circle residents who enjoy reading the varied selections! A new addition to the library book box is a rack on the side to hold magazines that our residents might be willing to share after they’ve finished reading them. Bob Clark will monitor the rack to make sure it stays neat and appropriately current.

Your Library Stewards,
Kathy and Dan Wendland

Our current Stewards for the library are Dan & Kathy Wendland #827

Contact them at 970-377-1235 with any, contributions, questions or concerns. *Thank you, Dan & Kathy!*



UPCOMING FLU SHOT & VACCINE CLINIC

October 8th

Stay healthy this season! A Flu Shot & Vaccine Clinic will be held:

Date: Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Worthington Activity Room

In addition to flu shots, the following vaccines will also be available:

- COVID-19
- RSV
- Pneumonia
- Shingles

What to Bring:

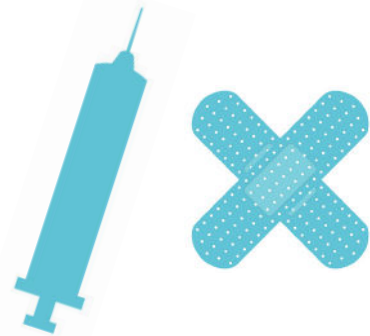
- A completed consent form
- A copy of your insurance card

Note: Kaiser insurance is not accepted at this clinic.

How to Sign Up:

Consent forms are available at the Worthington Front Desk or can be emailed to you.

Let's stay protected together!



NATURAL HABITAT BUFFER ZONE (NHBZ) – SITE VISIT REPORT

This past July, we were visited by Fort Collins Community Development & Neighborhood Services to survey the Natural Habitat Buffer Zone (NHBZ) which surrounds our neighborhood and includes our drainage canals, and wild grassy areas beyond what is landscaped. These site visits help ensure that the area is healthy, on track to meet community goals, and aligned with requirements for eventual escrow release.

HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:

What's Looking Good

- Many **native plants** are thriving—like western wheatgrass, blue grama, buffalo grass, and milkweed—especially near Torino & Worthington Circle and by the east-side pond.
- No major erosion or bare ground issues—great news for the health of the buffer!

Ongoing Weed & Mowing Management

- **Weed control is critical:** Leafy spurge and Canada thistle were treated recently, but we'll need to stay on top of it each year.
- **Smooth brome**, a non-native grass, is still common and will need to be reduced and reseeded with native species.
- **Mowing should be limited:** Please avoid mowing in the NHBZ unless authorized. Excessive mowing encourages weed growth and can affect ecological progress.
 - Only **two mowing events per year** are allowed—one early and one after monitoring.

Note: The canal company mows a narrow strip along the canal, which is permitted.



A Quick Reminder for Residents

- A few residents have started extending yards or planting into the NHBZ.
 - While one existing case has been allowed, **no future encroachments will be accepted.**
 - Please help preserve the area by avoiding any planting or yard expansion into the buffer, especially with **non-native species.**

Trees & Shrubs

- Some dead trees and shrubs were observed. These will be replaced over time with **approved species** in the appropriate locations.

Wildlife Watch

- A **fox den** was spotted in the northwest corner of the NHBZ!
 - Please help protect this natural habitat—no work or disturbance near the den is allowed.
 - The NHBZ is an important **wildlife corridor** used by deer, birds, foxes, and more.



Have Questions?

We appreciate your continued support in preserving the NHBZ. If you have questions about landscaping boundaries, approved species, or anything else related to this area, please email andrew.baker@columbinehealth.com.

Let's work together to keep our natural areas healthy and thriving!

What is a Natural Habitat Buffer Zone (NHBZ)?

A Natural Habitat Buffer Zone (NHBZ) is a designated area of land set aside to protect and support local ecosystems—plants, animals, and soil—within or near a developed community. Think of it as a **protective green space** that creates a transition between developed areas (like homes and streets) and natural areas (like wetlands, creeks, or open space).

Our routine check-in of the **Natural Habitat Buffer Zone (NHBZ)** was recently completed. These visits help ensure that the area is healthy, on track to meet **community goals, and aligned with requirements for eventual escrow release. Here are the highlights:**

Why is it Important?

The NHBZ serves several key purposes:

- **Supports native plants and wildlife**
It provides space for native grasses, flowers, and animals to thrive—often species that might struggle in urban landscapes.
- **Protects water quality & prevents erosion**
By acting as a buffer, it helps filter runoff, stabilize soil, and reduce erosion near waterways or low-lying areas.
- **Meets environmental and development goals**
Developers often agree to create and maintain NHBZs as part of a **development agreement** with the city or county. Healthy buffer zones help fulfill the requirements needed to release funds held in escrow.

What Does This Mean for Residents?

While the NHBZ is part of your community, it's not an extension of individual yards. It's meant to remain as natural as possible—with limited mowing, no unauthorized planting, and active efforts to control invasive weeds.

By respecting the NHBZ boundaries and maintaining native plant health, residents help preserve the area's beauty, wildlife, and long-term function for everyone.



MAINTENANCE/LANDSCAPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINDOW WASHING

ServiceMaster will be doing your exterior windows **on Monday, September 8th beginning at 8am**. You do not have to be home and they do not need access to the interior of your unit. Thank you for your patience!

IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING REMINDER:

To ensure your maintenance needs are handled efficiently, **please remember to always call the Worthington Front Desk at (970) 490-1000 to place a work or landscaping order—especially during evenings, weekends, or after hours.**

A few helpful tips:

- Our maintenance team follows a scheduled list using an app called **Limble** and may not have time to take on additional requests during a visit.
- For the best service, please avoid adding extra tasks in person while they are working in or around your unit.
- To keep everything organized, we kindly ask that you do not email or text work orders to the Administrator, particularly outside of business hours.

Reminder: Maintenance is available on-call for emergent needs on weekends and after hours. Some examples of a maintenance emergency include Air conditioning or heat not working, no hot water, water leaks or flooding, and egress-related issues. **Note:** If your smoke detector is alarming and saying “fire” or “carbon monoxide”, please contact 911, do not contact the front desk.

**Thank you for helping us serve you better
by following these simple guidelines!**