



Back to School!

It's that time of year again when the kids will be shopping for school supplies and "eagerly" wrapping up their summer fun and vacations to go back to school. The Jefferson County school district has the first day of school listed as August 16th, 2018 and the final day of the school year will be May 23, 2019. Spring Break will be: March 24-31st, 2019. The school calendar link is:

http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_627881/File/Jeffco%20PS/About%20Jeffco/Calendars/2018_2019_Final_Family_Calendar.pdf

IMPORTANT "BACK TO SCHOOL" DATES

Ute Meadows Elementary:

- August 1st: Walk-in registration
- August 8: Teachers return
- August 14: Kindergarten orientation & kindergarten testing
- August 15: Back to School night
- August 16: Back to school – make sure you are looking out for smaller children darting between cars and crossing the streets.

Ute Meadows Elementary website:
www.utemeadows.jeffcopublicschools.org

Deer Creek Middle:

- August 2nd-7th: New Beginnings orientation
- August 14th: Back to school night
- August 17th: First day back to school for middle school

Deer Creek Middle website:
www.deercreek.jeffcopublicschools.org

Chatfield Senior High:

- August 2nd: 1st day back for school counselors
- August 8: 1st day back for school teachers
- August 16th: Freshman Orientation Day
- August 17th: First Day for all students

Chatfield Senior High website:
www.chatfield.jeffcopublicschools.org

Neighborhood News:

- **HOA Updates:** The weather for the Bike Parade was perfect. The EMTs were at the emergency room, then rushed right over to lead the parade with lights and sirens! The kids got stickers and popsicles, and an invitation to the Family Fire Muster on Sept 22. 10-2 at the West Metro Fire and Rescue Training Center. 3535 S. Kipling St. (Parking and shuttle at D'Evelyn High School). Be sure to check the Williamsburg 2 Group page for updates.
- **New Treasurer:** Many thanks to Jeff Talmadge for serving as treasurer of the HOA over the years. He has recently moved, so now Mark Hickman has stepped up to handle the HOA finances and Paypal Account.
- **New Social Committee Chairs:** A big thank you to Jessica Clark for all her hard work on the social committee. She has been the coordinator over the years for the sleigh ride, bike parade, neighborhood parties and more. She has put a lot of time and effort into coordinating and planning events for everyone to enjoy. She has turned the torch over to Laura Blakey and Jen Ray who will be coming up with some new ideas for the future!
- **Trash Day-Reminder:** to everyone about the big blue trash cans. Please don't leave them out in the street other than the night before pick up and then please bring them in and store behind your fence after trash day is over. They can blow over and spread trash, animals get in them and they can stink. They are not supposed to be kept in front of the house other than on trash day. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated! If you're out of town, be sure to ask a neighbor for help!
- **Greens Committee:** Thank you to the neighbors who helped with the front entrance cleanup! The area around the bulletin board was also cleaned out and mulched. Someone recently mowed in front of the entrance area-so a big thank you to that person! And also, thank you so much to Deb Clark for putting so much work and effort into coordinating all the cleanups. You're the best! The North pond is looking nice too with community effort of trimming trees and weekly weeding. It takes a village sometimes to keep things cleaned up and tidy!!

If you would like to mail your dues vs. pay online (through the web site/paypal link)-you can mail them to: Williamsburg 2 HOA Treasurer-Attn: Mark Hickman, 10588 W. Roxbury Avenue, Littleton, CO 80127. If you have any questions, you can email Mark at: Mark.Hickman@ihsmarkit.com.



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Some Fun Facts About the History of Littleton

The beginnings of Littleton can be traced to the “Pikes Peak” gold rush of 1859. Along with the gold-seekers came merchants and farmers to provide the necessities of life. As the fledgling metropolis of Denver City began to grow, the need arose to construct a series of ditches to carry water to farms and businesses without ready access to rivers and creeks in this arid land. Among the engineers hired to lay out this system was young Richard Sullivan Little of New Hampshire.

Surveying in an area several miles south of Denver, Little fell in love with the site of present-day Littleton. Upon filing a home stake and other land claims, Richard brought his wife Angeline from the East in 1862, the dry climate all but curing her asthmatic condition, and began to farm. The Littles joined with several neighbors to build the Rough and Ready Flour Mill in 1867, providing a solid economic base in the community for years to come.

