



Holiday Decorations & Pets

- Christmas trees and holiday greens: Make sure your dogs or cats do not chew on limbs or droppings from the tree. Ingested pine needles could get lodged in the intestinal tract, puncturing the lining or bunching together and causing an intestinal obstruction.
- Water base: The water base of a Christmas tree may contain dangerous chemicals that could harm your pet.
- Christmas lights and tinsel: Position your tree's lights and tinsel away from the bottom of the tree where pets can reach them. Some pets climb up or into trees and can even knock them over. If swallowed, tinsel can be very dangerous to cats.
- Candles: Don't leave candles unattended. Pets may accidentally knock them over and spill wax or start a fire.
- Firestarter logs: Dogs that enjoy chewing should steer clear; these logs contain sawdust and paraffin which can cause an irritated stomach or even intestinal blockage when ingested.
- Plants: A number of seasonal plants are poisonous to pets if nibbled or eaten, including ivy, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias.

–<https://www.humanesociety.org>



KEEP YOUR WARMTH

Minutes For November 12, 2024

Met by Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm .

Board members present: Kathy, Sara, Livia, Mark, Marie, Krista

Treasurer's report:

- Halloween lighting contest \$120
- Dues payments throughout the year

Media reports:

- Facebook event for the hayride
- Holiday lighting contest runs until December 15th. Facebook post voting on winners from the 15th-22nd. Winners announced on the 22nd via poll on Facebook page.

Events:

- Hayride-December 7th @5pm
- Holiday lighting contest! Have lights up by December 15th. Voting will start on the 16th and end on the 22nd. Winners announced on the 22nd.

Action items:

- Possibly increasing our voluntary HOA dues

Holiday Carriage Rides

Embrace the magic of the holiday season with our Holiday Carriage

Rides at Aspen Grove! Hitch a ride every Saturday from Nov. 23rd to Dec. 28th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. for a horse and carriage ride around Aspen Grove.

Ride Details: Pick-Up & Drop-Off Location: Near Pink Attic Cat in Block 100. **Cost:** FREE

–<https://aspengrovecenter.com/event/holiday-carriage-rides>

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Williamsburg II 2024 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 December 2024 and you will be entered to win a prize!**

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A Christmas Carol Participation Play

December 11, 2024 – December 21, 2024

Come join us for our unique interactive take on this Dickens classic. We ask a few of our young audience members to join us onstage to help tell the tale of Bob Cratchitt, Ebenezer Scrooge, and Tiny Tim. This participation play will introduce kids to theatre and this fun classic. The show is about 45 minutes and perfect for all ages and families. Even the audience will play a role. These productions have long been a holiday favorite.

–<https://townhallartscenter.org>

Looking To Get Involved And Make An Impact This Holiday?

Volunteering can be a fun and deeply rewarding experience where you can meet like-minded people, help improve lives and build a stronger community.

Here are some upcoming opportunities to engage in our community. We hope to see you this Holiday season!

1. Run a toy drive. Mile High United Way collects toys each year for our Children's Holiday Party. This annual event, which is filled with face painting, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa, brings the spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of families in our community. Run a toy drive for the event and help bring joy to children this Christmas.

2. Support our community resource center. Our 2-1-1 Help Center serves as a critical resource and safety net for Colorado residents, particularly during the winter months. Our Resource Navigators work every day to help vulnerable people in our community gain access to basic needs like food and shelter.

3. Help children develop a love of reading. You can help a child build confidence, improve their literacy skills, and develop a love of reading. Volunteer to build literacy kits for young students or become a reading partner through our weekly Read With Me program.

4. Support people experiencing homelessness. Volunteer to put together hygiene kits for at risk individuals and families in our community. The kits, which contain a wide range of important self-care items, are distributed to people across Metro Denver who are currently experiencing homelessness. Contact us to see when you can join in on the next kit build.

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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.

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 sara.spillan@gmail.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.

5. Join a donor group. We believe the most fulfilling way to get involved is to do it together. Join a network and meet other socially minded individuals who are dedicated to creating a lasting impact. During the Holidays, our donor groups engage in a range of activities, such as creating Thanksgiving gift baskets for families in need.

6. Help a small business owner in Denver. Are you a small business expert? Volunteer your time and expertise to help small, local businesses in Metro Denver reach their growth potential through our United Business Advisory program.

7. Become an advocate. Mile High United Way works every day to remove barriers and create pathways to success for all people in our community through our policy initiatives. Become an advocate and help us change the odds and move families out of poverty.

8. Become a corporate partner. Get the whole team involved and become a Mile High United Way Corporate Partner. We're proud to partner with hundreds of local companies to execute strong, effective CSR programs that positively impact the community while improving employee engagement and business returns.

