

Congratulations to July Yard of the **Month Winners!**

- 10209 W Fremont
- 10257 Roxbury

Neighborhood **Events:**

On August 22, there will be a normal food truck and sweet truck. The sweet truck is Repicci's and we will be treating all Williamsburg 2 residents to a gelato. It will be the normal time, 5-7:30 at Eagle Meadows Park. This is in place of the summer bash as we don't feel comfortable hosting an event due to Covid.

National Honey Bee Day

Aug. 15. An opportunity to celebrate honey bees, recognize their contribution to our everyday lives, and take steps to protect this important species for future generations.

National Dog Day

Aug. 26. National Dog Day celebrates all breeds and serves to help galvanize the public to recognize the number of dogs that need to be rescued each year.

Next HOA Meeting

HOA will be meeting remotely until further notice.

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Covenant Corner

When our neighborhood was built in 1979 the developer put together a set of covenants and guidelines in order to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood. The HOA board was created at that time to promote the community and preserve the integrity of the neighborhood through the covenants.

We are fortunate to have had an active board willing to take on the responsibilities of the HOA. Our community reflects that commitment. The covenants and the rules which clarify them can be found on our website under the covenants tab. These are the top covenant violations that the board is looking out for during the summer:

- Trailers, RVs, Boats and any vehicle being stored on the street for more than three days. Vehicles may be stored on your property if they are concealed by a 6 foot fence or a garage.
- Large trash bins being stored in front of the house in view from the street.
- Dead trees and bushes.
- Line of sight obstructions on corners.
- Sheds, fences and other exterior structures being constructed without county permit and HOA approval.

Thank you in advance for keeping our property values up by complying with our covenants.

—Your HOA Board

How To Save Money On Your Energy Bills?

How much does your household spend on nergy? According to the EIA, the average monthly lectricity bill is \$117.65 for American homeownrs. Depending on the season, energy costs can oar hundreds of dollars higher. Homes that conume vast amounts of energy pay double or triple he norm. Utilities can take a large bite out of your lready tight budget. If you feel you're overspendng, there are small changes you can make today. Here are 11 easy ways to save money on energy ills and become more environmentally friendly.

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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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Energy Bills, continued from front page

- 1. Swap incandescent light bulbs for LED. Light-emitting diode bulbs consume about 75 percent less electricity. Screw in eco-friendly LED bulbs to every light fixture. LEDs cost slightly more upfront but can last up to 50,000 hours longer. Many LED brands offer a "warm white" color to prevent the notoriously harsh lighting too. Like any light bulb, switch it off when you're not nearby.
- 2. Turn the furnace down. During the winter, avoid the temptation of heating your home to a balmy 78 degrees. Keep your thermostat around 68 degrees. There are other creative ways to fight the chill. Layer your clothes and use cozy blankets. Put down plush rugs and wear slippers to warm your frigid feet. Reverse your ceiling fans to draw cold air upward. Open the curtains to let winter sunlight in.
- 3. Minimize AC use too. Many homes have central air or room air conditioning to beat the summer heat. Programming your thermostat to 70-75 degrees should keep you comfortable. Dipping into the 60s will eat up energy. Draw the curtains to block the sizzling summer sun. Use ceiling fans and exhaust vents to remove hot air. Grill outdoors instead of heating up the oven. Dress light and use ice packs to cool down.
- 4. Drop your water heater's settings. Most water heaters default to 140 degrees. Reduce the water temperature to 120 degrees. Don't go lower because you don't want harmful bacteria to thrive. Simply turning it to 130 degrees could cut your energy use by 5 percent. Taking cooler, shorter showers will work wonders on your utility bills. Temps below 140 degrees also prevent burns in young children.
- 5. Change your air filter regularly. Install a new HEPA filter at least every three months. If you have pets and allergies, change the filter every 30 days. Filters block allergens like dust and dander from infiltrating your HVAC system. Heating and cooling equipment that's clogged won't work properly. Save money on your energy bills by keeping your HVAC system clean and optimized.
- 6. Unplug unused home appliances. Old, inefficient appliances guzzle down energy even when they're off. Unplugging their cords from the socket disrupts their energy supply, which could save you up to \$200 each year. Unplug your computer, TV, toaster, stereo, coffee machine, and similar small appliances. Don't pull the plug on your refrigerator. Also, unplug your phones and tablets once they're done charging.
- 7. Block your home's drafts. Keep energy you've paid for from blowing right out the window. Seal every tiny hole or crevice where air can enter and escape. Apply durable caulk around your windows and doors. Use foam or foil stripping to insulate drafty areas. Place a fabric tube or rolled towel along your door sweep. Remember to also fix drafts in your attic, basement, and crawlspaces.
- **8. Dry your laundry naturally.** Full-size electric dryers use around \$250 worth of energy yearly. Each load costs at least \$0.45. To save money on energy bills, limit your dryer usage. Develop an air-drying system either indoors or outside. Hang your laundry on an old-fashioned clothesline when the weather allows. Use earth's natural resources to dry wet clothes cheaply.
- 9. Update your landscaping. Trees and shrubs around your house won't only boost your curb appeal. Plants can save money on energy bills. Their leaves block the sun and shade homes during the summer. In winter, flora defends houses from cold wind and traps heat inside. So, try out your green thumb with a landscaping makeover. Remember to give trees room to grow at least 15 feet from your house though.
- 10. Shut registers in vacant rooms. Do you have a spare bedroom or den that's rarely used? Don't waste money heating or cooling it then. Slide the registers closed to stop the airflow. Only shut registers in two or three rooms. Too many closed registers can hurt your HVAC system. Further, have your air ducts checked for leaks. Unsealed seams could let air escape more when registers close.
- 11. Let your dishwasher do the work. Washing the dishes by hand is a chore most people would love to skip. Actually, it's great if you do. Running water to wash dishes manually will rinse your money down the drain. Efficient dishwashers use five times less water and half the energy. Put plates and silverware right into the dishwasher without a faucet pre-wash. Your dishwasher can handle removing food bits better than your hands.

