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## Supporting Local Businesses!

During the pandemic, local businesses have suffered and need our help! Have you checked out the Lariat Lodge in our local neighborhood at 12684 W. Indore place, Littleton, CO 80127, 303-979-0797 or more easily recognized, Ken Caryl Avenue and C470. The Lariat Lodge has two locations, one in Evergreen and the newer one here. They offer food, a fabulous line of their own beers and nice socially distanced indoor seating options. If you haven't checked out their smoked wings or delicious brews, take a moment to stop by!

## Gobble Wobble: Clement Park Goes Virtual

What is the Gobble Wobble?

- A Thanksgiving morning 5k race (Gobble)
- A way to burn some extra calories so that you CAN have that 2nd piece of pie.
- An opportunity to do something healthy and fun together as a family.

Additional race information can be found at <http://www.gobblewobblun.com>. The Gobble Wobble Run is a family friendly 5K that has been going strong since 2010! We welcome all ages and abilities. Our race takes place at beautiful Clement Park in Littleton, Colorado every Thanksgiving morning (except for this year! 2020). If you have any questions about this race, go to [gobblewobblun.com](http://gobblewobblun.com).

**Next HOA Meeting**  
HOA will be meeting remotely  
until further notice.

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## October Halloween Decoration Winners

This year, several homes went "all out" to decorate and improve on their holiday decorations. We have a few houses that win every year for their fabulous décor-and they just keep improving! While you're walking the dogs or driving the neighborhood, check out these fabulous winners-and they will be getting a fun little prize from our neighborhood HOA!

- 1: 10164 West Geddes Circle. Frankenstein Fun and other awesome decorations
- 2: 10109 W. Fremont Avenue. Spooky Graveyard Ghosts and Goblins
- 3: 7222 S. Miller Street. Spider Spectacular



**Reminder: It's snow time again – don't forget to shovel your walks** and leave a clear pathway in front of your home. Remember, it's a hazard for the kids walking to school and for your neighbors if you don't shovel your walk, which leads to inches of snow and ice accumulating if we get a cold snap that lasts for several days.

**Removing Stop Sign By the School:** If you would like to file a complaint about the removal of the stop sign right by the school at the intersection of Glasgow and Nelson, here is the email address to register that complaint. This is a safety issue in our

neighborhood for the kids walking to get to school. Jefferson County Transportation Engineering: [transeng@jeffco.us](mailto:transeng@jeffco.us)

**Election Signs and Other Courtesies to Your Neighbors:** October saw plenty of fun fall decorations as well as political signs donning people's yards. It's great to see so much support and passion for candidates. The election will be decided by the time this newsletter hits the presses, or shortly thereafter. Our neighborhood has never banned political signs or stopped people from posting their political support.

Keep in mind courtesies to your neighbors as well when displaying your political affiliations or favored candidates. There are no doubt neighbors who are politically on the other side of the fence from yourself. Your way is no better than their way, it's just different. There was some ugliness that occurred before the election between neighbors in this regard.

Please, be good considerate neighbors and don't vandalize or torment your neighbors. The election is a short time but rifts caused by differences and actions can leave a lasting impact.

## 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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## Quick Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

- 1. Replace your furnace air filter.** Clean your furnace/ac unit, air ducts and replace any other air filters throughout your home. There are many HVAC companies that'll come to your home for a nominal fee and clean and service your heating and ac unit.
- 2. Clear out gutters and downspouts.** Clean gutters, downspouts and clear blockages. This is a leading cause of water damage to a home. The water gets blocked and causes damage to the exterior landscape, building and flooding can occur as a result of the blockage.
- 3. Check fire extinguishers.** Check to make sure your fire extinguishers work and if you don't have any, invest in some!
- 4. Clean out lint from your dryer and vents.** Dryer fires account for 2,900 annual fires. Try and get in the habit of cleaning this every time you wash. "Failure to remove lint from the dryer is the leading cause of dryer fire
- 5. Clean your fireplace.** Make sure it's clean with no debris inside. Birds love to nest in it so make sure it's clear. Consider having a chimney sweep come in.
- 6. Stow your hose and winterize your sprinkler system.** Get your outdoor water system winterized before freezing temperatures arrive and cause damage. Put your hose in the garage and winterize your irrigation system.
- 7. Seal your outdoor surface areas.** Those small gaps and cracks on your home's exterior can impact both your heating bill and cause water damage. Take some time to walk around the exterior to look for areas that need it-as well as on a cooler day, check for drafts.
- 8. Clean and protect outdoor furniture.** Wash and protect your outdoor furniture and appliances. The elements can cause further damage.
- 9. Aerate and fertilize your lawn.** Lawn fall preparation is key to a healthy upcoming spring and summer lawn.

## Money Smart for Older Adults: Protecting Older Adults from Financial Exploitation and Fraud During the Holidays

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has a wonderful downloadable e-book on their web page about protecting older adults from financial exploitation and fraud. Scams that target older people occur every day, but you can count on scammers to ramp up their efforts to prey on people's generosity during the holiday season. These grinchers, armed with their dirty tricks, may even weave the holidays into elaborate stories to pull at your heartstrings as they slip their sticky fingers into your wallet.

During the holidays, the common scam known as the imposter or "grandparent scam" might be decorated with a special plea, a story of a relative in trouble who desperately needs money to fix a car or get out of jail – and home for the holidays.

The ruse known as the IRS scam takes on a vicious new twist with a grinch on the phone threatening an elder with being arrested and spending the holidays in jail for unpaid taxes or a fake debt. And then there is the predictable increase in false or imposter charities, which sound identical to the real ones. The pitch is wrapped in

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**Check out our Facebook Group Page at: Williamsburg II. Type this in the group search option to see if you are a member.**

The Williamsburg II HOA newsletter is published monthly by the Williamsburg II Homeowners Association, a non-profit homeowners association. The newsletter is distributed by block workers.