Mile High United Way believes every person that calls Colorado home deserves the opportunity to thrive. With your support, we can continue to meet the short and long-term needs of residents in our community.

–<https://unitedwaydenver.org>

Bell Ringers Needed

In December we can use a lot of help, did I say that last month. Our big event in December is Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. We ring the Bells at two King Soopers stores for 10 days. Last year we collected almost \$20,000 for the Salvation Army. We ring about 100 2-hour shifts. Our main job is to greet people as they come in and out of the store. If they donate great, if not we wish them well and give them a big smile. It is a great chance to see friendly people. Kids are welcome to ring with you, a great chance to get rewarding service hours. Training will be provided.

We also have our usual service projects: Blood Drive on Dec 16, Sheridan Blood Bank every Thursday, ushering at Jefferson Symphony Dec 8, Meals on Wheels every day, Christmas Party on Dec 7, plus-plus. We are stretched and can use help. The projects are also a great chance to meet like-minded people.

Details about our upcoming projects and social events are in our weekly newsletter, contact news@columbinekiwanis.org to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more, visit our website at columbinekiwanis.org, or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. We also have a bimonthly meeting usually at Columbine library on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. For more information email kensweet@gmail.com.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers (68 members) dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. We are serving our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations

throughout the year. All are welcome to help with any of our projects or attend any of our social events anytime. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

—Ken Sweet, Kiwanis Club of Columbine President



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Wreaths Across America Day Celebrated at Fort Logan

National Wreaths Across America Day is the culmination of a yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This mission is in part carried out each December with the placement of sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of those who have served our country. The observance is designated annually on a Saturday in December by Congress.

On December 14, 2024 at 10:00 am, CO0155P - Littleton

Elks Lodge #1650 will be helping **Fort Logan National Cemetery** to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

Thank you so much for supporting the CO0155P - Littleton Elks Lodge #1650 and Wreaths Across America!

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Holiday Events Around Town

BLOSSOMS OF LIGHTS: Nov. 20, 2024–Jan. 12, 2025, Denver Botanic Gardens

Consistently lauded as one of the top holiday light shows in the nation, Blossoms of Light is a spectacular celebration that illuminates Denver Botanic Gardens' York Street location. Wander a mile-long path through immersive, luminous displays that accentuate and highlight our plant collections. A cherished holiday tradition for nearly four decades, Blossoms of Light is constantly evolving to inspire wonder and delight in even the most seasoned visitors.

MILE HIGH DRONE SHOW: Nov. 22–Dec. 31, 2024, Downtown

For 40 magical nights, 400 drones will soar into the sky, creating breathtaking holiday-themed animations. See these dazzling displays from across the city every night at 7 p.m. for free. From Santa and his reindeer to iconic Denver landmarks like the Mile High Tree and Denver Union Station, each night will bring a new visual experience to life.

THE MILE HIGH TREE: Nov. 22–Dec. 31, 2024, Civic Center Park

Join in the free festivities at the Mile High Tree. It's a brilliantly lit, 110-foot-tall immersive art installation that provides a dazzling lights-and-music show. You can experience two of Denver's most popular holiday attractions in one place: America's tallest digital tree and the Denver Christkindlmarket, the city's only authentic German holiday market.

TRAIL OF LIGHTS: Nov. 29, 2024–Jan. 1, 2025, Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Littleton

Trail of Lights at Chatfield Farms takes you along a winding path glistening with lights that illuminate the Colorado countryside. Tucked into the foothills under the dark sky, the glow of lights can be seen for miles. Just under a mile of walking trail, the illumination of cottonwoods, boxelders and pine trees line the pathway through the Green Farm, Crossroads, Deer Creek Discovery Children's Play Area and 1880s Hildebrand Ranch homestead. There is also the option of a shorter path for those who want to take a shorter stroll. In line with the core value of sustainability, all lights used in the event are LED.

HUDSON HOLIDAYS: Nov. 29, 2024–Jan. 12, 2025, Hudson Gardens & Events Center

You'll be enchanted by even more towering trees draped in thousands of colorful lights. A grove of dancing Christmas trees, a multi-colored forest inhabited by giant snowmen, the holiday light tunnel and glowing reindeer will light up Hudson Gardens into an extravaganza of holiday cheer. Purchase a delicious cup of hot cocoa or adult beverage before stopping by for a perfect free family photo opportunity with Santa.

SNOW DAYS: Dec. 7, 2024–Feb. 17, 2025, Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus

Spend your day gliding around the ice skating rink, sledding on REAL snow and warming up by a toasty fire. Plus, hop on a vintage snowmobile and explore the mountains in a life-size diorama and journey to the center of the snow maze and discover the crooked cabin.



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