

# Around the Square

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## What's in Your 72-Hour Kit?

In March 2003, a heavy snowstorm hit Colorado, leaving as much as 11 feet of snow in mountain areas of Jeffco and paralyzing the Denver metro area. Some Jeffco residents were forced to break apart furniture for firewood because they were without power for so long. Deputies used Sno-Cats, SUVs and showshoes to try to reach residents stranded without heat, medication or food. If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster-relief groups work hard to help you. But you need to be ready as well. You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that can naturally occur in our area: winter storms, wildfires, flood, tornadoes and extreme heat or cold. Depending on the disaster, you may be stuck at home for days, or you may have to evacuate for an extended period. As winter closes in, our Emergency Management team urges residents to be ready to be self-sufficient for

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## Columbine Kiwanis

November was another busy month: Many projects including; The Action Center – Thanksgiving Food Distribution, Road Pick up, Meals on Wheels, High School Key Clubs, and volunteering at the symphony. We had several interesting speakers including Cindy Stevenson.

Our big project for December is ringing the bells for the Salvation Army in addition to Meals on Wheels and a working with the Action Center. We are planning to ring for 9 days at 2 (possibly 3)

stores. We ring the bells, count the money, and prepare deposit slips for the Salvation Army. We

can use help; contact Ken Sweet at 303-973-8253 if you want to help us.

Columbine Kiwanis is a group of volunteers dedicated primarily to children in our local community. We also have fun at our meetings and at social events; we will have a fun Christmas party. Come check us out. Weekly scheduled meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m. at Roberts Italian Restaurant, 6745 Ken Caryl Ave. Free breakfast for first time visitors. For information, call Ken Sweet at 303-973-8253 or visit our website at [www.columbinekiwanis.org](http://www.columbinekiwanis.org).

## Safe Toys & Gifts Month

Don't let potentially harmful presents turn your holiday celebration into a trip to the emergency room. Prevent Blindness America cautions gift-givers to buy age-appropriate toys, review warnings, and avoid any toys with pieces that shoot or fly off.



## DRHS Cheer Clinic & Performance Plus Optional Parent's Day Out Grades K-6: December 17th, 19th & 20th

The Dakota Ridge High School Cheerleaders are hosting a Cheer Clinic for all students in grades K through 6. DRHS is a Co-Ed team this year; boys are welcome and encouraged to participate! Participants will learn a half-time routine including cheers, dance, stunts, and tumbling. They will perform at half-time at the Men's Eagles Home Varsity Basketball game against Standley Lake HS, and will receive a t-shirt and participation award.

**Clinics:** Saturday, December 17th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and  
Monday, December 19th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Performance:** Tuesday, December 20th (arrive at 6:30 p.m., DRHS – Tip-off at 7 p.m.)

**Optional extended day care:** Sat., December 17th (12 to 2 p.m.)  
Bring a lunch, and participate in crafts and other fun activities after the clinic.

**Registration:** Cheer Clinic & Performance only: \$45  
Clinic & Performance plus extended care: \$55  
Parent's Day Out only (Sat. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.): \$35

Dakota Ridge High School, 13399 W. Coalmine Ave.  
Please register by calling or emailing ASAP to reserve your spot!  
**Coach Vikki:** 303-250-8413; [vikki.c.brown@gmail.com](mailto:vikki.c.brown@gmail.com)  
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## Caffeine Withdrawal

Planning on giving up coffee for the health benefits? If you're pregnant, prone to anxiety attacks, or worried about being addicted to caffeine, giving it up may be a good idea. Just watch for the symptoms of withdrawal. They can include headache, fatigue, drowsiness, and difficulty concentrating. The symptoms can arise quickly. Medical experts say they generally begin 12–24 hours after your last cup of coffee (or whatever form you regularly take your caffeine in), and can last up to two weeks. So be prepared.



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Holiday  
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**SAT, DEC 3: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

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**Entrepreneurs: Loving the Lifestyle**

If you're itching to be your own boss, start your own business, and take charge of your own career, you're not alone. According to an Aflac survey, 77 percent of adult full-time employees say they'd leave their current jobs to become entrepreneurs; 69 percent report that the main reason they stay on their jobs is the promise of a regular paycheck.

Among those who have taken the entrepreneurial plunge, almost 60 percent report that they're satisfied with their situations (according to a survey by MBO Partners). Despite lingering long-term unemployment rates, 55 percent say they made a proactive decision to go independent, and 63 percent plan to remain on their own regardless of the direction the economy takes.

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at least 72 hours. They suggest assembling a 72-hour emergency kit, individually tailored to meet the basic survival needs of your family. Store it somewhere safe, yet easily accessible. Here are some items you may want to include in your 72-hour kit.

**Sample preparedness kit from the American Red Cross**

**Basic Emergency Needs**

- Water (1 gallon/day per person)
- Non-perishable foods, manual can opener
- Essential medications
- Battery-powered radio
- First aid kit and manual
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Waterproof/windproof matches
- Flashlight with batteries, or wind-up flashlight
- Water purification tablets
- Emergency candles and utility knife

- Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
  - Extra clothing
- Other Emergency Needs**
- Extra pet food, pet supplies, pet medications, etc.
  - Pen and paper
  - Cash
  - Addresses and phone numbers
  - Basic tools and work gloves
  - Copies of all legal papers, including: marriage license, home mortgage, property/auto ownership documents, wills, jewelry appraisals, driver's licenses, insurance policies and bank accounts.

**Your Household:** Plan how your family will stay in contact if separated. Make sure everyone knows the actual phone numbers they need, in case they don't have access to the data stored in their mobile phones. If you or a loved one has a disability and need additional assistance at your home during a disaster or evacuation, call 911. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." (After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance than to place calls within the disaster zone.) Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

**Neighbors:** Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster. Know your neighbors' skills (medical, technical). Consider how you could help neighbors with disabilities or illnesses, the elderly, or people with small children. Make plans for child care in case parents can't get home. If you live alone, coordinate with neighbors and create a plan to check on one another's welfare.

For more information on preparing for an emergency, including how to identify emergency outdoor water sources, and how to assemble first aid or car survival kits, call 303-271-4900, visit [www.ready.jeffco.us](http://www.ready.jeffco.us) or [readycolorado.com](http://readycolorado.com).  
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67% of renters are planning to buy a home in the next five years. That sounds like a reasonable timetable, doesn't it? Renters can save toward a down payment, reduce debt, research communities and keep a watchful eye on prices and interest rates. **But five years may be too late.**

**1. Rental hikes of 5% are forecasted.** The supply of rental properties is tightening and vacancy rates are dropping. As a result, landlords in many parts of the country are raising the rent as much as 5%, an increase that could be repeated in 2012.

**2. Home prices are bottoming out.** Home prices are down more than 30% from the peak in 2006, and most sources agree that the worst of the price decline is over. In many markets, prices have dipped so low that it now makes the cost of buying a better financial deal than renting.

**3. Interest rates have nowhere to go, but up.** Today's rates are at a 50-year low. Predictions for 2012 have interest rates climbing more than a full percentage point higher.

**4. Interest rate increases will likely outpace housing price reductions.** A 1% increase would need to be balanced by a 12% reduction in home prices to garner a lower monthly payment on a 30-year mortgage. Experts suggest that home prices are unlikely to drop more than 5% in the year ahead.

**5. Qualifying for a mortgage is expected to get harder.** With Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac being restructured or disassembled, borrowers can expect lending requirements to get tougher and more expensive.

There are many reasons to buy now. And of course, the long-term benefits of homeownership still apply – including the possible accrual of equity, current tax breaks, access to schools and other quality-of-life issues.



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