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Events and Dates Coming Up:

- **Block party will be Sept. 7th**
Adult Block Party-Bring your own beverages, side dish and lawn chairs!
- **Williamsburg 2 HOA meeting:**
King Soopers/Starbucks Deli area
Sept. 23, 7 p.m.
- **Holiday Hay Ride** - December 7th
at Eagle Meadows Park

New Stain on Fence Looks Great!

Thanks to the worker elves that took the time to stain the front fence at the entrance of Williamsburg 2. It looks awesome.

September

Coors Light Litter Bug

While Coors Light is Colorado's Beer and tasty, it doesn't look good when cans are littered throughout the neighborhood. Someone in Williamsburg 2 has taken a liking to this delicious beer and to leaving the remnants throughout the neighborhood. If this is you-or you know who's doing it-please, just throw the cans in the garbage! Your neighbors thank you!

Next HOA Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2019, 7:00 pm
Starbucks seating area,
Ken Caryl King Soopers

Schools Are Back In Session!

With schools being back in session, be sure to watch out for kids on bikes and darting out in traffic. Slowing down through our neighborhood could prevent a tragedy. If your home is on one of the major thoroughfares of walking traffic to get to the school, would you take a quick peek to make sure your yard vegetation or tree branches don't prohibit walking traffic or views from stop signs? There are a few homes throughout the neighborhood where the branches are over the sidewalks and it causes a detour for walkers and bicycle riders. Thanks for your consideration!

Monthly Summer Reminder About Boats and Trailers

The street is not a place for long term storage for RVs, boats, trailers, etc. There is a quick and easy solution that is considerate of your neighbors and the published covenants of our subdivision.

Chatfield RV Storage has a special deal for Williamsburg II residents where the first month of storage is free. There are multiple homes for sale in our neighborhood. Keep in mind by ignoring covenants and leaving your boat or trailer on the street for more than a few days is in violation of our covenants and can negatively affect property values.

National Campus Safety Month

As students start or return to college, Clery Center emphasizes campus safety by partnering with institutions of higher education to develop programs and resources that promote campus safety, working with college and university officials to spread awareness, inform institutional policy, and effect change. For more information, go to the Clery Center website at <https://clerycenter.org>.

Williamsburg II 2019 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!

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Bears In Williamsburg 2?

I'm an avid walker (well, my dogs make me so) and I tour the loop and go through the trails around Williamsburg 2 at least twice a day. A couple of weeks ago, I was doing the usual 7:30 a.m. walk when I came around the corner of Lewis Street, right by the North Park. Low and behold, there was a black bear right in front of me. I stopped...he stopped...we both looked at each other, and then he took off over a neighbors fence. A few things surprised me by this encounter. 1. I've lived in Williamsburg 2 almost 20 years and never seen a bear. 2. That bear was FAST! I honestly wasn't prepared to see one, and didn't know exactly what to do. I hike a lot as well, and I always think I should be reading bear safety tips since it's more probable to run into one up in the mountains. Here are some great tips for "living with bears" because we obviously do, even there, in Williamsburg 2.



So, what kinds of bears are in Colorado? Black Bears-although black is a species, not a color, and in Colorado many black bears are blonde, cinnamon or brown. Colorado once had grizzlies, but officially has only one type of bear: the American Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*). There are approximately 10,000-12,000 of them in the state.

NORMALLY SHY AND SOLITARY, except during mating season and when females are raising litters (usually two cubs, who stay with mom for at least one year), black bears lose their natural reticence when food is involved. Omnivores that eat everything from flowering plants, berries, nuts, and grasses, to insects, fish, small animals, and carrion, black bears can also develop a taste for human food. Those that do will break into houses and vehicles or tear up tents and campsites to get it. But hibernating or awake, the biggest threat to a bear is.....us.

While black bears can live up to 20 years in the wild, most don't. Disease, accidents, starvation, and predation take some. But the majority fall victim to humans who hunt them, run them over, invade their habitat and, inadvertently or intentionally, entice them into potentially deadly situations.

If you run into a black bear, like I did, this is what you should do:

Stand and face the bear directly. Never run away from or approach him. Make yourself look as big as possible by spreading your arms or, better yet, a coat. Make as much noise as possible by yelling, banging pots and pans or using other noisemaking devices. (I did not have a pan, but I think he thought my weiner dogs were just questionable enough that he gave me a wide berth). You cannot outrun a black bear. While they appear lumbering, they are in fact fast. In the case of the bear I ran into, he was over the neighbor's fence in just a few seconds.

What Do Black Bears Eat?

Black bears are omnivores, which means they eat berries, fruit, nuts, grasses, and herbs. They also enjoy carrion, the occasional small animal, and insects. They rarely prey on livestock or deer. One important thing to note for homeowners who live in bear country is their unequalled love of birdseed!

