



## Community News

- **FOOD TRUCKS!** June through September: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at Eagle Meadows Park! We will get to enjoy a sampling of all different types of food. Come out and support small business and have some socially acceptable outdoor social distancing time with your neighbors! Dates are: June 13 & 27th, July 11 & 25th and August 8th & 22nd and September 12th & 26th. 5-8 p.m.
- **Williamsburg 2 Garage Sale** has been **cancelled**. Please go to the Facebook page and web site for updates as the newsletter only comes out once a month! This will be rescheduled.
- **Yard of the Month Contest** will begin in June!! Showcase your beautiful yard and you just might win a surprise from your HOA and recognition to your neighbors for all your hard work!
- **HOA will be meeting remotely** until further notice. This will be updated on newsletter and Facebook as well.

## Oral Health Month

Don't neglect your oral health during the pandemic. Leading by example—especially when it comes to salubrious habits like brushing and flossing—can make a big difference in the health and happiness of your entire family. This year's theme: Share More Time, Share More Smiles.

## Next HOA Meeting

HOA will be meeting remotely until further notice.

## Keep a Green Lawn in the Hot Colorado Summer

Colorado summers can be a challenge for keeping the yard green and plush. It is a high plains desert after all. Here are some quick tips to keep our neighborhood—and your yard looking beautiful!

**1. Water.** This one is a no-brainer, right? It's best to water in the early morning to avoid evaporation in the middle of the day. The exception to this is when we experience extremely hot weather and the temperature at night doesn't go below 68 degrees. When this is the case, you can also water in the early evening.

**2. Fertilizer.** Fertilizer releases essential nutrients into your lawn's grass to keep it green, healthy, and vibrant. Watersaver and Revive are popular choices. Keeping up with your weeding and fertilization is an important part of keeping your lawn growing strong and healthy. Fertilizer helps with recovery from foot traffic and reduces and controls weed growth.

**3. Check your sprinklers.** Make sure that the heads of your sprinklers aren't too low to reach over the top of the grass and spray in the proper pattern. If you have a puddle around your spray heads, it could mean that the valve isn't closing all the way and is allowing water to leak. Make sure to get these problems fixed sooner rather than later to avoid uneven watering.

**4. Seed in the Fall.**

**5. Aerate.** Regular aeration is crucial to the maintenance of a healthy lawn because it loosens the compacted soil and increases oxygen to the roots. It encourages water and nutrient infiltration as well as root growth. Spring and fall is the best time to do this to make it easy to deliver seed and fertilizer to the root system. It also allows ample water supply to the soil after harsh compaction of winter snow.



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### Williamsburg II 2020 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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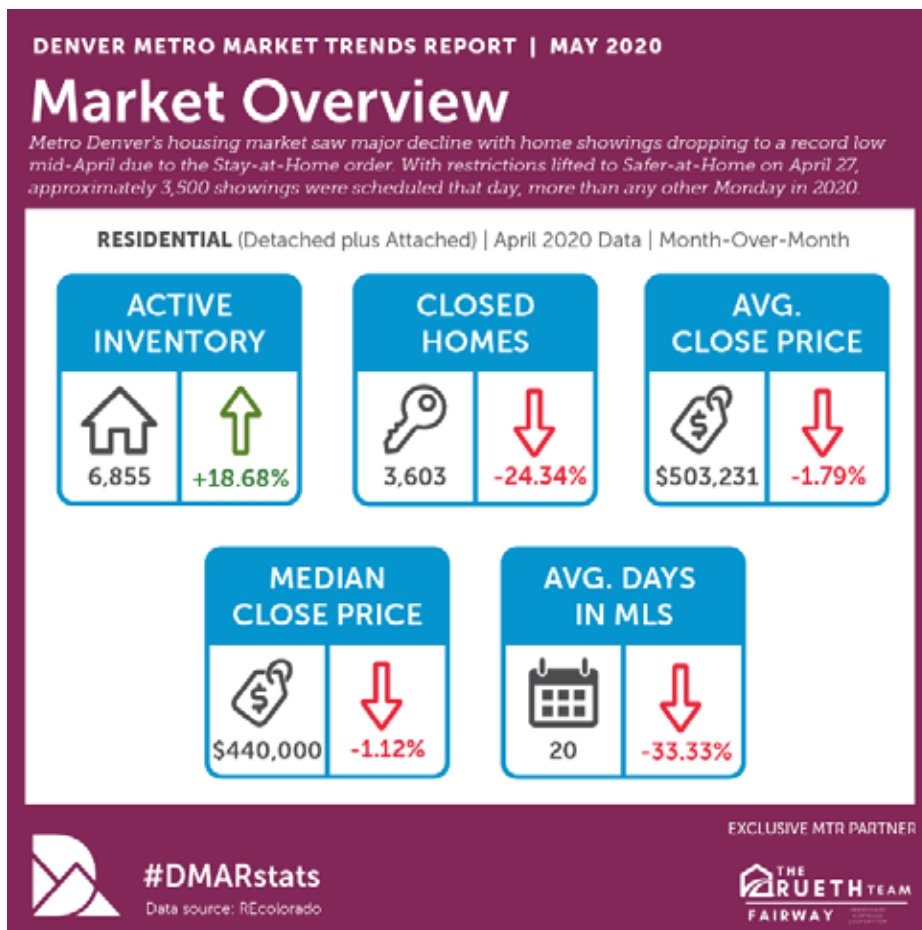
## How Is The Real Estate & Mortgage Market?

