



Yard of the Month for Williamsburg 2

You may have seen the wonderful yard of the month signs in people's yards. If you are new to the neighborhood, this is a fun annual tradition of the HOA to reward and recognize those with beautiful yards in the neighborhood. Yard of the month winners receive a Home Depot gift card from the HOA. There are many homes-so sometimes one year may be your special year to win or month over another. Keep up the great work neighbors, because as you walk through our neighborhood, you see great "pride of ownership" in the perennials, landscaping and beautiful yards throughout Williamsburg 2.

A quote from one of our lovely Williamsburg 2 neighbors: "I have lived in Williamsburg II for about 15 years. I love driving into our neighborhood and seeing all the well-manicured yards. I love that this neighborhood does things for the kids that live here. I love that we have an open space walking path that many people take advantage of, and most of all I feel very lucky to be next to the walking path because I get to say hello to so many of our neighbors as they walk by to start their morning or evening walk.....Karen Oxenford."

June Yard of the Month winners:

- 7343 S. Moore ct.
- 7131 S. Moore ct

July Yard of the Month winners:

- 7246 S Kline Way, Littleton, CO 80127
Chosen for their lovely bee friendly yard
- 10386 W Glasgow Avenue



Neighborhood Events

Do you own your own business and want to help sponsor our neighborhood events? Sponsoring our HOA events can be as big or little as you would like - there is no minimum or maximum. Sponsoring events is a great way to get your name out there within our local community. Contact Laura Blakey at laurablakey@gmail.com for more details and to become involved today!

End of Summer Bash

We are doing things a little different this summer and instead of a movie night we are doing an End of Summer Bash. Bring your blankets, chairs, tents, drinks and appetite to Eagle Meadows Park on Saturday, August 10 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be a face painter, bounce house and more! Mile High City Sliders will be there from 12 - 2 p.m. (homeowners will need to purchase their own food).

Save The Date For The Williamsburg 2 Block Party

On Saturday Sept 7 in the evening from 4 - 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for adults only to mix and mingle with your neighbors. We will be doing this event at the Moore Court North. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own beverages!

Hay/Sleigh Ride

December 7th, 5 - 7 p.m. - Eagle Meadows Park

Big thank you to Joanie, Sarah and Patrick for their help with the 4th of July bike parade. The ambulance was a little late, but there was a good turnout of families to enjoy the festivities, temporary tattoos, treats and fun! A great time was had by all! Be sure to check out some photos on the Williamsburg 2 Facebook page. If you are in the market for insurance, please reach out to our sponsor for this event: Patrick Meyers, Farmer's Insurance Agent: www.farmersagent.com/pmeyers, 720-757-2400, pmeyers@farmersagent.com, 3051 S. Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113

Next HOA Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 27th, 2019, 7:00 pm
Starbucks seating area,
Ken Caryl King Soopers

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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Bee Safe Neighborhood – Taking the Pledge!

Thank you to all who have taken the pledge to help protect the lives of our incredible pollinators! There is still time to pledge. The form will be available online through the end of August at <https://williamsburg2hoa.com/save-the-bees/>. All who pledge will receive a “save the bees” decal and will be entered in a drawing to win a gift certificate from Creek Side Gardens, a pollinator friendly nursery.



To isolate environmentally friendly options for your garden, the Dirt Doctor (www.dirtdoctor.com) is an excellent resource to identify home-produced solutions & non toxic organic products available on the market. Below is a non toxic solution used as a post-emergent weed control, in addition to a list of organic herbicides available commercially, as identified by Howard Garrett, the Dirt Doctor.

Vinegar Herbicide Formula:

- 1 gallon of 10% vinegar
- 1 ounce orange oil or d-limonene
- 1 teaspoon liquid soap or other surfactant such as Bio Wash
- Add molasses at 1 tablespoon per gallon to the vinegar formula
- Do not add water

Organic herbicides available commercially include the following:

- Vinegar products – Nature’s Guide, Good Natured, MaestroGro and Ozark Pickling Vinegar
- D-Limonene product - Avenger Weed Killer
- Fatty acid product – BioSafe Weed Killer, Scythe

The only selective organic herbicide available currently is the Agralawn Crabgrass Killer. It can be used any time of the year to kill crabgrass, clover, henbit, Illinois bundleweed, false strawberry and other fuzzy leafed grasses and broadleaf plants without hurting the turfgrass. Thank you for your commitment to help make our environment safe for pollinators and people alike, together we can make a difference!

