



## Fun Things That Only You Know If You Live In Colorado!

1. Only in Colorado can you experience all four seasons in one day!
2. If you were born here, your parents more than likely took you camping before you could walk!
3. Your grade school more than likely planned a nature field trip for a whole week to the mountains.
4. You have grown up appreciating and enjoying gloriously beautiful sunrises and sunsets.
5. Southerners complain about humidity but they don't know what it's like to dry out and be like a cactus during the winter months here! But then, we sure enjoy that "low humidity" in the summer!
6. Whether you are a mountain kid or a plains kid-you grew up next to epic skiing, snowboarding, hiking, snowshoeing, rec vehicle fun and more! Pretty much any fun outdoor excursion is right at your fingertips and easily accessible. Others have to book a vacation to experience the awesomeness we get each and every season.
7. West has always been toward the mountains, South has been to Colorado Springs, North is Fort Collins and East is now DIA.

## Fun Fact-Who Doesn't Love Donuts?

Krispy Kreme is offering a sweet new deal to its vaccinated patrons. Starting Monday, March 22 through Dec. 31, customers with proof of COVID-19 vaccination are able to get a free original glazed doughnut every day.

Next HOA Meeting

HOA will be meeting remotely until further notice.

## Neighborhood News

Mark your calendars! The Williamsburg 2 Neighborhood Garage Sale is set for June 4-5! Time to clean out the closets and declutter and make a little cash while you're at it!



Be sure to check out the Food Truck offerings and support small business when they come to our neighborhoods! Boy have we had some awesome food when they do? To save time waiting, be sure to find out who is in the neighborhood, order ahead online, pick up and then viola-fabulous dinner is served! As the weather warms up-bring a blanket and stay in the park!

Blue Garbage Cans-Don't forget to store your big blue (or green) garbage cans behind the fence. They should only be out on trash day. Having garbage cans and materials out on the street can attract wildlife or criminal activity with passerby looking to steal important financial information you threw away. It's the spring and summer selling time for homes, so help your fellow Williamsburg 2 neighbors out if they're selling a home by

keeping our neighborhood beautiful and clutter free!  
Yard of the Month contests will be starting up again soon! Be sure to work on making your yard look the best it can be! Everyone in the neighborhood enjoys looking at beautiful flowers and landscaping (your editor can never quite figure out how some of our neighbors have such perfect grass-would love someone to send me an email on how they do it-and I'll share in the next newsletter-wendimilinkov@yahoo.com.

Easter Egg Hunt-Despite some snow and chilly temperatures, the Williamsburg 2 Easter Egg Hunt was a success! No weather cancellation this year! Plenty of kiddos and parents came to collect the wonderful easter loot and a special appearance of the Easter Bunny made the day perfect. Thank Laura Blakey and Stephanie Sjursen for all their hard work to put this fantastic event together for the kids!

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 April 2021 and you will be entered to win a prize!**

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## Tax Break For Unemployed in 2020

If you lost a job in 2020 and received unemployment benefits to make ends meet, Congress this month approved a tax break for you.

The catch, though, is the break came in the middle of tax season — after forms had been printed and after many already filed their returns.

The Denver Post consulted the IRS and Alex Oware, a certified public accountant at O&G Tax and Accounting Services in Lakewood and a freelance tax expert on [JustAnswer.com](http://JustAnswer.com), to provide some answers.

- What exactly is the tax break for those who received unemployment compensation in 2020?

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan allows those who received unemployment benefits to deduct \$10,200 in payments from their 2020 income. The benefit only applies to those whose modified adjusted gross income is less than \$150,000, according to the IRS's website.

If your modified AGI is \$150,000 or more, you can't exclude any unemployment compensation. If you are married and both spouses received unemployment, then both are exempt from paying taxes on the first \$10,200 they each received. So combined, that totals \$20,400.

Amounts over \$10,200 for each individual are still taxable.

- Why is this a big deal to the unemployed?

First, any tax break is welcome.

More importantly, in 2020, the federal government kicked in extra unemployment benefits and some recipients found the extra money jeopardized their earned income credits, causing them to owe money when they didn't expect it.

Also, many people filing for unemployment did not withhold taxes because their financial situations were dire and they needed all the money they could get at the time. This either will eliminate a tax burden or significantly reduce it for many of those people.

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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.**

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## Tax Break, *continued from page 2*

The IRS printed its 2020 tax forms and TurboTax and other companies programmed software before the relief was approved by Congress. How do I claim my \$10,200 deduction?

You need to file an Unemployment Compensation Exclusion form when you do your taxes, Oware said. Here's a link to it on the IRS website if you are filing on paper: [tinyurl.com/unemploymenttax](https://tinyurl.com/unemploymenttax). Follow the worksheet's instructions when filling out your forms.

The IRS also says it's working with the software companies such as TurboTax to update their software for the 2020 tax season, so people who qualify for the tax break on unemployment benefits should hold off on filing until those programs are brought up to date.

Note: The IRS recognizes that some people received incorrect 1099-G forms, and its website advises filers to only report the actual amount they received.

- Will Colorado offer the same tax break on unemployment earnings?

No. Colorado tax law does not allow the state to incorporate federal changes that are enacted after the last day of a taxable year, Daniel Carr, spokesman for the Colorado Department of Revenue said.

- What if I already filed my taxes and now I am missing out on the deduction?

### RELATED ARTICLES

- IRS will delay tax filing due date until May 17
- Coloradans who didn't withhold taxes on unemployment benefits face consequences as 1040s come due

- Congress OKs \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill in win for Biden, Democrats
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- Unemployment benefits and taxes: Here's what to do about incorrect tax forms and other issues

The IRS is asking people to wait and not file an amended return, Oware said. The agency will issue further guidance for you later in the tax season. It is likely the IRS automatically will calculate what benefit you should have received and will refund you later in the year, he said.

