



Neighborhood News

Happy fall ya'll! This summer has been the HOTTEST summer, and I don't know about you, but I'm ready for cooler temperatures, hot cider, beautiful fall colors and all things HALLOWEEN! Who doesn't love trick or treating, pumpkins, hay rides and crisp cool air? Of course in Denver, we do typically get the fall snowstorm right before Halloween!

This year, the Williamsburg 2 HOA will be hosting a fun Halloween House Decorating Contest. If you're new to the neighborhood, we have some homes that go ALL OUT on decorating! Your neighborhood HOA will be judging and awarding four winners in the contest, so make sure you decorate with all your spooky ghosts, goblins, tombstones, etc. You just might win a prize from your HOA and the public recognition of having an awesomely SPOOOOOOooky house!

Spiced Hot Apple Cider

Prep time 5 mins, total time 10 mins. Serves 8 people and makes your house smell wonderful!

- 8 cups fresh apple cider or juice
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 4 whole cloves
- 1 orange, cut into slices
- 8 cinnamon sticks
- 1 cup sweetened whipped cream

How to Make It:

Heat the cider, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and orange slices in a 3-quart saucepan. Cook over med heat for 5 mins or until the mixture is hot, stirring occasionally.

Strain the cider into a heatproof pitcher or individual mugs. Garnish with cinnamon sticks and whipped cream, if desired.

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



Fall Wildlife in Jefferson County

The black bears are active again and have been spotted in our neighborhood. Your newsletter editor had one in her yard on Kline Street in the north part of our neighborhood just this past week. Be mindful of your trash, lock your gates, bring in your bird feeders and don't leave your pets outside, unattended.

We also have some neighborhood friendly deer who have been grazing in the south part of our neighborhood. They appear to be living in the Ken Caryl sledding hill field-and then they migrate to various yards.

We also have beavers that reside in the south ponds in Eagle Meadows park. You may have noticed the wire around the trees and the new tree they are slowly chopping down. The beavers tend to block and dam the overflow of the pond, and that's when we see flooding and the water rising. It's a continual project for Foothills to come and clear out the pond.

Williamsburg 2 neighborhood is very fortunate to be able to be situated in the city, yet able to also experience a good deal of natural wildlife living or passing through. If you do spot a bear, coyotes or other wild animals, remember, they're wild and keep your distance. Make noise and back away. They are naturally afraid of humans and will typically flee.

Be aware if it's dawn, or dusk, because that's when wildlife are most active. Always have your camera at the ready-but remember to keep your distance! And if you're active on Facebook or Next Door, be sure to let your neighbors know if we have bear activity in the neighborhood!

Favorite Halloween Candy

According to Thrillist, what are the TOP 10 Halloween treats to give away at Trick or Treat time? Well, here they are!

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| 1. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
(Most popular choice – your editor's as well) | 6. 100 Grand |
| 2. Twix | 7. Mr. Goodbar |
| 3. Snickers | 8. Nestle Crunch |
| 4. Kit Kat | 9. Reese's Pieces |
| 5. Butterfinger | 10. Hershey Bars |

- | What are the least popular treats to receive? | |
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| 1. Necco wafers | 6. Mary Janes |
| 2. Anything NOT candy | 7. Non-laffy taffy |
| 3. Smarties | 8. Hot tamales |
| 4. Double bubble | 9. Good & plenty |
| 5. Bit-O-Honey | 10. Sixlets |

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Haunted Eateries in The Denver Area

Looking for a side dish of “real” spirits while you drink your spirits and enjoy a fine dinner? Check out these known haunted restaurants!

The Melting Pot

Most of the waitstaff have a bizarre experience to share, like seeing reflections of faces in glass cases, hearing footsteps when no one was there, overhearing conversations between invisible people and seeing faucets turn themselves on. The building was once the Littleton police department and jail, and the ghastly rumor is that a prisoner, after killing an officer during an escape attempt, was gunned down before he got away. Could the jailbird specter be spending his eternity turning fondue restaurant faucets on? Find out for yourself! 2707 W. Main St., Littleton, 303-794-5666;

The Cruise Room

One of the oldest bars in Denver, the Oxford Hotel’s glamorous bar has tons of history, including the legend of a postal worker who bellied up to the bar at Christmastime on his way to deliver presents in Central City. It didn’t go well for this Santa, though: The body of the postal worker was found thawing the following spring, presents undelivered. Susan Wieser, general manager of The Cruise Room, said that around Christmastime, people have reported seeing a man in an old-timey postal uniform come in, order a beer, complain about the prices and then leave the beer untouched. The bathrooms, once the site of a barbershop, are believed to be haunted, too, with shadowy figures popping up in the mirrors and the smells of a barbershop wafting through the stalls. 1600 17th St., Denver, 303-628-5400; theoxfordhotel.com

Neon Baby (formerly The House of Mirrors, and a part of Lodo’s Bar & Grill)

That building was one of Denver’s first brothels. It’s got murder mysteries, and it has a very vivid ghost history to go with it. One of the ladies who worked at The House of Mirrors, Ella Wellington, died in an upstairs room by a gunshot wound to the head. According to the tale, she had a politician in the room with her when she died. He said it was suicide, but him being a politician and all, some doubted the validity of the claim and thought that maybe he killed her. Over the years, employees reported unusual stuff happening upstairs, like the piano playing itself, the elevator moving between floors

without being summoned and a woman walking around when the building was supposedly empty. Bonner and the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Society did some investigations in the building, and during their first visit he said they came away with a recording of a conversation between two men who were definitely not there.