—Joanie Bock – Williamsburg II resident since 2004

Real Estate Activity Increases in Williamsburg 2 Over the Summer

It’s the summer season and real estate signs crop up in yards just like new vegetation! This is a great sign that our neighborhood is a desirable place to live as there has been a lot of real estate activity and sales in our neighborhood. Curb appeal is important for homes-so it’s important we help our fellow neighbors out when they are putting their homes on the market by following the covenants of the Williamsburg 2 neighborhood. This includes storing our trailers, garbage bins and maintaining our landscaping.

In the HOA meeting for July, we had some discussion about campers and trailers specifically from our neighbors who visited the meeting. It was brought up that some real estate agents who have shown homes in our neighborhood have had buyers notice that there is an abundance of campers left out. The covenants (which are posted on our web site at www.williamsburg2hoa.com) clearly state that campers and trailers should be stored behind a 6 foot privacy fence or stored off site. Please be considerate of the rules of not only Williamsburg, but of Jefferson County in the storage of your recreation vehicles and trailers. Chatfield Storage, located at Platte Canyon and Chatfield can take trailers, boats, campers, etc for storage. They also have a neighborhood connection to Williamsburg 2.

Landscaping and keeping weeds and grass at a manageable level is also important to maintaining the values and curb appeal of our neighborhood. An overabundance of weeds in side yards and rock gardens is an eye sore and Be sure that your vegetation doesn’t obstruct sidewalks and street intersections. This is important for safety reasons as well for people on bikes, scooters or driving their cars.

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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.**

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5 Things Buyers Hate to See

When you show your home to prospective buyers, there is probably a long list of things you're hoping they'll notice. For example, you'll want them to see the beautiful chandelier in the foyer or the spacious backyard and large deck, or the kitchen with the island big enough for a whole family to sit down for breakfast. But what about those things you're hoping buyers will not notice?

Every home has some features that are less than enticing to the typical buyer. You may not be able to do much about a small kitchen or a home backing onto a noisy main street. However, there are several things buyers don't want to see that you can change. Here are five of the most common:

- **Clutter.** Closets stuffed full of clothes or rooms crammed with too much furniture are distractions. Clutter of any kind makes buyers feel uneasy - and gets in the way of showcasing the wonderful features of your home.
- **Maintenance issues.** Buyers definitely don't want to see a lot of things that need repairs or replacement, such as dripping faucets, faded or chipped walls, or overgrown lawns and shrubbery.
- **Smells.** Of course, you can't see smells. But buyers will notice the lingering aroma of exotic cooking, cigarette smoke, and pets. These smells may even limit the amount of time they want to spend exploring the home.
- **Personal items.** Buyers will understand that a family is living in the home they're viewing. However, constant reminders - in the form of vacation pictures, trophies, or scattered children's toys - can make a buyer feel like an intruder.
- **You.** It's nothing personal, but buyers prefer to view your home without you in it.

Thank You

Debi Clark, Kathy Morelli & Sherri Montagne, thank you very much for your time and hard work supporting the neighborhood clean-up June 29th. The Foothills Park & Recreation district extends its appreciation for your volunteer effort. The front entrance has been spruced up, weeds were removed from the Eagle Meadows Park playground & lots of trash was collected from the spillway feeding into the park lakes. Your efforts are helping keep our neighborhood looking beautiful!

If you identify any issue with the common areas around the neighborhood, you may report those to Sara with the Foothills Park & Recreation District at 303-409-2317.

