



Williamsburg 2 Neighborhood News

Don't forget to pay your HOA dues! We'll be using these funds for neighborhood activities throughout the year!

Ponds

Please Be Careful and Watch Out For Thin Ice! If you ever fall through, here are some safety tips.

When frigid temps descend for a short time upon a location that's not used to seeing them, people, especially children, are apt to go out exploring their neighborhood ponds and reservoirs. The same is true for "off leash" pets who might chase wild life onto a pond.

As you can imagine, this creates danger because the cold weather hasn't been around long enough to create ice strong enough to walk on. While no ice is guaranteed to be safe to walk on, the general rule of thumb is that you shouldn't venture out onto clear ice that is less than 2 inches thick. An even safer bet is 4 inches.

And if it's "snow ice" or white ice, it'll need to be double that to support you. If you know you'll be on the ice, it's also a good idea to carry rescue ice picks with you. They're cheap and could make the difference between life and death. You can also make your own with a couple nails and dowels.

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Next HOA Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th, 2019

7:00 pm

Starbucks seating area,
Ken Caryl King Soopers

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Fun Winter Hiking Destinations In Jeffco

- **Flying J Ranch Park** – Snow tends to stick around longer and trails are relatively flat, making this a great spot to bring fat tire bikes. Please note possible trail closures due to an ongoing forestry project.
- **Elk Meadow Park** – Head toward the tree line for great cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.
- **South Valley Park** – The trails dry out quickly here, which makes it a good alternative to the muddier trails at nearby Deer Creek Canyon Park and Hildebrand Ranch Park. Please note, this is a "Stay on Trail" park.
- **West White Ranch Park** – The open meadows are perfect for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.
- **Alderfer/Three Sisters Park** – The upper parking lot provides access to a landscape of trees interspersed with meadows that are great for hiking, skiing and sightseeing. A great view of Mt Evans to the west is visible from Wild Rose Trail.
- **Meyer Ranch Park** – The upper trails are a great place to snowshoe, and the meadow is perfect for cross-country skiing and sledding after a good snow.
- **Pine Valley Ranch Park** – This park generally sees less snow, so year-round hiking and biking is usually possible.



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Other Unique Historical Facts For Williamsburg 2 Area

Chatfield High School: Located three blocks north of Ken Caryl Avenue on South Simms Street, this 35-acre site next to the Meadows Golf Course is part of the Jefferson County R1 School District. It opened in 1987 for grades 9-12 with a capacity of 2,040. The school was named after Issac W. Chatfield, who was a lieutenant in the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1870 he bought 720 acres of land at the confluence of the South Platte River and Plum Creek. Chatfield farmed this land until he moved in 1879.

Williamsburg II 2019 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 **Mark Hickman, 10588 W. Roxbury Avenue, Littleton, CO 80127**. 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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- **Do not breathe in the water.** Your body's shock response will cause you to gasp and hyperventilate. Resist this force. The shock will wear off in 1-3 minutes and you have 15-45 minutes to get out before you lose consciousness, so try to stay calm.
- **Orient yourself.** Get back to where you fell through — this ice held you before, so it should be sturdy enough to crawl back onto.
- **Don't try to pull yourself straight up.** Get horizontal, and in a coordinated motion, kick your feet while using your elbows for traction to get up out of the water and onto the ice. Pull and kick until you're out.
- **Lie flat on the ice and ROLL away.** This helps prevent further cracking in the ice. Find a warm, dry shelter immediately.
- **If you can't get out,** stop thrashing to conserve heat and avoid exhaustion.
- **Put arms on the ice and don't move them** — they may freeze to the ice, keeping you from slipping into the water when you lose consciousness and giving rescuers more time to get you.
- **Get as much of your body onto the ice as you can** — water draws heat away from the body 25x faster than air.

If your friend or pet falls through, call 911.

Coach them through this process rather than going to them on the hazardous ice. Two victims are worse than one. If they can't get out on their own, extend a looped rope they can put around their arms, or a tree branch or ladder to hold onto. Or, wait for emergency rescue to help you.