Of course, there are also big changes you can make to save on utilities. You could install a ductless mini-split HVAC system or a geothermal heat pump. You could buy brand-new EnergyStar appliances. You could invest in all new windows and insulation.

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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.

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. 7th.

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You could go green with solar panels and a living roof. However, it's best to start small with these 11 easy ways to save money on energy bills. When you have extra cash in your budget, you can consider larger home improvements to reduce your utility costs.

— Article from: The Colorado Real Estate Finance Group, July 2020 Blog, by Jenn Wayboer

Building Permits in Jefferson County

Resource: https://www.jeffco.us/2163/Permits and https://www.jeffco.us/2439/Permits

Are you planning a big project for your home? Keep in mind, applying for a building permit may be a necessary and required part of the process. These are the basics for applying for a building permit in Jefferson County:

SHED: Jefferson county requires a site plan and structural plans that show the square footage and height of the shed, drawn to scale. Sheds measuring more than 200 square feet - and/or taller than 14 feet to the peak - need a building permit (see the building permit checklist (PDF)). If less than 200 square feet and less than 14 feet to the peak, a miscellaneous permit is needed for this structure (fees). They will accept the manufacturer plans as long as they are to scale and show that the shed is below the above-specified dimensions. The planner reviewing the application will tell the applicant setback requirements.

FENCE: A permit is needed for a new fence and/or replacement of an existing fence, or any section thereof. See placing a fence on a property (PDF). Submittal requirements include the type of materials, length and height and a site plan drawn to scale showing the location. Any fence measuring more than 42 inches in height requires a permit. Planned Development (PD) zoning may have different requirements. Please check the zoning and contact us if zoned PD. The cost of the permit is listed on the Jeffco development fees page. There may be questions regarding height, setbacks, and, if on a corner, the Vision Clearance Triangle. A corner property will make a difference in placement and setbacks.

NEW STRUCTURE, ADDITION, PATIO/DECK COVER, ETC.: There is a zoning review fee for zoning review of each building permit. Please see the Jefferson County Building Permit Checklist (PDF) for a list of fees and documents needed on their

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web site at: https://www.jeffco.us/2439/Permits. The Building Department is the last stop in the building permit issuance process and has additional requirements (303-271-8260). Jefferson County offers an online application process for the following permits:

- Building Permits (not requiring Planning and Zoning Approval)
- Electrical (including photovoltaic permits)
- Mechanical
- Plumbing
- Re-roof/Re-side

Building permits requiring Planning and Zoning approval may be submitted electronically and paid for online after the process is completed.

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Black Bear Time of the Year!

As summer starts to wind down and fall approaches, hungry black bears are on the move. Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding residents and visitors to be mindful of bears in Colorado as they prepare for winter hibernation.

Bears are especially hungry this time of the year. During a feeding frenzy phase called hyperphagia, bears go from feeding 2 to 4 hours a day to 20 or more hours a day in an attempt to consume up to 20,000 calories daily and pack on the pounds for winter hibernation. That's nearly 6,700 french fries a day or 70 slices of pizza!

