



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### Try These Alternatives to Pricey Wrapping Paper

- Newspaper. Last week's newspaper—especially the comics section with all its colors—can serve as a wrapping substitute. A few ribbons or bows can dress the package up.
- Recycled paper. Save the wrap after the present has been opened. Large sheets can be reused easily.
- Cloth. If you have scraps of old clothing lying around (clean, of course), use those in place of paper for a homemade look.
- Gift bags. Save small paper bags with handles to stuff an assortment of gifts into. Again, you can dress them up with bows, photos, or shapes clipped from colored paper you may have lying around the house.

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

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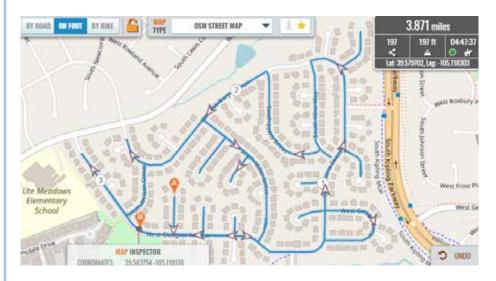
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Ho Ho Ho! Let's show some holiday cheer by decorating our homes this year! The neighborhood HOA is having the annual lighting contest and we will be announcing the winners! Please have your lights up and decorated by the 5th of the month in time for the holiday hay ride!

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Come see santa and enjoy Santa, sleighbells, candy canes and fun! Santa and the horses are all set for the hayride December 5th. 4:30-6:30 starting at the map attached below. Join us for some holiday fun and cheer! We all need it this year!

(note: If county goes to purple level for covid, Santa's sleigh ride will need to be postponed – if that happens, you will see this on Facebook page).



# Williamsburg II 2021 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! Pay in January 2021 and you will be entered to win a prize!

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# **Holiday Lights**

#### MILE HIGH TREE: Nov. 20, 2020–Jan. 2, 2021 (5-9:30 p.m. on most Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays; and 5-8 p.m. on some Sundays) 16th Street Mall at Welton Street

Join in the free festivities at this festive holiday attraction, the Mile High Tree. It's a brilliantly lit, 110-foot-tall immersive art installation that provides a dazzling lightsand-music show.

### BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT: Nov. 20, 2020–Jan. 16, 2021

(closed Nov. 26 & Dec. 25) Denver Botanic Gardens

Denver Botanic Gardens is proud to host Blossoms of Light, an annual family-friendly event that has become a tradition for people across Colorado. Come interact with incredible light displays — a large field of sound-reactive, animated LED lights — plus sip warm drinks and nibble on tasty treats as you stroll. Pre-purchased timed tickets and masks covering the face and nose are required.



### ZOO LIGHTS:

#### Dec. 4-Dec. 31, 2020, Denver Zoo

It's official: Zoo Lights has been making magic, memories, and even marriages for 30 amazing years! Presented by Your Hometown Toyota Stores, this illuminating annual event transforms Denver Zoo into Colorado's WILDEST winter wonderland. Don't miss this year's historic celebration, with more than a million lights sparkling over 80 acres—plus a host of special measures to keep your family safe and healthy.

### PARADE OF LIGHTS: Nov. 27-Dec. 31, 2020,

#### **Throughout downtown Denver**

The Downtown Denver Partnership is transforming the community tradition, 9News Parade of Lights, in 2020! We are thrilled to announce that this year's Parade will be a multi-week, socially safe extravaganza of activities across downtown. The floats you know and love will be displayed throughout downtown, from Denver Pavilions to Denver Union Station, offering multiple chances for our community to relish in the charm and excitement of the holiday season again and again.

### TRAIL OF LIGHTS: Nov. 27, 2020–Jan. 3, 2021 (closed Dec. 25) Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

Stroll through the Colorado countryside along a winding path glistening with lights. Features this year include a three-sided light tunnel, illuminated antique and model tractors, a children's play area and warm holiday food and drink. Visitors must purchase a ticket online for a specific day and time.

All events subject to change due to Covid restrictions.

# National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

Sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Take personal responsibility this holiday season by making a plan for a safe ride home before your celebrations begin. Designate a nondrinking, unimpaired driver. Take a taxi, a bus, or a train. Use a rideshare app like Uber. If you're a host, provide an alternative to your guests, such as festive, nonalcoholic drinks.



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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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### **Trickle Effects of COVID-19**

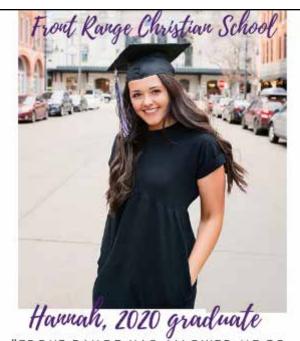
*Posted on November 6, 2020 at 1:33 PM by Renie Dugwyler* This has been a very challenging year that I think is aptly depicted by a truck rollover accident that occurred during the morning rush hour on Thursday, August 27. A semi rolled on the ramp from I-70 West to C470, spilling its contents on the roadway and the surrounding landscape. Unfortunately, its contents were manure. Specifically, chicken coop poop.