Canadian Geese

Eagle Meadows Park is a favorite place for Canadian Geese to congregate, if you haven't noticed already. Our weiner dog mix pups just LOVE their goose droppings that are a virtual mine field along the pathways. They also secretly wish they could catch one and eagerly charge on their leashes in hopes they'll catch one. While they are irresistible for our dogs, they are also an interesting part of Colorado's ecosystem. They weren't always so prevalent as they are today.

Hundreds of thousands of Canada geese flock to Colorado every year and Denver has fast become one of their favorite places to roost. Like most who move to the Centennial State, they've identified a plethora of reasons to stay in Denver.

In the early 1900s, the Canada goose population was nearly eradicated across the nation and Canada because of over hunting. In the 1950s there was a combined effort throughout the states to bolster goose numbers by placing goslings and eggs in areas that were habitable.

"If you release young geese in an area where they can successfully live, they get attached to that area," said Jim Gammonley, the avian research chief for Colorado Parks and Wildlife. "They stay there, they nest there, their young come back to that area and nest."

And so, the goose gentrifiers grew from a couple hundred local geese in the '50s to nearly 5,000 by the mid '70s. Growth has slowed, but today the Canada goose population has doubled.

In many instances Gammonley said we're coming to them — not the other way around. "Remember, back in the 50s and 60s there was a lot more rural country up and down the Front Range that had good habitat for geese," he said.

The sizeable resident goose population is stable. The migrant goose population, on the other hand, has seen exponential growth.

Each winter an average of 180,000 geese descend on our state, Gammonley said. The word is out among the birds: Denver is legit. When the geese start south, hundreds of thousands of them have Colorado in mind. And because Canada geese are very site faithful, they tend to migrate to the same place every year — with grandma, grandpa and creepy uncle Carl in tow for the entire holiday season. Some even stay for good because they've found love in the eyes of a local (Parks and Wildlife says don't feed the birds) or they can't get enough of the beautiful mountain views or the swanky parks.

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Is Climate Change Affecting Goose Migration?

Colorado weather is getting warmer, bit by bit. "Currently, 1954 to 2017, there's been an increase of average temperatures by 0.4 degrees Fahrenheit per decade," said Klint Skelly, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Pueblo. "Looking at the data it does have a pretty distinct upward trend, 0.4 degrees a decade which is quite a bit if you think about it."

Those numbers are rough estimates and while a higher average temperature might equate to lakes freezing later or thawing quicker, Skelly doesn't think it affects the geese. Gammonley agreed.

"Birds up in Canada will stay there until weather drives them out and then they tend to go just as far as they need to," Gammonley said. "So, if we have a mild winter a lot of those geese will stay well north of us until very late in the winter, before the majority of them make it down here."

Warmer temperatures in cities do affect where geese will roost and whether or not they will leave. Garth Spellman, the curator of ornithology at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, called this the **urban heat island effect**. Temperatures in city centers tend to be higher because the buildings create something of an impenetrable area where you have asphalt and other dark surfaces that heat when exposed to the sun and retain that energy.

"So even in our deepest winter, in our coldest times, the City Park lake, Ferril Lake, stays open for most of that year," Spellman said. "Most of the year, it might freeze over for a couple of days, but they can hold on for a short period of time. And so it makes it a quite accommodating area for these geese and they've chosen not to migrate because of it."

Why Do The Geese Like Our Parks So Much?

Vicki Vargas-Madrid, the wildlife specialist with Denver Parks and Rec, has watched the geese numbers burgeon over the years.

"It's the habitat that we provide for them, which is mowed green grass, water features, open areas where they have the view of their surroundings and not enough natural predators to keep their populations down," she said.

Like everyone else moving to Denver, it's all about location. For a goose, water is the most important factor when deciding where to settle. Geese roost on water at night and in a dry state like Colorado, that immediately starts concentrating them in certain areas. During the day they won't wander too far from water. It's why you see relatively large groups at places such as Wash Park or City Park and far fewer at Cheesman or Southmoor parks. They can be seen in those parks to eat, but they will head back to parks with water features each night.