Your editor of the Williamsburg 2 newsletter has worked in the title insurance business for 28 years. Because of my relation to all things real estate and lending (we close the home and refinance transactions), this market time during the Covid outbreak and social distancing restrictions has been interesting. Title companies have been having closings curb side with buyers and sellers separately, in person with gloves/masks and sellers and buyers separate, closings on patios, closings on front door steps, closings remotely, pretty much any way that a customer feels comfortable and secure. The changing/separation of closing parties will more than likely affect how real estate closings are conducted in the future. Governor Polis enacted an emergency measure allowing remote online notarization, however it's mostly been helpful for sellers, not for buyers since lenders require borrowers to still sign the documents in person with a notary.

Even though April brought about very strict restrictions for the real estate industry, the Denver real estate market barely slowed down, then immediately heated up once the restrictions were lifted in May. You may have noticed that real estate agents are not hosting open houses yet because of restrictions, or you may have been house shopping and seen the gloves/booties and hand sanitizer stations in homes. It's an unforgettable and unique time in the industry for sure. The affects of unemployment rising and borrowers taking forbearance are not yet affecting the activity much because of demand. This may change in the future.

Forbearance was an option many borrowers took when furloughed or facing sudden unemployment. The type of loan the borrower has will determine what type of repayment a lender will require. The lenders are just now putting out guidelines for the ability to qualify to refinance or purchase in the future. Forbearance should be a last resort as it will affect a borrowers ability to close in the future on a home or refinance. If you were in forbearance, or are thinking about doing so, make sure you verify with your mortgage company the future ramifications and options available.

The Denver Metro Board of Realtors posts a monthly snapshot of market activity. This is a helpful, quick infographic with an overall look at the Denver market vs. an area specific look. For direct comparables, it's best to consult with a real estate professional familiar with the neighborhood.



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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](mailto: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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## National Nursing Assistants Week, June 11-18

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# Foothills Parks and Recreation District

FHPRD is a special district founded in 1959, not part of the City of Littleton or Jefferson County. It is a separate agency with its own taxing authority and no affiliation with any other government agency. Special districts are created by state law to serve specific community needs – recreation, fire protection, water, etc. Their specific focus is on parks and recreational facilities and activities only. Foothills Parks and Recreation district maintains Eagle Meadows park as well as the North park of Williamsburg 2.

### Boundaries

With a few exceptions, Hampden Ave. on the north, Sheridan Blvd. on the east and C-470 on the south and west. Other areas FHPRD serves that fall just outside the complex street boundaries are Sixth Avenue West, Mesa View Estates, Bear Creek subdivision and Lochwood subdivision. All areas served by FHPRD are within Unincorporated Jefferson County.

### Leadership & Employment

FHPRD is managed by an executive director and governed by a five-member elected Board of Directors. Directors represent five wards within the District and serve four-year terms with elections held every two years in May. We employ full-time, part-time and seasonal positions, and utilize help from volunteers and interns.

### Funding

Approximately 25% of FHPRD’s operating budget comes from property taxes. 75% comes from program fees, facility/usage fees, other revenues and grants. FHPRD also receives funding for special projects from The Foothills Foundation, the 501c3 organization that puts on the annual Summerset Festival each September in Clement Park.

### Residency Status

FHPRD is a special district established by Colorado statute. The District encompasses about 24.2 square miles within Unincorporated Jefferson County and serves a population of approximately 93,000 residents (tax-payers). You are a Foothills District resident if you:

- Pay taxes to FHPRD
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## Green Lawn, *continued from front page*


**6. Get Rid of Weeds.** Weed prevention is best practiced in the fall and early spring to take advantage of the growing season of turf grasses.

**7. Grow the Right Grass.** So what are the “top five” suggested grass types for Colorado?

- Kentucky Bluegrass. This popular grass type is well known for its ability to handle a wide variety of weather conditions.
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As a result of the transition to the four-day business week, some county offices and departments may be changing their hours during the days they are open. Please check the website for Departments, Divisions and Elected Offices to verify hours before visiting. Additionally, many offices have services that may be conducted online at your convenience. See a list of those on the Online Services web page.