According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, bears can smell food up to 5 miles away. It's important to take extra steps to keep bears wild and prevent them from accessing human foods in the first place.

Please remember to be "bear aware" in Colorado. Never store food or scented items in tents or vehicles. Close and lock all bear-accessible windows and doors, especially when you leave the house or go to sleep at night. Store trash and recyclables in a locked garage or shed. Clean grills and bring all pet food indoors.

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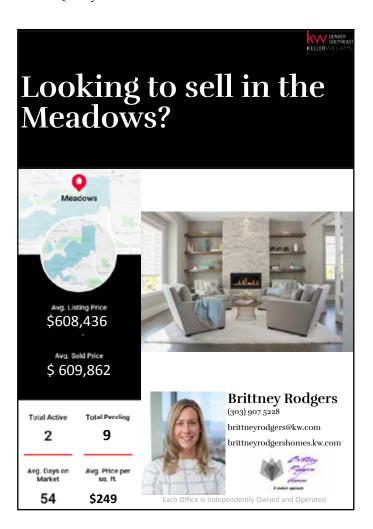
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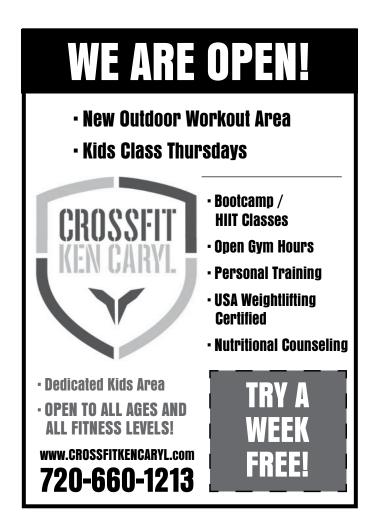
National Water Quality Month

The average person uses approximately 80 gallons of water or more per day for bathing, cleaning, household waste, and drinking. Protecting our water resources and educating ourselves about water quality is an important goal of National Water Quality Month.

National Aviation Week

Aug. 16-22. Always occurring during the week of August 19, the date coincides with National Aviation Day, which celebrates Orville Wright of the Wright Brothers, who made the first flight for 12 seconds and 120 feet at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on December 17, 1903.





CoHope Report:

CoHope, also known as the Council for Homeowner's Organization for Planned Environment has been meeting virtually for the last several months. This group is comprised of the Columbine Hills, Columbine Knolls, Columbine West, Leawood, Woodbourne and several other neighborhood HOAs/communities. In their July newsletter, there was some helpful information posted about flood plains.

Floodplain Information for Jeffco Residents – Many people think they are not in danger of flooding if they don't live near a stream or creek. Unfortunately, this is not true. Flooding is the nation's number one natural disaster. Flash floods, inland flooding and seasonal storms flood every region of the country and floodplain maps don't show all areas at risk!

Flooding can and often does occur outside the mapped floodplain. Flooding often occurs along smaller streams and creeks that are not shown on any flood maps. Non-creek flooding can occur from overwhelmed storm sewers, lowlying areas that do not have proper drainage, or water mains that break. Much of the true risk of flooding is its unpredictability.

Colorado's flood season, which is historically from May through October, includes both snowmelt and thunderstorm flooding. Snowmelt floods result from the melting of the winter snowpack in the high mountain areas which becomes spring runoff. Thunderstorm floods are caused by intense rain over relatively small areas. Because there is little to no warning time, the term flash flood is often used to describe thunderstorm floods. Between 20 and 30 large floods occur in Colorado every year and Colorado experiences a major flood disaster roughly once every five years.

Contact the County's Planning & Zoning Division at pzweb@jeffco.us or call us at 303-271-8700. P&Z staff will help you with any questions you may have and is available to meet you on site to provide assistance on specific flooding and/or drainage issues. P&Z also has copies of FEMA Elevation Certificates for buildings constructed in the floodplains since 2004.

You can reduce your risk of flooding by being prepared and knowing how to respond when there is a flood. Below are links to learn more about flood safety, flood recovery, flood Insurance, how to be prepared before a flood, how to develop an emergency plan, and what to do during a flood.

Flood Resources:

- Floodplain Management Program (https://www.jeffco.us/2695/Floodplains-Management)
- Floods and Water Quality for Water Supply Wells (https://www.jeffco.us/DocumentCenter/ View/1567/Floods-and-Water-Quality-Facts-PDF)
- Emergency Resources (https://www.jeffco.us/502/Emergency-Resources)
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