What tips can we do as homeowners to keep our homes from being bear attractants? Here are a few tips:

- Keep trash in bear resistant containers.
- Remove bird feeders and hummingbird feeders at night.
- Keep from planting fruit trees by your home.
- Don't leave out pet food at night (this works for raccoons too)
- Keep compost heaps and wood piles away from your house
- Clean your BBQ grill after each use
- Enclose bee hives and chicken coops with electric fencing
- Keep motion detection lights around your property to help with lighting if an animal intruder is in your back yard.

— Wendi Milinkov

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—John Wooden

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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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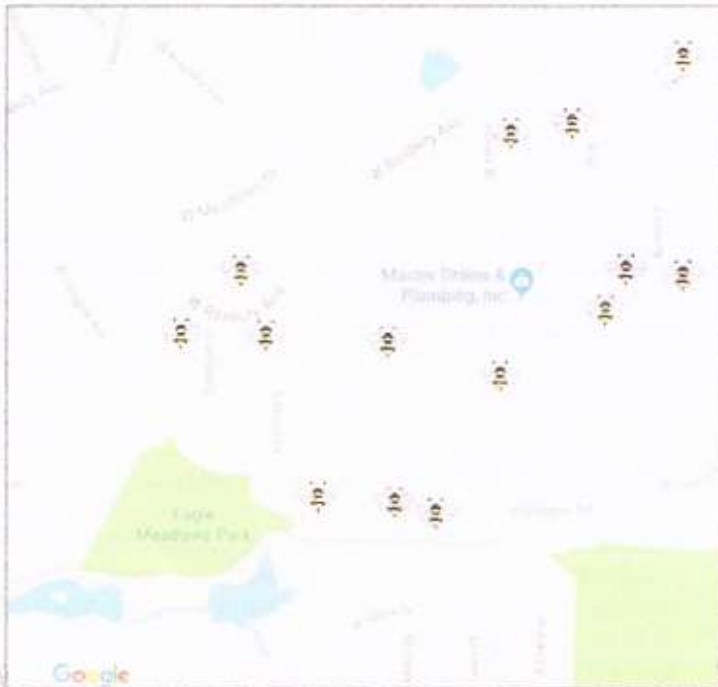
Sept. 16

It's a Japanese designated public holiday celebrated annually to honor elderly citizens, but wouldn't it be nice if it spread around the world?

Save The Bees Drawing

CONGRATULATIONS Sara Spillan winner of this year's "Save the Bees" pledge campaign drawing!! Enjoy your visit to Creek Side Gardens. And, a special thanks to all 15 who pledged to make our neighborhood a safer place for pollinators and people alike. (photo below)

Williamsburg II



The History of Palisade Peaches



If you live in Colorado, there's no one who isn't aware of – and takes pride in – the famous Palisade Peaches that are grown in our home state. Known for a sweetness and juiciness that's unparalleled, many of us even know that, according to local radio ads, part of the reason they're so good is because of the contrast between warm days and cool nights that help the sugars to develop. But what about the history of the town itself? How did the peach growing capital of Colorado come to be?

The Ute tribe (likely the Uncompahgre band of the Ute tribe) that lived in Grand Valley area were forcibly removed from their home in August of 1881, and the tribal lands they lived on immediately claimed by white immigrants. In 1882, John Harlow is attributed with planting the first garden in what the new white colonizers were calling "Palisade", and while the vegetables and grains thrived in the nutrient rich soil, the fruit trees died due to limited rainfall in the area (a problem we're all too familiar with in Colorado). The next year, new fruit trees were planted and this time fertilized with burnt bones and leached ashes, as well as watered with barrels hauled up from the nearby river. The young trees fared much better that year, and by 1894, those young trees had become established peach, pear, apple and grape orchards.

By 1886, Harlow's farm was more successful than any others in the area. The farm continued to gain fame as he began winning awards for his fruit at various county fairs, and producing unheard of sizes of bumper crops. The peach trees in particular were so successful that the town began holding "Peach Days" in the late 1800s, a more formal version of the Palisade Peach Festival that is still celebrated yearly to this day. Peak peach season typically runs from late June through early-to-mid September, so get out there and enjoy some delicious Colorado peaches before summer passes us by!

—Lesley Beckmann, *Gourmet to Go*



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Reservoirs Fill to the Brim, Topping Off an Outstanding Water Year—Mother-Nature delivers and helps Denver Water's storage system hit 100%.

Dillon Reservoir in Summit County filled to capacity on July 12, 2019. When water levels reach 100%, water can flow down the dam's spillway into the Blue River. Photo credit: Denver Water.

The snowy winter of 2018-19 followed through with a strong, spring runoff that helped Denver Water reach its annual goal of filling its storage system.

"It's always nice to see our reservoirs full," said Nathan Elder, water supply manager for Denver Water. "This means we'll have a reliable water supply this year."