In 1872, the Littles filed a plat to subdivide much of their property into the village of Littleton. When the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad reached the area in 1871, settlement began at a rapid pace. By the time of Colorado’s statehood in 1876, there were schools, churches, a hotel, stores and many of the other trappings of civilization. In 1890, the 245 residents voted to incorporate the Town of Littleton.

A milestone in the history of Littleton came in 1902 when the old Arapahoe County (dating from pre-Colorado Territory days) was divided into Arapahoe, Denver, Adams, Washington and Yuma Counties. Then-Governor Orman named Littleton the temporary county seat, placing it in a favorable position to defeat rival Englewood in the general election in 1904. Gaining the permanent county seat brought not only government employees and businesses, but all of their support services. Littleton’s place among Colorado’s cities was assured.

Agriculture remained the staple industry of Littleton until after World War II. Beginning with electronics and pneumatics, moving to munitions and finally to aerospace, manufacturing became the important employer and a magnet for the boom in housing development during the fifties, sixties and seventies. Littleton added Arapahoe Community College in 1965 and Chatfield Reservoir in 1972 to further enhance its appeal. When Littleton celebrated its centennial in 1990, its population had grown to 33,661. By 2014 the population of Littleton was 44,669. In 2015 the city celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding.

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Native Americans in Littleton History

Thousands of years before the settlement known as Littleton existed, other humans lived and hunted here. One confirmation of this was the discovery in 1960 of bones of extinct mammoth, camel, horse, and bison, along with primitive tools and a hearth, at Lamb Springs about two miles southwest of Littleton. These transient prehistoric Indians, however, left little trace and not much is known about them.

By 1500, and probably earlier, the Apache controlled the Colorado plains, where they hunted buffalo on foot and planted crops along the river bottoms. In the early 1700s they were forced south by invading Comanche, who were followed in turn by the Kiowa. The Comanche and Kiowa first fought, then made peace, and gradually moved south together through Colorado to the plains below the Arkansas River. Behind them came the Arapaho.

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The use of horses, which were used by the Ute as early as the 1600's, gave the Indians greater mobility, allowing them to range over much more land and to extend their dominions. Between 1810 and 1820 the Arapaho ranged between the North Platte and Arkansas rivers and westward to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. About 1815, and probably at other times, a rendezvous was held between a group of French trappers and members of the Arapaho, Cheyenne, Kiowa, and other tribes, at a spot along Bear Creek just north of present Littleton.

The Arapaho and Cheyenne had formed a strong alliance before 1800, and those two tribes occupied most of eastern Colorado when groups of White settlers began to arrive. Hunting buffalo was an important part of Indian society at this time. The Arapaho were certainly familiar with the South Platte area; Arapahoe County was aptly named for this tribe, although the spelling differs.

They fought for decades with their enemies, the Ute. Although the Ute occupied only the mountainous area of Colorado, they hunted buffalo "as far out onto the plains as the shadows of the Rockies stretch at sunset." Battles over hunting grounds were common.

Claiming land in the Platte River Valley was occasionally risky for settlers in the 1860s since



Arapaho and Cheyenne meet in Denver at the Camp Weld peace conference, September 1864. Photograph courtesy of the Colorado Historical Society.

the Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes were still present in the area. However, the rush for gold and land was on in Colorado, and there was little the Indians could do to prevent the likes of Richard Little, Joseph Bowles, John Lilley, Lewis Ames, Peter Magnes, and others from staking claims. When the Civil War depleted western military posts of their troops, life for pioneer farmers, as well as for travelers, became even more hazardous as bands of Arapaho and Cheyenne, and even the friendlier Ute, raided farms and ranches, stealing livestock, demanding food, and in general terrorizing the settlers. Some families fled to Denver, leaving farms abandoned for long periods of time.

Conflicts culminated in November 1864 when a regiment of Colorado volunteers staged the infamous Sand Creek Massacre of Arapaho and Cheyenne families camped on their own reserved lands. It created controversy that is still being analyzed from both sides. But the effect on the Cheyenne and Arapaho was their eventual removal to reservations in Oklahoma and Wyoming. The path to removal for the Ute was similar, but more gradual, and was given its final stimulus by the Ute, themselves, when they massacred Indian Agent Meeker at the White River Reservation in 1879. They were eventually confined to reservations in western Colorado and Utah.

