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Unique Holidays for April 2018

- April 1:** April Fool's Day, Easter, Poetry and Creative Mind Day
- April 2:** Peanut Butter N Jelly Day
- April 3:** Pony Express Day or World Party Day
- April 4:** Vitamin C Day, Walking Day, Paraprofessional Day
- April 5:** Deep Dish Pizza Day, Burrito Day
- April 6:** Walk to Work Day, Hostess Twinkie Day, Charlie the Tuna Day
- April 7:** International Pillow Fight Day, No Housework Day, Beer Day
- April 8:** Buddha Day, Dog Fighting Awareness Day, Draw a Bird Day
- April 9:** Cherish An Antique Day, Winston Churchill Day
- April 10:** Farm Animals Day, Library Day, Be Kind to Lawyers Day
- April 11:** Pet Day, Barbershop Quartet Day, Bookmobile Day
- April 12:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, Licorice Day, Walk on Your Wild Side Day
- April 13:** Blame Someone Else Day, Scrabble Day
- April 14:** Pecan Day, Dolphin Day, Pathologists' Assistants Day
- April 15:** Rubber Eraser Day, World Art Day, and of course....Tax Day
- April 16:** Orchid Day, Plum Pudding Day, Save the Elephant Day
- April 17:** Ford Mustang Day, Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day, Herbalist Day
- April 18:** Columnists Day, Linemen Appreciation Day
- April 19:** High Five Day, Bicycle Day, Garlic Day
- April 20:** Pot Smokers Day, Day of Silence, Cheddar Fries Day
- April 21:** Husband Appreciation Day, Auctioneers Day
- April 22:** Dance Day, Jelly Bean Day, Earth Day, Girl Scouts Leader's Day

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Neighborhood News:

Mark your Calendars for the Community Garage Sale!

June 1st and 2nd! The time for the sale will be 8 am to 2 pm. There will be signage directing customers to your sale as well as signage for the entrances to Williamsburg 2, Canterbury and Woodbourne neighborhoods. The event is sponsored by Julie Render with Re/Max Professionals. If you would like to be a part of it, don't wait until the last minute. Register your address to: Amber Glen, 303-972-6643 or email: julierendergaragesale@gmail.com or amberglen@gmail.com.

Shoveling Elderly Neighbor's Walks

If you are willing to be a sidewalk shoveler/ helper in our neighborhood for free, reach out to: wendimilinkov@yahoo.com. We have some elderly neighbors who need help with their sidewalks and driveways when it snows. And since it's Colorado, winter is definitely NOT over. On my cul-de-sac, we have several neighbors that band together to make sure everyone on our street has a clear walk and driveway. If you would like to help (for free) on your own street, please let me know. I have had a couple of neighbors ask for assistance in the Williamsburg 2 Neighborhood.



In Case You Were Wondering...

"Shots Fired" Investigation Yields Results;

Cause of February Incident Determined to be Malfunctioning Generator

On the morning of February 23, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received multiple reports of shots fired in the area of Ken Caryl and Shaffer Drive. Witness accounts and video footage confirmed numerous successive sounds similar to gunfire. Our investigation that day and in subsequent weeks included a thorough search of the area, interviews with multiple witnesses, and visits to active construction sites to help determine the cause of the suspicious sounds. This morning the Sheriff's Office again received multiple calls of shots fired in the area of Ken Caryl and Shaffer Drive. Today's investigation into the reports of shots fired determined the cause of the sounds to be a malfunctioning generator located on the roof of the Safeway shopping center building in the 12000 block of W. Ken Caryl Ave. Safeway has been very cooperative throughout our investigation and is currently taking steps to fix the problem. "We sincerely appreciate the partnership with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and apologize for the disruption and alarm this may have caused our neighbors. We are working with both our contractor and manufacturer of the generator to resolve this issue as quickly as possible," said Kris Staaf, Director of Public Affairs, Safeway.

Williamsburg II 2018 HOA Payment Coupon

Membership: \$35.00. All residents of Williamsburg II are encouraged to join! Please return this form and a check made payable to Williamsburg II HOA and mail to **Jeff Talmadge, 10406 W. Glasgow Ave., Littleton, CO 80127-3648**. Your dues pay for the maintenance of the front entrance, electricity for the lights, Board of Directors insurance and social events that promote community involvement. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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Address _____ Phone _____

Stop Getting So Much Junk Mail – For Good

How disappointing is it to see a big stack of mail only to find out it's all credit card offers and weird catalogs? Make it stop with this comprehensive guide to getting junk mail out of your life.