This year, we have experienced similar unpleasantness in the form of COVID-19, civil unrest, and the most contentious election of my lifetime. Any one of these would take a toll on an individual, community, and a country, but combined, they have caused unprecedented tensions, quick tempers and unrivaled divisions. As we all struggle to stay healthy, adapt to

change, and keep the peace, the Sheriff's Office has also had to take some undesirable measures to maintain a safe environment for our inmates and employees in the jail.

Since this time last year, jail capacity has been reduced from 1392 beds to 760 beds currently. In January, a multi-million dollar budget cut required us to significantly reduce detention staff and close one floor of the jail, among many other cost saving measures. This reduced the jail's operational capacity to 1148 beds at the beginning of the year. Then in March COVID hit and we followed CDC and public health guidance to quickly and drastically reduce the jail population to fewer than 600 inmates, in an effort to protect them and our employees from exposure to the potentially fatal disease.

To attain this lower inmate population, we implemented early release protocols, worked with the District Attorney's



"FRONT RANGE HAS ALLOWED ME TO GROW IN MY FAITH, WALKING ALONGSIDE ME THROUGH THE UPS AND DOWNS, ALLOWING ME TO SIMPLY BE FULLY ME. THE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN SOME OF MY BIGGEST ROLE MODELS." TOUR TODAY FRCS.ORG/ADMISSIONS Office and the judiciary to adjust bonds and review sentences, and enacted enhanced arrest standards that restrict offenders we book into the jail to certain types of crimes. I have worked my entire career to put criminals behind bars so it was very difficult to have to make decisions regarding which criminals to put behind bars.

> As the sheriff, I am responsible for management of the jail, but because the detention facility is a shared resource for multiple stakeholders, I sought feedback from many residents, citizen groups, Jefferson County police chiefs, the Board of County Commissioners and other local leaders when developing the enhanced arrest standards. These standards, implemented on March 31st due to COVID, limited jail bookings to

Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 Felonies, as well as any crime for which the Victims' Rights Act applies and certain crimes with other specified extenuating circumstances. On September 2nd, we expanded our jail capacity to 760 beds and I amended the arrest standards to include Class 4 Felonies.

In addition to the detention facility, the Sheriff's Office is also responsible for law enforcement services for 200,000 residents in unincorporated Jefferson County. Over recent months, we have noticed an increase in certain types of crime that may not meet the current arrest standards, namely motor vehicle trespasses and motor vehicle theft. These common crimes have been a focus of ours since I became sheriff and continue to be a high priority for patrol deputies as well as local law enforcement agencies. On November 3, I met with Jefferson County police *continued on page 5* 



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### Trickle Effects, continued from page 3 \_\_\_\_\_

chiefs to discuss the enhanced arrest standards and how we can ensure criminal activity is still being appropriately deterred and disrupted while jail capacity remains limited. Toward that end, we are initiating a comprehensive countywide crime trend analysis to determine how the arrest standards may be impacting crime rates in our communities. Which brings me full circle to the August 27th truck rollover and its authentic portrayal of 2020. We may not be able to celebrate Thanksgiving the way we want or normally would, but we can still be thankful this stinky year is coming to an end.

> —Sincerely, Jeff Shrader, Sheriff, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (Condensed for reprint by Colorado Lasetype)

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# **Follow These Habits To Success**

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highly successful people:

• Exercise. Staying healthy through good exercise improves your energy, tamina, and brain activity. It reduces stress and offers challenges which can boost your self-confidence.



- Eat breakfast. It may be tempting to skip breakfast if you're busy, but you need sustenance to get through your morning. A mix of protein, carbs, and some fruits or vegetables will give you energy and help you prepare to tackle your day.
- Reflect. Take some time every day to meditate or just think about what you're doing, without making plans or worrying about the future. Clear your mind and let your thoughts go wherever they want to. You'll feel refreshed and more creative overall.
- Focus. Plan your time so you can work productively without distractions or needless interruptions. When you're working, work. Don't waste time on the internet or your phone. Breaks are important, but the key to getting things done is to concentrate on the task at hand.
- Connect. Make an effort to get to know people in your workplace and industry—not just your immediate co-workers, but people in different departments, and not just peers in your own industry but knowledgeable



people in other fields. You'll increase your knowledge and also have a reliable network of acquaintances to draw on when you have questions or need assistance. (By the same token, always be ready to offer assistance to people in your network.)

• Stay up to date. Don't bury your head in the sand. Keep up on what's happening in your industry and the world at large. Follow reliable news sources so you don't fall for scams or hoaxes. Talk to people about current events. The more you know about what's going on, the better equipped you are to respond to it.

### More Attention to Health During Outbreak The COVID-19 outbreak has Americans paying more

The COVID-19 outbreak has Americans paying more attention to their health, according to a study by Rally Health, Inc. Its survey found that 43% say the outbreak has motivated them to focus on their overall health more than before. Fortynine percent are more aware of their physical health, and 44% are paying more attention to their mental health.

Many people are striving to take more control of their health these days as a result. Twenty-four percent are eating more healthfully, 21% are exercising on a more regular basis, and 21% are paying closer attention to their mental health—depression, stress, and the like.

