



Neighborhood News

Congratulations to the winners of the Holiday decorating contest! We had some homes that went “all out” and our neighborhood was sure looking festive during the holidays. Our winners are:

- 7120 S. Moore Court
- 7130 S. Moore Court
- 7367 S. Miller Court
- 7313 South Miller Street
- 10445 West Fremont Place

Congratulations! Each home won a gift card hand delivered by your friendly Williamsburg 2 HOA!

Dues Drive!

Start the year off by paying your dues first thing! Your HOA plans the events for the entire year based on the budget and how quickly dues are paid. We appreciate your quick attention to supporting our neighborhood. It is an annual, one time due paid for how many benefits received throughout the year!



Williamsburg 2 Sign?

Notice a Difference?

Anyone notice that the Williamsburg 2 Announcement sign has received a face lift from the neighbors. Thank you to the Sjursen family and the Williamsburg 2 HOA and other neighbors for making this possible! The sign has needed a facelift for a while and it looks great!

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

Pet Reminder!

A few neighborly reminders about our precious pets who we love and adore:

1. Please pick up their poop. The north park and trails are littered with reminders of little nuggets left by our fur friends. The neighbors that live on the main loop or circle of Williamsburg 2 see the most traffic, and also the most dog waste. Be a good neighbor and PLEASE pick up after your pet. If you are out of bags, knock on the door and ask if you can borrow one. This is a simple courtesy for being a good neighbor
2. Barking-If your dog is incessantly barking, please bring them inside. It is also cold this time of year, and leaving them outside to bark is cruel.
3. Leash them up! Not all dogs are friendly.

Santa’s Hayride

Always a Popular Event!

Santa’s Hayride through the neighborhood is always a festive & fun event. There are pictures posted on the Williamsburg 2 Facebook page to go check out- and yes, Santa wore a mask! Laura Blakey, Williamsburg 2 social committee chair, always works so hard to put on this wonderful community event. The Santa’s hayride is just one of many fun events throughout the year hosted by your HOA. A big thanks to JC at Broken Spoke Wagon and his reindeer horses, Cole and Cash for bringing us the hay ride each year!

Shoveling Sidewalks

Please remember to shovel your sidewalks when it snows. This can become an icy hazard for others who are walking, our mail delivery people and all the other folks that pass through our neighborhood.

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!**

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Supporting Littleton Small Businesses

This has been an unprecedented tough time for small businesses. Many of our Williamsburg 2 neighbors have small businesses as do others throughout our community. Want a fun project to kick off the new year? Make it a goal to support Littleton businesses. It could make the difference between another shuttered shop vs. one surviving.

Word of Mouth Littleton, Word of Mouth Lakewood, Nextdoor and other social media sites often have shout outs and recommendations that are more organic than paid advertising. **Here are some ideas where you can help in small ways!**

- Buy gift cards.
- Shop local - online, that is.
- Order takeout or delivery.
- Tip a little more than you usually would.
- Leave a positive review online.
- Donate to a local nonprofit with goods and services from a small business.
- Share about them on social media sites

These businesses need our support more than ever! Shop local and shop small!

Geese Galore

Love 'em or hate 'em, Canada geese are a fixture in winter in Colorado. Geese were in severe decline nationwide in the 20th Century until hunting programs organized to preserve refuges and promote breeding. Few would guess that today with the 20,000-30,000 resident breeding geese in Colorado, or especially when we are inundated with over 200,000 winter visitors!

Geese once avoided Colorado, migrating through to New Mexico or the Gulf Coast. However, as development boomed in the 1970's, we converted the prairie to prime habitat by creating thousands of new reservoirs and many acres of perfect feeding areas in our golf courses, lawns, and city parks.

Some consider them a nuisance, especially when trying to walk through a field and avoid the droppings. Droppings can contribute to nitrification of ponds and E. coli levels in water, but are otherwise pretty harmless. Winter geese are not territorial and will flee from people. It is legal to haze geese on your own property to protect your turf, provided no contact is made with them and they are not physically harmed in any way. In public spaces, it can be much less acceptable depending on the land managers. Golf course managers might not object, but open space park areas might. Leash laws are in place just about everywhere that would restrict you from sending an untrained dog after them, and should a goose be harmed by your pet, penalties can be substantial.

Perhaps it is best to enjoy the ringing calls as a sign of winter, watch the graceful v's for entertainment, and just plan to keep a good boot scraper next to your front door!

—SSPRD 2018

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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.

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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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We all have high hopes for this new year and the following organizations have put their dates on the calendar! As always check the website for recent updates then let the planning begin! The following list is from Denver CBS4 and includes events in the city or within a few hours drive.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Battle of Puebla on May 5 and Denver hosts one of the largest celebrations at Civic Center Park. When it was canceled organizers encouraged everyone to celebrate Mexican holidays and traditions in their own way, saying they looked forward to seeing everyone in 2021. cincodemayo-denver.com

The Colorado Renaissance Festival plans to bring back the magic kingdom of Larkspur in 2021. The plan is to have opening weekend on June 12 and closing weekend Aug. 1. coloradorenaissance.com

We expect **Juneteenth** to be celebrated in person in 2021. The music festival went virtual because of the pandemic but the parade still happened, with calls for racial justice. Denver organizers are hoping to make June 19 a national holiday. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the U.S. juneteenthmusicfestival.com