"They've been asked not to amend their tax returns," Oware said. "Filing amendments is going to compound the work at the IRS right now."

- What about the tax break for people with children that was in the American Rescue Plan?

The bill passed by Congress includes an extra \$1,000 deduction for each child 17 and younger in a household for 2021. That means qualified families with children in that age range would receive a total of \$3,000 for each child, Oware said.

But it's a 2021 break and can't be claimed on this year's tax returns, he said. However, the IRS is supposed to start sending families the money sometime between July and December, although a timetable has not been set.

- Has the tax deadline moved again this year?

Yes, the IRS announced Wednesday the federal tax deadline is May 17. Colorado also moved its tax deadline to May 17 to match the IRS.



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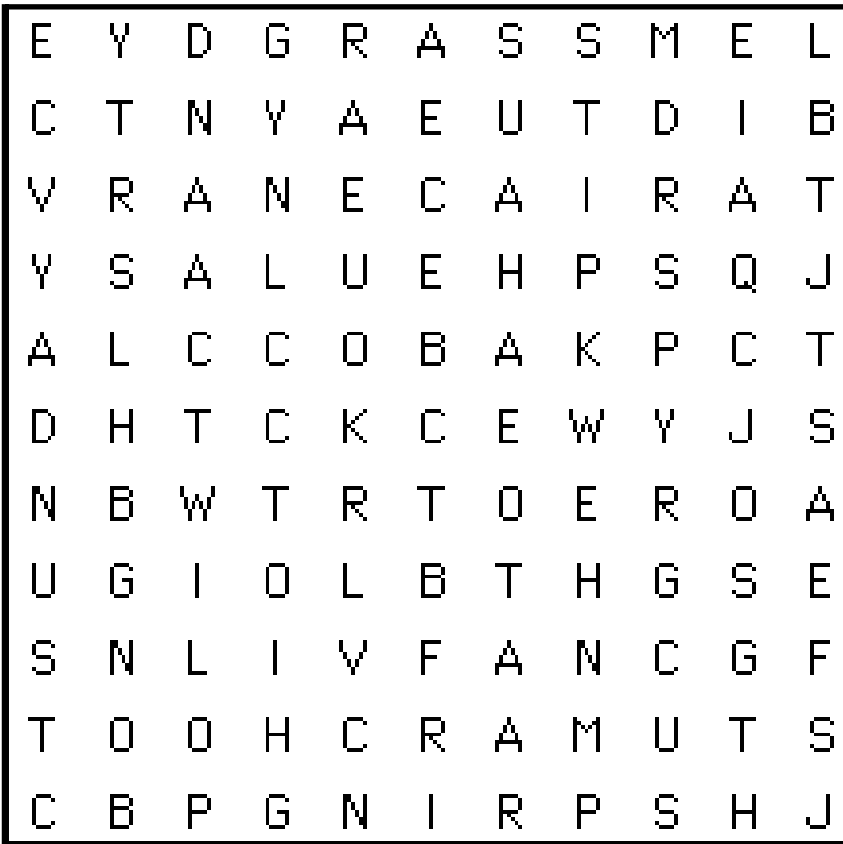
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- the animal is readily accessible to the officer, without risk of injury to the officer, damage to private property, entry into a confined space (attic, crawlspace, etc.) or the use of a ladder

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## HOA Meeting March 23, 2021

**Start: 7:03 p.m.**

Attendance: Laura Blakey, Kathy Morelli, Mark Hickman, Stephanie Sjursen, Brian Bennet, Melissa Becker

### Financial Update

- Draw a winner after March 31
- \$1500 in dues payments since last month, another 9 checks received in the mail
- \$4000 collected so far this year
- \$196 for Easter
- \$16 Xcel
- \$10,858 in bank

### Covenants

- Letter sent to neighbor regarding trailer in front yard

### EVENTS UPDATE

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Very well attended event, Double budget for next year

**HOA looking to help plan adult only events for neighborhood:** Name tags with first name and street you live on

**Dog walking event:** Wendi to coordinate

**4th of July:** giftcard for truck driver, \$200 budget

**Spring Clean Up:** Front entrance, north pond; Boy scouts availability?; May 16th at 10:30 a.m.

**Garage Sale:** June 4/5; Sponsor – Debbie?

**End of Summer Bash:** First weekend after school starts; Look into band options; Post on Facebook for neighborhood band?

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## National Alcohol Awareness Month

An opportunity to increase awareness of alcohol addiction, aimed at bringing an understanding of alcoholism's causes and the effective treatments available, plus encouraging recovery when necessary.

## Kiwanis Club Blood Drive

Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis partnered with Vitalant.org to hold a Blood Drive on March 8 at the Riverwalk Club House in Littleton.

We had 28 registered donors donating 24 collected units, 18 whole blood, 5 double red and 1 plasma. Two of the registrants were first-time donors! Thank you to our Kiwanis Members and Community donors! Our next Blood Drive will be held in June.

Our Club has begun projects at Feeding Many in Golden. In early March, Members volunteered at the orchard to erect an enclosure for the beehives that will be delivered later this Spring.



Kiwanis Club of Columbine member, Brian Counterman, helped collect and deliver approximately 500 children's and adult books to the Littleton Key Club. These books will be donated and delivered to the Integrated Family Community Services, Sharing with Sheridan or Sheridan Rec Center.

Check out our website, <https://columbinekiwanis.org/> or facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/columbinekiwanis/>, for updates and our many Community activities!

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