This year in the areas where Denver Water catches mountain snow, the snowpack in the South Platte River Basin reached 124% of normal while the snowpack in the Upper Colorado River Basin peaked at 138% of normal.

With an abundant snowpack and an ideal runoff season, Denver Water hit its annual goal of filling all the reservoirs in its system July 18.

Big snow years provide benefits beyond a reliable water supply for 1.4 million people in the metro area. When reservoirs fill, Denver Water can also maximize water for various recreational and environmental benefits.

For example, when Williams Fork Reservoir in Grand County filled in June, Denver Water was able to take part in the Coordinated Reservoir Operations program and send additional water downstream to help endangered fish on the Colorado River.

In Summit County, Denver Water can keep water levels high for boating throughout the summer on Dillon Reservoir.

The high water also helps extend the summer rafting season on the Blue River.

Dillon Dam operators are also able to run water over the dam's spillway. This helps send warmer water from the top of the reservoir into the Blue River below to benefit the fishery downstream.

High water also creates spectacular sights for hikers when water flows over the spillways at Cheesman and Strontia Springs dams.

While the winter of 2018-19 saw abundant snowfall across Colorado and the West, Elder cautions that we live in a semi-arid climate and have seen droughts as recent as 2002, 2003 and 2012.

"We want our customers to use water efficiently regardless of whether we've had a wet or dry winter," Elder said. "The more efficient everyone is with their water use, the better prepared we can be for the future."

— Jay Adams, Bailee Campbell

World Alzheimer's Month

Dementia is often hidden away, not spoken about, or ignored at a time when the person living with dementia and their family caregivers are most in need of support within their families, friendship groups, and communities. World Alzheimer's Month is an international campaign every September to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia.



Dr. Markee Kuschel and Thunderpants

Enjoy the Day

Hospital Director Dr. Markee Kuschel has been instrumental in the development and training of cutting-edge surgical techniques used by veterinarians around the world.

Dr. Kuschel's positive attitude, smile and always comforting words are matched by the can-do attitude of her 8-year-old lab, Thunderpants whose incurable lymphedema may have cost him a leg but not his positive attitude.



"For the last eight years, he reminds me to simply enjoy the day."



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Minutes From Last HOA Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Kathy Morelli.

Board members present: Wendi Milinkov, Jim and Lori Reindel, Kathy Morelli, Melissa Becker, Brian Bennett.

Absent: Mark Hickman and Laura Blakey.

Guests: Shelli and Alan Ray, Stephanie Sjursen, Joanie Bock.

Treasurer's Report:

Mark submitted a budget proposal for 2019. However, because he and Laura were not present we tabled discussion until next month.

Architectural Control:

Jim brought an updated shed request which included a permit from the county. We voted to approve it.

Covenant Control:

Several covenant letters were sent out about weeds and dead trees. Also of concern are the many trailers, RVs and boats still being stored on the streets and in driveways.

It was mentioned that realtors are noticing that we have a trailer problem and it effects our property values.

Media reports:

Wendi will rerun an article about trailers, boats and RV's.

Old Business:

- A stain was chosen for the front entrance fence.
- Mulch will be delivered on Aug. 24th.
- Bee update: Joanie gave us an update on the bee pledges. Several have pledged, but so many more are out there who maybe don't know about the Save the Bees campaign.
- She will have a sign up at the August 10th End of Summer Bash.

- She will also have an article in the newsletter.
- She passed out decals that she has made for those who pledge.
- Also the clean-up day that was organized by Joanie with the support of the board was lightly attended. We will keep trying to get our neighbors to help keep our community free of trash and weeds at future clean-up days.

Events:

End of summer bash Aug. 10th 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- There will be a food truck called Mile High City Sliders.
- We will have a face painter for the kids, lawn games and a bounce house provided by 5280 Jumpers. There will be an article in the newsletter with all the details.

Block Party will be Sept. 7th.

- Adults only. Bring your own beer or wine and chairs.

Hay ride Dec. 7th

Try This Rule to Curb Spending

Here's one way to save money on a general basis: Try the "24-hour rule." Here's how it works:

When you see something you'd like to buy, whether it's online or in real life, wait 24 hours before making the purchase. Then decide whether you really need the item, or just want it. By reducing the purchase from a need to a want, you'll be able to walk away without spending any money—and maybe regretting it later.

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Remember What Labor Day Is All About

As you fire up your grill one last time for the summer, remember that Labor Day is about more than barbecuing. This yearly celebration of the American worker is a tribute to labor's contribution to the economic and social well-being of the United States.