Around Littleton the South Platte farmers were delighted that the Indians had disappeared. They could continue their plans for farms, ranches, railroads, trade, and prosperity.

But, of course, the Indians have not disappeared, and many live in the metro-Denver area today. In the late 1960s, as part of the "War on Poverty," the Bureau of Indian Affairs set up a liaison office in Denver. A branch in Littleton was added short-

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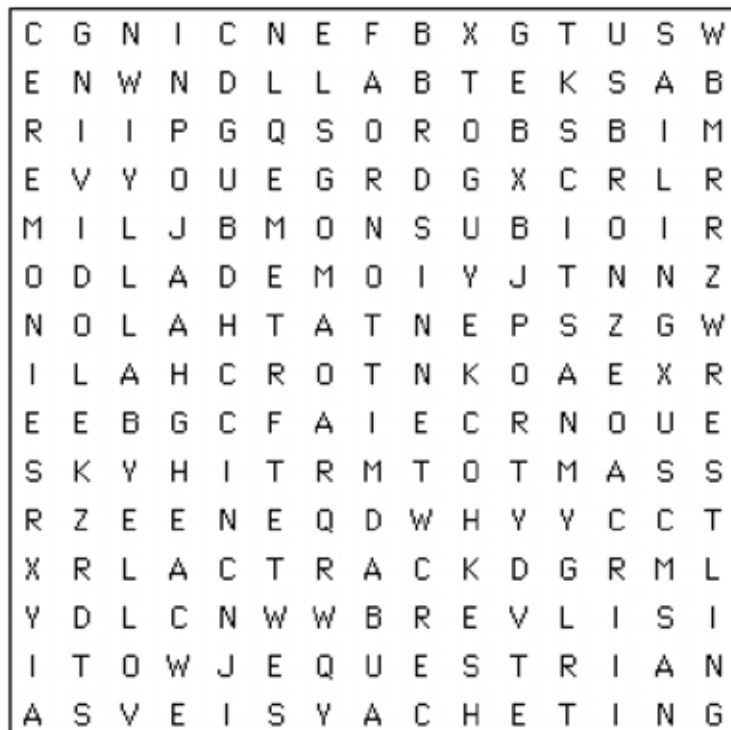
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ly afterwards. As recently as the early 1970s, Indians again entered Littleton history when they staged a sit-in at the B.I.A. offices on Littleton Boulevard. It ended in a trial in which the demonstrators were declared innocent.

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Snapshot on Colorado Facts

I recently was on an airplane thumbing through the July Issue of Hemispheres Magazine. Besides tearing the page out of the magazine to take with me, this newsletter editor thought some of these facts were pretty interesting.

In Colorado, we are considered the #1 most active state in the union, according to the United Health Foundation. This is no surprise. Even in our own neighborhood, you will see people outdoors all day, every day, even in the rain, walking, biking and playing!

According to Wallet Hub, we are the #2 best state for jobs! And our "talent talks." 37.4 percent of Coloradans have a college degree vs. the national average of 29.3 percent.

Colorado, our outdoor playground is home to: 12 mountain ranges, 26 ski resorts (do we really have that many?) 4 National Parks and 11 National forests. We contain 75% of the land area in the US with an altitude of over 10,000 feet. Although we are known for our snow covered peaks, we enjoy sunshine around 300 days a year!

Between 2006 and 2016, the population of Colorado grew by 17.4%-third among all of the US states. For those who commute (or struggle with C470, I70, I25 or the side streets-we already know this to be true). You also see the traffic increasing in visits to the mountains-with folks trying to time their trips home to hit lighter traffic times.

As for employment in our beautiful state, 15.6% work in professional/business services, 12.5% work in education and health services, 12.6% work in leisure and hospitality, 17.3 percent work in transportation or utilities, 6.4% work in construction, 5.4% work in manufacturing, 16.3% in government, 6.2% in financial fields, 2.7% in information services and 4% in "other."

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