Hundreds of millions of pieces of junk mail (also called "direct," "bulk," or "standard" mail) are sent through the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) annually, none of them solicited or requested by the recipient, and most of them entirely unwanted. That avalanche of credit card offers, insurance offers, catalogs, flyers, coupons, phone books, and anything else you didn't specifically ask for, all vying for your attention and bent on the eradication of our forests. These companies apparently get enough responses to justify their excessive mailings, but that doesn't mean you have to take it laying down. Here's a guide to stemming the flow.

What's Wrong With Junk Mail?

Junk mail comes at a huge cost to our quality of life. Sorting, reading, and recycling junk mail takes time away from your daily activities, not to mention creating a mess. Not convinced it's a big intrusion? According to EcoCycle.org, one of the largest non-profit recyclers in the USA, you could spend up to eight months of your life dealing with junk mail. And there are actual threats to this mailbox onslaught: Junk mail exposes your private info by sharing your name, address, and purchasing habits with marketers around the country. And all those credit card offers could put you at risk of identity theft.

And then there's the ecological impact: Here are some horrifying facts from New York University School of Law about junk mail and sustainability:

- 5.6 million tons of catalogs and other direct mail advertisements end up in U.S. landfills annually.
- 44 percent of junk mail is thrown away unopened, but only half that much junk mail (22 percent) is recycled.
- The average American household receives 848 pieces of junk mail per household, equal to 1.5 trees every year—more than 100 million trees for all U.S. households combined.
- Junk mail destroys 100 million trees a year—the equivalent of deforesting all of Rocky Mountain National Park every four months.
- Largely due to deforestation, junk mail manufacturing creates as much greenhouse gas emissions annually as 3.7 million cars.
- Americans pay 370 million annually to dispose of junk mail that does not get recycled.

To stop junk mail, understand why you get it in the first place. First and foremost, junk mail is the creature of large direct mail companies who enter into reduced postage rate arrangements with the USPS in order to send massive amounts of paper catalogs, solicitations, coupons, postcards and flyers to mailing addresses across the nation, according to USJunkMail.com, a service that can help reduce the volume of junk mail in your mailbox. The way the senders of junk mail get your address is from public records, phone directories, club memberships, credit applications, and even the USPS, itself. Direct Mail and the Data & Marketing Association, also known as the DMA are two of the largest providers of consumer information to direct marketers.

If the proper postage is affixed, the USPS is legally required to deliver that junk. However, you also have some legal rights to turn off the junk-mail hose.

Opt out of credit and insurance offers

If you decide that you don't want to receive prescreened offers of credit and insurance, you have two choices, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). You can opt out for five years or forever.

To opt out for five years: Call toll-free 1-888-5-OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688) or visit www.optoutprescreen.com. The phone number and website are operated by the major consumer reporting companies.

To opt out permanently: You may begin the permanent Opt-Out process online at www.optoutprescreen.com. To complete your request, you must return the signed Permanent Opt-Out Election form, which will be provided after you initiate your online request.

When you call or visit the website, you'll be asked to provide some personal information, including your home telephone number, name, Social Security number, and date of birth. The information you provide is confidential and will be used only to process your request to opt out. For those without internet access, a written request can be made to each

of the major consumer reporting companies, although you should be aware that the request will need to include not only your name but also your social security number, phone number, and date of birth. Do you know what your social security number reveals about you?

Here are the addresses for the major reporting companies:

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The Williamsburg II HOA newsletter is published monthly by the Williamsburg II Homeowners Association, a non-profit homeowners association. The newsletter is distributed by block workers.

News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 12th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to the editor at wendimilinkov@yahoo.com. No endorsement of any product or service is implied or stated by its inclusion in the newsletter. **All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.**

Advertising

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

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- **Equifax, Inc.**
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- **Innovis Consumer Assistance**
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Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Opting out of these offers will have no effect on your ability to apply for or obtain credit or insurance, according to the FTC. Please be sure to review these ways to prevent identity theft in the wake of the recent Equifax breach.

Opt out of direct mail

According to our sources at NYU Law School, Direct Mail has a free opt-out service available here. By completing the online "National Do Not Mail List" form, you can indicate if there are any types of mailings you would like to receive from the list provided. DirectMail.com will then contact you every six months via e-mail so you can review and update your preferences.

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DMAchoice, Data & Marketing Association
P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512

According to our sources at NYU School of Law, neither Direct Mail nor DMA can guarantee your name will be removed from every mailing list on which it appears. In addition, DMA offers registration for its eMail Preference Service (reduce your unsolicited commercial email), but you can make a big dent on getting rid of junk email just by taking this advice.