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Preventing Burglaries Requires More Than Locks and Alarms

There's no doubt about it. If you want to keep your home safe from break-ins, you should have good locks on all doors and windows and ideally have an alarm system in place. But home security doesn't end with locks and alarms. There are other less obvious ways to keep your home safe. For example:

- Install exterior lights with a motion detection feature. A light suddenly going on will almost always send a potential intruder away.
- Look for - and, if possible, eliminate - potential hiding spots around your property.
- Always leave some lights on in your home when you're away for an evening.
- Never announce that you're on vacation or otherwise away from your home on social media sites. (Ask your kids not to do this either!)
- Don't leave tempting valuables where they can be easily seen through a window.
- In addition to good locking systems on doors and windows, simple precautions like these will significantly lower the risk of a break-in.

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Japanese Beetles Eating Your Garden?

The Japanese beetle is an invasive pest that was introduced into the eastern United States over 100 years ago. Since the early 1900s, the insect has made its way West, moving long distances in nursery stock (root balls of trees, shrubs, and turfgrass plants) sold in trade and about 1 to 5 miles per year on its own from plant to plant.

The Japanese beetle was first introduced into Colorado in the early 1990s from nursery stock purchased in the mid-western United States. Scientists and experts were caught off guard by the ability of the pest to establish itself in our region, thinking that Japanese beetle, an insect that likes moisture and humidity would never become a problem in the semi-arid Colorado climate. However, our urban landscape areas are oases of green, irrigated plant material that the beetle loves to eat and thrive in.

Precautions need to be taken to keep this pest from spreading to noninfested areas of the State. Why? Japanese beetle adults are

voracious feeders and cause significant damage to over 300 different plant species found in our landscapes, our agricultural areas, and a few of our native plants as well!

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- Utilize plants that are not susceptible to Japanese beetle whenever possible. This can mean many things to many people; while one might not want to plant roses, grapes or other highly attractive plants in their landscape, another might choose to eliminate turfgrass or other attractive plants.
- Reduce irrigation to turfgrass areas. Japanese beetle adult females seek out well irrigated Kentucky bluegrass or other turfgrasses in which to lay their eggs. Try to make this area as unattractive to the pest as possible.
- Hand pick or physically remove adults. Research suggests that this is actually a very effective management strategy as it reduces feeding-induced plant volatiles. It's the plant volatiles emitted when a beetle feeds that attracts more and more. So by picking the beetles off and dropping them into a bucket of soapy water each evening, there are fewer beetles which leads to less feeding and less volatiles released to attract more beetles. Japanese beetles drop readily when disturbed so they can easily be collected by holding a jar or container beneath filled with soapy water.
- Use of biological controls. Many biological controls for Japanese beetle have been researched.
 - Currently, the use of entomopathogenic nematodes (microscopic round worms that only parasitize insects) has been shown to be effective for controlling grubs. Cost of implementation is high and results are inconsistent when compared to conventional controls. Available in many garden centers or by mail order, *Steinernema*

glaseri and *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora* may be effective controls if attention to pre and post irrigation is noted.

- An additional biological control called Milky Spore, a bacterial disease of grubs, can also be purchased for Japanese beetle control, however, research has not shown this product to be very effective.
 - Alternative controls such as products containing azadirachtin a derivative from neem seeds are also labeled for control of Japanese beetle. Look for trade names such as Bioneem, Aazatin or Azasol. While these products may provide a short, but effective impact on adults they must be reapplied frequently.
 - Animals such as chickens feed on Japanese beetles.
- Use of labeled pesticide controls. Insecticide treatment of turf to control larvae (grubs) has been the most common and largely the most effective management strategy employed against Japanese beetle. The timing of insecticide applications is critical. Use insecticides for grub control in early summer, for control of adults, apply when feeding and damage are observed. Always read and follow pesticide label directions. Many of the insecticides that control Japanese beetle are also highly toxic to bees and other pollinators. Pesticide labels will contain information describing how to use the product while protecting pollinators. It is essential and the law that all applicators of pesticides follow the pesticide label. Avoid application of pesticides to all blooming plants when pollinators are active in the area.

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