### 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.**

### 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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## Money Smart, *continued from page 2*

sympathy inducing requests for year-end, tax-deductible holiday donations. These grinchies stand ready to take your credit card or check routing information and charge you for bogus Nutcracker ballet tickets, or a holiday charity fundraising event.

These scammers may even scour the internet and social media sites looking for a special connection to your life, such as a family member or community connection, to get you to trust them so you'll be willing to part with your hard-earned money. Some will go to great lengths to sound like they know you, or worse, your elderly parents.

### Here are a few tips:

1. Before offering your help to someone who claims to be a grandchild (or other relative/friend), be sure to telephone your family to verify that the emergency or urgent request is genuine.
  - Beware of a caller who insists on secrecy. Never allow anyone to discourage you from seeking information, verification, support and counsel from family members, friends or trusted advisers prior to making any financial transaction.
2. Take the following precautions to make sure your charitable donations benefit the people and organizations you want to help. If a caller claims to be from an established organization such as a hospital, charity, or law enforcement agency, look up the number of the organization independently and verify the claim before sending money.
  - Ask for detailed information about the charity, including name, address, and telephone number.

- Don't ever give your credit card information over the phone, to anyone for any reason.
  - Then, call the charity directly. Ask if the organization is aware of the solicitation and has authorized the use of its name. The organization's development staff should be able to help you.
3. If you have received a letter from the IRS stating that you owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 for information.
    - The IRS will neither call to demand immediate payment, nor call without first mailing a bill. And, the IRS does not require you to use a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card nor will they threaten you with arrest for not paying.

Share this information with your friends, parents and others in your community. For more information on identifying and preventing frauds and scams, check out *Money Smart for Older Adults: Prevent Elder Financial Exploitation* guide for consumers. In addition, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office for Older Americans has produced materials that include *Managing Someone Else's Money Guides* for financial caregivers. To find these materials and to learn more, go to [consumerfinance.gov/older-americans](http://consumerfinance.gov/older-americans). But most important, have a safe and happy holiday season!

*The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.*

—Denis Waitley



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## American Diabetes Month

For the millions of people who are at risk of diabetes, it's a time to get educated, find resources, and make sure all those around you are aware of their risk, too. And for the millions of people living with diabetes, it's a chance to tell your stories and awaken the world.

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## Pandemic Forces Relocations Across the Country

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted workplaces across the U.S., and it's also had an impact on living arrangements. Twenty-two percent of Americans say they've either relocated their residence since the beginning of the crisis or know someone who has, according to the Pew Research Center. Three percent have moved temporarily or permanently, 6% say that someone has moved into their household, and 14%, although they haven't themselves moved, know someone who has.

Young adults are most likely to have moved—37% of people 18–29 say they've moved, or had someone move in with them, or know someone who has relocated because of the outbreak. Twenty-eight percent of Hispanics have had the same experience, along with 20% of white adults, 19% of Black adults, and 24% of Asian Americans.



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## Where And How To Volunteer This Thanksgiving

Giving back year-round is important, but many feel especially called to do so during the holiday season, beginning with Thanksgiving. In the spirit of giving, we've rounded up some organizations that need your support around the holidays, ways you can find volunteer opportunities in your area, as well as other ways you can give back this Thanksgiving.

Things might be a little different this year due to restrictions from COVID-19. Do a little extra research to make sure individual organization locations are operating normally near you.

**Meals on Wheels** - This established organization brings nutritious meals to seniors who are at risk for hunger year-round, but they ramp up efforts around the holidays. You can find volunteer opportunities near you at: <https://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/americaletsdolunch>

**Volunteer to go grocery shopping** - People in vulnerable populations might need your help to get groceries safely this holiday, especially during COVID-19. You can learn more about the process here: <https://shoppingangelsglobal.org/>

**Volunteer at or donate to a food bank** - Many local food banks see an influx of volunteers around the holidays, which can actually overwhelm them. Be sure to ask, specifically, what they need when you're inquiring about volunteering. Maybe it's just some donated supplies. Maybe it's your time, but at a later date. Or maybe they could really use your time around the holidays. Find a food bank near you here: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/>

**Volunteer at a soup kitchen** - Again, soup kitchens might be a bit overwhelmed with volunteers around this time of year, but if they are holding any specific holidays meals, they might have room for more volunteers. Give them a call and see when they need you and what they need from you. You can find a soup kitchen near you here: <https://www.wheelsforwishes.org/news/find-a-local-soup-kitchen/>

**Find or start a clothing drive** - Thanksgiving marks a time when the weather gets cold and dangerous in many parts of the U.S. That's why it's so important to ensure those experiencing poverty or homelessness have warm clothing. Keep your eyes out for clothing drives near you or contact local organizations to see if you can help start one.

**Make a monetary donation** - As previously noted, many organizations are overwhelmed with in-person volunteers during the holidays. If you can't commit your time at the moment, or in the near future, a donation to a worthy cause can still go a long way. You can find some charities specifically focused on fighting hunger here: <https://www.delish.com/food-news/a33927554/charities-that-fight-hunger/>

**Keep an eye out in your own community** - The best way to find out the needs of your community is by listening. So much of charity work happens at a local level, so that will be your best bet for finding the causes that have the most impact. Keep an eye out on bulletin boards and social media sites, and ask community leaders where the areas of greatest need are. People do the work year-round and the best thing you can do is amplify their voices and get involved where you can.

—Kristin Salaky, [www.delish.com](http://www.delish.com)





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