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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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Now, the space is used as a disco club, which is a whole other sort of ghost. 1942 Market St., Denver

The Brown Palace

The Brown Palace has more than its fair share of ghost stories. The high-end hotel, which houses a few bars and restaurants, including Palace Arms, Ellyngton's and the Churchill Bar, however, doesn't want anything to do with them. A representative for the hotel said that they'd rather not promote this ghostly angle, but noted that The Brown does conduct private Enduring Spirits ghost tours. Bonner's favorite Brown Palace story is of a restaurant staff member cleaning up when he heard big band music coming from another room. "He went in and nobody was there," Bonner said. Others have reported lights turning themselves on and off, creeping carpets and apparitions dressed as train conductors (part of the hotel once housed a railroad ticket office). 321 17th St., Denver; 303-297-3111; brownpalace.com

HOA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held on September 22, 2020

Financials: Made \$100 in dues and spent \$16

Covenant Control: No new letters sent; New sheds and fences should have HOA approval and county permit; Stop Sign – need to write to county to protest removal near Eagle Meadows Park

Old Business: Message board – Stephanie getting 2 bids, \$600 - \$800 range for all new sign; Maybe add solar spot lights in front of the sign; Need instillation quotes

New Business: Trash – at our level we get 3 free bags, don't know why neighbors are receiving a phone call about \$6 per bag

Brass Tacks

"Brass Tacks is probably the most haunted," said Jared Broach, chief spirit hunter/taster of Nightly Spirits (we can't make this stuff up) of the Denver haunted food tour. Previously, the bar/restaurant was the Blake Street Vault, and a while before that, a brothel (yes, another one). The story you'll hear on the tour is about Lydia, one of the most popular — and let's just say aggressive — prostitutes who lived there. "One time, she took it too far and got into an argument with a guy not expecting that," Broach said. "He pushed her down the basement stairs and broke her neck." Broach said that employees have heard the sound of high heels walking around, have seen Lydia show up out of nowhere, and have seen an image of a woman flicker on an upstairs television set. The kicker? The television set didn't work. 1526 Blake St., Denver; brasstacksdinebar.com



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The Haunts of Littleton

Dates: October 16, 17, 23 and 24

Looking for a fun spooky and local adventure? The Littleton Haunts walking tour dates are posted above. Journey through Littleton's dark streets and alleys and uncover the scary and often haunted past in this Colorado community!

Rich in storied history and actual eyewitness encounters, the walking tour takes you on an hour long spirited journey through downtown Littleton and reveals many of its centuries-long tales and epicenters of paranormal activity. Fun for young and old alike, the tour is a fine mix of facts, frights and tongue-in-cheek muses.

Master storytellers are dressed in period attire from Colorado's past. New routes and stories are added every year, so fans tend to return year after year as well. If you are interested in finding out more-there is a Facebook page as well as this web site. <https://hauntsoflittleton.com/>

Please be aware that both Guests & Staff will be required to wear face coverings and follow social distancing guidelines prior to & during their Tour. In addition, prior to each Ghost Story Tour, Guests will be asked to sign a brief Waiver and Release of Liability statement.

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Black Cats and Halloween

It's Halloween, and images of black cats are everywhere. Have you ever stopped to wonder how the black cat became associated with the holiday? Keep reading to learn everything you ever needed to know about black cats and Halloween.

The History of Black Cats and Halloween

No one knows exactly how black cats and Halloween have become so closely linked. It may have something to do with how stealthy and slinky these beautiful animals can be, often

hunting in the darker hours. Black and the night have long been symbols of evil due to the fears of our ancestors.

Many of the old Pagan religions also associated the black cat with witchcraft and evil. This carried through into Medieval times, where witches were said to take the form of a black cat at their will. During the witch trials, black cats were often burned at the stake alongside witches.

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Black Cats, *continued from page 5*

Many of these beliefs and myths have carried through to today, resulting in the slew of black cat imagery you will see this Halloween.

Black Cat Lore and Reality

While in our country the black cat is a symbol of evil and bad luck (don't let a black cat cross your path!), in many cultures it is actually good luck. In the British Islands, black cats are said to bring affluence to their homes, and in Japan they are a symbol of good luck as well. The ancient Egyptians even worshiped the black cat.

But alongside the myth and lore surrounding the black cat comes some very real truths.

Abuse of black cats – While the abuse and torture of black cats is not as rampant as the media would have us believe, stories of the sacrifice and other mutilation of these cats around Halloween abound. This probably doesn't occur with any great

frequency, but nevertheless it is probably smart to keep black pets close to home. Perhaps a more real concern is the adoption and then neglect of black cats intended for use as Halloween props and costume accessories. That's why some shelters won't adopt black cats in the weeks before Halloween.

Black cat syndrome – A very real risk of being a black cat is something called Black Cat/Dog Syndrome. This term refers to the fact that black pets are significantly less likely to be adopted from shelters and rescues than any other color. This may have something to do with the superstition surrounding black cats or the fact that black pets don't photograph or show facial expressions as well. It is true, though, that adoption facilities are often overflowing with black pets. Despite their ties with Halloween, black cats are no more mysterious or scary than any other cat. Keep this in mind when you go to adopt a new family member and don't forget to consider the black cats at the shelter on your next visit, maybe even on Black Cat Appreciation Day!



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