“In these challenging times, we are looking at operations across all county departments for cost savings, greater efficiencies and reductions to achieve a balanced budget in 2021,” said County Manager Don Davis. “We believe there will be a decrease in costs along with an increase in productivity through a four-day business week and are optimistic this change will yield positive results.”

### Not All County Offices Will be Impacted by the switch to a four-day business week:

- **Sheriff’s Office** – there will be no change to how law enforcement activities are conducted.
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  - The courts side of the Administration and Courts Facility, run by the First Judicial District, will continue to operate as usual. For details on hours or operations, see the First Judicial District Branch website.

- The District Attorney’s Office will retain its normal five-day business week operations.
- **The Jefferson County Public Library** system will continue its normal hours of operations. For details, see the Jefferson County Public Library website.
- **Coroner’s Office** – To contact the coroner, please see the Coroner’s Office website.

Currently, all Jefferson County offices are closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All offices are expected to reopen to the public on June 1. When entering any Jefferson County building, you must follow all social distancing directions and are encouraged to wear a face covering to adhere to the “Safer-at-Home” public order. If you are not comfortable coming into our offices, there are many services you can conduct online at your convenience. See a list of those on the Online Services web page.

## Small Business Boost

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## Williamsburg II Market Update

“So, How’s the Market?” The number one question we are all asking amid the COVID-19 crisis. The short answer is STABLE. Statistics for year over year in the Denver Metro area, indicates a 1% median price increase both week over week and year over year, days on market of only 8 days, and an increase in pending sales of 21%. These numbers reflect a good trend for current listed homes.

There are some numbers that reflect directly to the impact of the current restrictions in place, both in showing and closing on properties. Year over Year – there is a 56% decrease in the number of Closed Properties, a 15% decrease in New Listings, and 17% increase in withdrawn Listings.

Good news for those of us in Williamsburg II. Our Year over Year closed median price sale indicates a **5.3% increase!** Median closed price for 15 sales from May 25, 2018 to May 25, 2019 was **\$476,080**. Median closed price for 23 sales from May 25, 2019 to May 25, 2020 was **\$501,298**.

Seven homes have sold in 2020 with an average sold price of \$496,229, 5 days on market, and sold price to list price of 100.00%. There are no current active and under contract listings in the neighborhood as of May 25.

Bottom line is it is a great time to list your home in our neighborhood. We continue to see quick under contract status and stable pricing. With the low inventory levels, opening of showing restrictions, and pent up buyer demand, all indicators are that we will continue to see a strong market for Williamsburg II.

— Debbie Steele

## How Citizens Are Practicing Social Distancing

Americans are following social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic to slow the spread of the coronavirus, according to a March 27-April 9 survey from Gallup. Since the end of March, 74% of Americans report that they’ve been isolating themselves from people outside their household. Sixty-seven percent are workers, and 84% are nonworkers. Only 4% of workers and 3% of all adults say they’re taking no steps to self-isolate. Here’s how we’re practicing social distancing in the U.S.:

- **Twenty-three percent** of working adults have completely self-isolated, with no contacts outside their household, along with 32% of nonworking adults.
- **Forty-four percent** of workers are mostly isolated and have very little contact with outsiders; 52% of nonworkers do the same.
- **Nineteen percent** of workers are partially isolated with only a little outside contact, along with 13% of nonworkers.
- **Ten percent** of workers say they’re somewhat isolated but still maintain a fair amount of contact with outsiders; only 1% of nonworking adults say the same.

## Keep The Kids Occupied While You’re Working At Home

You’re working from home, but your kids are now underfoot all day because schools are closed. How to keep them occupied so you don’t drive each other crazy? Try these activities:

- **Build a fort.** Encourage the kids to build a fort using sheets, blankets, pillows, and boxes.
- **Watch the whales.** The Georgia Aquarium has a beluga whale webcam, allowing people to view its whales any time. (The Louvre in Paris also offers a virtual tour of its famous artwork.)
- **Bake.** Take a break from work, and enlist your children in baking cookies, brownies, cakes, and more. They’ll be motivated by knowing they’ll be able to eat the result.
- **Have an indoor picnic.** Eat lunch on the living room floor with a blanket and picnic food.
- **Check out reading videos.** Celebrities like Josh Gad and LeVar Burton, along with astronauts on the International Space Station, are reading stories to children online.
- **Read a book together.** Have older children read one chapter of a book every day, then discuss it at dinner. Encourage them to predict what’s coming next.
- **Clean up.** This may take a little bribery, but with everyone at home, clutter can compound faster than you realize. Recruit kids to vacuum, wash floors, clean bathrooms, and the like.
- **Play games.** Get out your board games, jigsaw puzzles, chess sets and checkerboards, and other types of time-filling games.
- **Write in a journal.** Your kids can record what they’ve done each day, how they feel about being isolated, what they want to do when stay-at-home orders are lifted, and more.





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