Labor Day originated in an age of 12-hour workdays, seven-day-a-week schedules, child labor, and terrible working conditions. Its origins aren't clear. Some say that Labor Day originated in 1882 with Peter J. McGuire, a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. Others claim that a machinist named Matthew Maguire proposed the celebration while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

However, there's little dispute that the first Labor Day parade was held on Sept. 5, 1882, when 10,000 workers in New York City marched from City Hall to Union Square. The Central Labor Union selected the first Monday of September as its annual holiday in 1884.

The first state to recognize Labor Day officially was Oregon, in 1887. By 1894, 23 more states had followed suit, and in that same year Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September a legal holiday throughout the country.


Dog Things

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35th Annual Summerset Festival – September 14, 2019

Come out and join us on September 14, 2019 for one of the longest standing, family-fun community events – the Summerset Festival. Celebrating our 35th anniversary, Summerset Festival is one of South Jeffco's largest community events to help support our local Foothills Parks & Recreation District. We're again building a fun and exciting lineup of local food and culture, family fun, business fair, car show, craft beer testing and more.

Local Entertainment for the 2019 Summerset Festival

We are excited to announce the lineup of entertainment for the 2019 Summerset Festival featuring a DJ for the Car Show plus two awesome local bands – Nothing but Nineties will play from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Chris Daniels and the Kings will play from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Join us, roll out your blankets, get food and beverages, enjoy fantastic music, and support a great cause.

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Three Hacks for Inspiration

Creativity may seem as if it springs from nowhere, but the truth is you've got to work at it. Here are three tricks from the Creative Boom website to get your imagination into shape:

- **Develop a ritual.** Don't just sit around waiting for ideas to strike. Train yourself to think creatively by creating a routine. A painter might set up his or her paints and pencils, doodle for a bit, then start on a new work of art. Other people take baths or showers before getting to work; some focus on simply making the perfect cup of coffee. Whatever you do, make creativity a deliberate habit.
- **Look for bad ideas.** Looking for the perfect solution often means sorting through imperfect ideas first. Instead of focusing on what will work, start by figuring out what won't work. Generate bad ideas and analyze to find out why they're bad. You may be able to eliminate the flaws and find the diamond underneath. (You'll also get rid of your fear of failure by embracing the worst ideas you can think of, knowing you'll eventually find something better.)
- **Think like a child.** Children have no assumptions or preconceptions about how the world works. To tap into your inner child, remember the kinds of ways you used to play when you were young—and then do them. Fly a kite, build a sandcastle, make paper airplanes, play a game, or whatever strikes your fancy. You'll loosen up your mind and see the world in a different light.

Numbers do not feel. Do not bleed or weep or hope.

They do not know bravery or sacrifice.

Love and allegiance. At the very apex of callousness, you will find only ones and zeros.

—Amie Kaufman

A Safe Neighborhood Starts with Neighbors

One of my initiatives for the Sheriff's Office is to enhance a community policing program that integrates a strategic partnership with citizens to help prevent crime in unincorporated Jefferson County. Community policing dates back to the early 1980's as a law enforcement philosophy that allows officers to serve a dedicated area and develop a strong bond with residents and employees living and working in that area. Currently we have two resident deputies assigned to the southernmost part of our service area, for quicker response to emergency calls in more remote locations such as the Pike National Forest.

Most of our criminal activity, however, occurs in much more densely populated south Jeffco. Therefore, a comprehensive community policing program must also take into consideration the type of criminal activity impacting each community, common concerns of its residents, and the best approach to involve entire neighborhoods in public safety partnerships.

Each summer, National Night Out (NNO) grants us the opportunity to discuss these aspects of the community policing initiative with residents and other stakeholders throughout the unincorporated areas of Jefferson County. NNO is one of the longest standing police-community campaigns, introduced in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch to increase drug and crime prevention awareness while joining neighbors with law enforcement and generating local participation in anti-crime efforts.

Burglary, trespass to vehicles and vehicle theft often occur in sprees (a high occurrence of similar crimes within a short period of time), or as a series (a group of similar crimes committed by the same person or people), but are less likely to

occur in neighborhoods whose residents know each other, share information, and are aware of who comes and goes on their street. For these neighborhoods, suspicious vehicles or people are noticed and criminal activity is reported.

Residents who share a common desire for a safe neighborhood remind each other to lock their cars, leave a house light on, and close garage doors. These seemingly small steps deter crime for the entire block. If a suspect finds unlocked cars on a dark street, he will find more because he will continue down the street. But if the cars are locked and the street well-lit, he will leave and look elsewhere. Even just the simple act of visiting with your neighbors in driveways, front yards, and over fences prevents crime because more community activity means less criminal activity.

We appreciate the opportunity National Night Out grants us to join our communities in the fight against crime. More important however, are the relationships built every day between neighbors. While there may not be a resident deputy in every neighborhood, every neighborhood has residents just as concerned about public safety as you and me. So take the time to meet them. And then remind them to lock their doors and leave a light on.

—Posted on July 1, 2019 by Dionne Waugh
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