Gammonley said Canada geese are also pretty darn smart. "Once the hunting season gets going and the geese get down here, they learn fairly quickly that if they move into town they can avoid being hunted and so we get concentrations of birds in the city," he said.

While eastern plains geese are prime targets during hunting season, the city geese are very well protected. In fact, they have legal protection; **it's against the law to harm a city goose**. That's just a reminder, since not everyone is a park goose fan.

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Top 5 Most Popular Valentine's Day Gifts

Valentine's Day is a day for those who are in love, want to be in love-or just to show friendship and appreciation. So, what are the top five most popular Valentine's Day gifts?

- Candy:** Specifically chocolates! The National Confection Association says that as many as 40 million heart shaped boxes of chocolate are sold each year. When it comes to chocolate, caramel filled treats are the most coveted, followed by chocolate covered nuts. Also popular are chocolate, crème filled chocolates.
- Greeting Cards:** According to the Greeting Card Association, 145 million cards are exchanged each Valentines Day and that's not counting all the valentines kids get at school.
- Going Out:** Most couples celebrate the holiday by going to dinner or a show.
- Flowers:** Red and pink roses tend to be the most popular choice of flowers. Tulips are growing in popularity.
- Jewelry:** Rounding out the most popular gifts for Valentine's Day is jewelry. This might explain why it's the 4th most popular day to get engaged after Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Years Eve. A recent survey in the UK said that a majority of women would prefer to be proposed to on Valentine's Day than any other holiday or anniversary. Just a hint!

Many Americans Still Worried About Their Finances

The stock market may be up, but many Americans are still struggling with financial security, according to a story on the USA Today website. A September 2018 Bankrate.com survey found that among people earning less than \$30,000 a year, 78 percent said that their financial situation has failed to improve over the past two years, and many said it had gotten worse. On the other hand, people earning \$75,000 a year or more reported feeling better about their money.

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Ken Caryl Area History

The Utes, Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians lived and thrived in this area. The land along the Hogback was a shared land, of the Cheyenne and Arapaho peoples of the plains and the Utes of the mountains. Chief Left Hand (Niwot) of the southern Arapahoes was known to roam the area, although he preferred the Boulder Valley. The Utes seemed to feel a special affinity for the Valley. They traveled and lived for a long time throughout the Morrison area to the north of the Valley. They had a trail that passed through the Ranch, a section of which the Bradford Road followed.

Chief Colorow, 6'5" tall and estimated to weigh up to 300 pounds, was often seen in this area. He was born a Comanche about 1810 and captured by the Utes as a boy. He became a leader of his adopted people. He despised individual miners and trappers and especially the settlers who were invading his land, so Colorow and his men retreated to the mountains and the red rocks of the Front Range. Despite their anger at the settlers, they made almost daily rounds of the settlers demanding food, clothing and anything else to which they took a fancy. One particularly notable fancy was biscuits, thick with syrup, which Colorow would eat as fast and as long as a ranch wife could bake them.

In a reminiscence written for the Colorado State Historical Society, Dora I. Foster tells of visiting her aunt in Bradford City and of the day the Indians appeared. Dora and her aunt made biscuits as fast as they were able, but since they did not want the Indians to find their store of flour in the pantry, brought out only enough at one time for a batch or two. Finally the aunt, tiring of the game, told the Indians she had no more flour. The Indians, thereupon, brought forth more flour wrapped in greasy skin pouches and bits of dirty rags. The baking continued.

After the Meeker Massacre in 1879 the Utes were sent to the Uintah Indian Reservation on the Colorado-Utah border. Colorow was one of the last to leave and promised to return. Every winter for seven years he returned to his Shining Mountains for the traditional winter hunt. He himself was quarry for the government men, but he eluded them until 1887 when he was wounded in a skirmish near Rangely, later called "Colorow's War." He returned to his camp at the mouth of the White River near the Uintah Reservation, where he died in 1888.

A cave north of Ken-Caryl on Colorow Road in Willowbrook was one of his favorite places and it is still known by his name.

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