Opt out of catalogs

When you order something from a catalog, your name and address are likely given to Abacus, an alliance of catalog and publishing companies. To have your information removed from Abacus, contact them with your name (including any middle initial), current address, and previous address if you moved recently. Abacus can be reached either via e-mail (abacusoptout@epsilon.com) or by mail (Abacus, Inc., PO Box 1478, Broomfield, CO 80038). Abacus also has a website that can help remove you from some (but not all) of their catalogs.

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St. Philip Early Learning Center Christian Preschool

Looking for a **part-time preschool teaching position** in Littleton Co for the 2018-2019 school year? Openings available for both Toddler and Preschool ages, 9:15 am - 1:45 pm. Must be Early Childhood Teacher qualified in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the State of Colorado. Compensation: Based on Experience and Education. CPR, 1st Aid and Standard Precautions current certifications, or obtain training within 30 days after hire date. Hours letter verifying work experience. Transcripts showing ECE coursework. **E.O.E.**

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Plant Native Plants For Wildlife!

As the ground starts to thaw for most of the country, it's time to think about spring planting. Planting a variety of native plants in your yard will provide wildlife with food, cover and a place to raise young. Just add a water source and practice sustainable gardening and you are ready! Here are a few native wildflowers for wildlife:

- **Swamp Milkweed** (*Asclepias incarnate*)—offers nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds and is a host plant for monarch butterfly caterpillars. (Native to east and central U.S.)
- **Cardinal Flower** (*Lobelia cardinalis*)—the gorgeous scarlet flowers are a tremendous nectar source for hummingbirds and swallowtail butterflies. (Native to east, central, and southwest U.S.)
- **Black-eyed Susan** (*Rudbeckia hirta*)—This classic garden wildflower provides nectar for butterflies and seeds to feed the birds. (native to most of U.S.)

By providing food, water, cover and places for wildlife to raise their young you are eligible to have your yard recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. When you certify, you'll join over 215,000 gardeners across America who provide safe places for wildlife like birds to thrive. Creating a wildlife habitat garden not only helps wildlife, it gives you a beautiful place to experience nature every day.

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April 23: Talk Like Shakespeare Day, English Muffin Day, Lost Dog Awareness Day

April 24: International Sauvignon Blanc Day, New Kids on the Block Day

April 25: Administrative Professionals Day, Hairstylist Appreciation Day, Hug a Plumber Day

April 26: Take our Sons/Daughters to Work Day (US)

April 27: Babe Ruth Day, Denim Day, Little Pampered Dog Day

April 28: Eeyore's Birthday, Save the Frogs Day, Herb Day

April 29: World Wish Day, Zipper Day

April 30: Bugs Bunny Day, Honesty Day, Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

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In addition, there is a service called Catalog Choice, a free service that allows you to cancel specific catalogs (and other types of paper mail) you no longer wish to receive. To find out if the junk catalogs you're receiving can be opted-out through Catalog Choice, you simply type in the name into Catalog Choice's search engine. Although the service is free and not-for-profit, they do accept donations via their website.

Opt out of magazine subscription offers

Whenever you subscribe to a magazine, join a group, or make a donation and supply them with your name and address, you can specifically ask that they not rent your name to other companies. Your request may be ignored, so it is best to contact them a few weeks later and make this request again. You can use this information to contact Reader's Digest.

Opt out of (additional) requests for donations from charities

We know you like donating to worthy causes, but maybe you'd like to take some control over all the requests for additional donations. The American Institute on Philanthropy offers the following tips on reducing junk mail and solicitations from charities:

- When you give money to a charity or nonprofit group, enclose a note requesting that the organization not rent, sell or exchange your name, address, and giving history with anyone else. You can make future contributions contingent on the charity honoring your request.
- If you wish to donate to a charity once per year, ask the charity to decrease the frequency of its mailings.
- If you do not wish to support a charity, ask the charity to delete your name from its mailing lists.

Make Sure The Junk Mail Stays Away

Contact your banks, credit card companies, and utilities and tell them not to release your name, address, Social Security

number, e-mail address, or phone number to anyone for any type of marketing or promotional reasons. If you decide to do this in writing, do so without giving out any information other than the name on your account, and keep a record.

And if you're with one of these credit card companies, you might want to think twice about "what's in your wallet".

—LAUREN CAHN-Readers Digest

(Contributed by Debra White, Williamsburg 2 neighbor)

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