The Greeley Stampede expects to host its 99th event in 2021. June 23rd - July 4th. The Stampede does plan to host the National Circuit Finals Rodeo in September. greeleystampede.org

The music will return for the **Telluride Bluegrass Festival** on Jun. 17th - 20th, 2021. Planet Bluegrass said canceling the annual music festival was one of its hardest decisions ever and promised folks could use 2020 tickets in 2021. bluegrass.com/telluride


The Cherry Creek Arts Festival is looking forward to taking over the neighborhood on July 2, 3 and 4 in 2021. It will be celebrating the 30th anniversary in 2021 instead of 2020 with Art for Everyone with 260 artists on hand. cherry-creekartsfestival.org/30th/

The Colorado Shakespeare Festival feels confident about its 2021 summer season (after canceling 2020's). The season starts on June 18th with a preview and runs through August 15. www.cupresents.org/series/shakespeare-festival/

The Colorado Dragon Boat Festival says it hopes to bring the festival back in 2021. The July event is an annual celebration of Asian and Asian American heritage and didn't happen in 2020. It takes place at Sloan's Lake Park. www.cdbf.org/

Cheyenne Frontier Days will come roaring back in 2021 with Garth Brooks in the lineup. CFD will celebrate its 125th anniversary and will be dedicated to late Wyoming country music star and world rodeo Chris LeDoux. Music legend Brooks and he were friends and performed together at the 100th anniversary show. Cheyenne Frontiers Days will run from July 23 through Aug. 1. www.cfdrodeo.com/365-to-125/

A Taste of Colorado hopes have all those chefs back and cooking in 2021. The annual Labor Day Weekend event fills all of downtown with the smells of cooking and sounds of music from its spot in Civic Center Park. www.downtown-denver.com/a-taste-of-colorado-2020/



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Pandemic Shifts Holiday Traditions

Holidays felt the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak this season. The Hotel Business website shares results from a survey of 2,000 U.S. adults by Motel 6 that found that while 81% say they're especially grateful for their families this year, the average American hasn't seen any of his or her extended family in person for five months.

We're creating new holiday traditions to compensate, though. Americans are dropping surprise presents off on the doorsteps of loved ones (45%) and holding video meals with extended family (43%). And although 63% were planning to see extended family in person over the holidays, 59% said they have family members they only planned to visit virtually.

COVID Hits Museums Too

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on restaurants and bars, but that's not all. *The New York Times* reports that nearly one in three museums across the U.S. is closed because of the coronavirus, most of them since early March 2020.

In a survey of 850 museum directors conducted in the second half of October 2020, slightly more than half said their institutions had six months or less of their financial operating reserve remaining, and 82% percent said they had 12 months or less.

Museums that have reopened are operating at only about one third of their capacity, and just more than half have furloughed or laid off staff since March, affecting 70% of frontline employees, including workers in guest services, admissions, and retail.

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Winter Watering: CSU Extension

Limited summer rainfall and water restrictions can deplete subsurface soil moisture. Upon digging, people may find little moisture at 8 to 12 inch depths where most tree roots are located. Paying special attention to fall watering is important for trees to mature buds and enter dormancy in a healthy condition. Consider tree watering in addition to whatever general landscape sprinkling local water restrictions allow in fall months.

Colorado horticulture experts recommend watering underneath the branches within the circle bounded by the drip line. Water to a depth of 12 inches. Trees should receive ten gallons per inch of trunk diameter measured at knee height. This amount can be reduced by that supplied by general lawn watering or if rain or snow is received. Water trees three times per month in September. Cut back to one or two times per month from October through March, two times monthly for young trees and for evergreens.

Mulch within a circle bounded by the drip line to a depth of 4 inches allowing 6 inches of space between the mulch and tree trunk. A mulch circle of any area will be beneficial whether it extends to the dripline or stops short of that.

Many water application methods can be used. Consider soaker hoses, soil needles, or soft spray nozzles. On hard or compacted soils, soak, wait and soak again to avoid water runoff. Be especially careful with soil needles, also known as deep root feeders. Some people insert these well below a 12 inch depth, placing water out of reach of tree roots. Soil needles should be inserted at an angle to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. Leave the needle in place for 3 to 5 minutes with water turned on low

to moderate pressure. Water the area under the branches in at least twelve sites for a medium sized or larger tree. Disperse water sites evenly within the circle bounded by the dripline. For new trees, water all four sites at least 3 feet from the trunk (stem).

In dry years, established shrubs will need additional amounts of winter watering. Apply 5 gallons for a small shrub (less than 3 feet), and 18 gallons for a large shrub (more than 6 feet) on a monthly basis from October through March. Newly planted shrubs will require more winter water, twice monthly using these same amounts at each watering. Be sure to mulch shrubs to retain moisture.

— <http://planttalk.colostate.edu/topics/trees-shrubs-vines/1751-fall-winter-watering-drought/>

National Mentoring Month

Imagine a world where young people feel empowered, encouraged, and understood. Mentors can make that world a reality. Launched in 2002 by MENTOR National and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, National Mentoring Month focuses national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us—individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities, and nonprofits—can work together to increase the number of mentors to help ensure positive outcomes for young people.

Dr. Cheney Lupe and Kitty

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