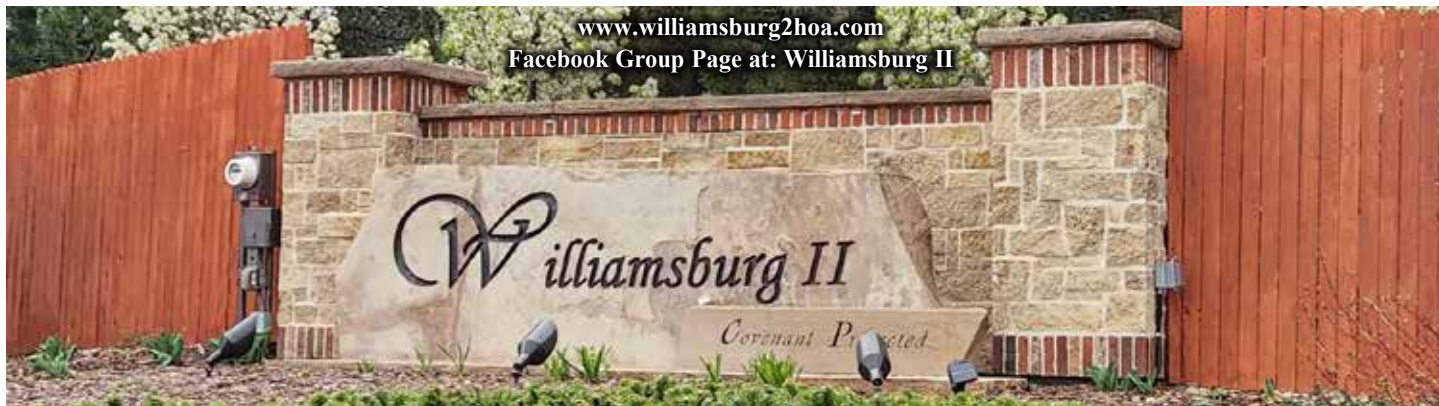




Minutes For July 13, 2026

Met by Zoom.

Board members present:

Kathy, Krista, and Marie

New Business

We received an inquiry about a Dumpster Drive for our neighborhood. We do not have the funds in our budget to do that this year. Perhaps if more people pay dues next year, we might be able to do this.

End of Summer Bash is Saturday, August 1st.

August Fun Facts

1. August is the only month that is also one of the top 1,000 names for men.
2. The Purple Heart was created on August 7, 1782.
3. The Perseid meteor showers occur every year in August. Depending on the year, it can be one of the most spectacular shows in the sky. National Sleep Under the Stars Night is the perfect holiday to experience this event!
4. More people move during August than any other month. Whether they bought or sold a house or are moving into a bigger or smaller apartment, doing so during the month of August is easier than doing it during any winter month.

Pay Dues:

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End of Summer Bash

Saturday, August 1, 4:30–8:00 PM, Eagle Meadows Park

Join us as we celebrate the end of summer with an evening of fun for the whole family! Enjoy live music from **9's a Pair – The Fireman Band**, delicious eats from the **Borderless Food Truck** (back by popular demand!), games for all ages, a balloon artist, face painting, and more. Bring your family and make some great end-of-summer memories together!



Western Welcome Week

August 7-16, Main Street Downtown Littleton

Western Welcome Week started as a Homecoming event for the citizens of Littleton, Colorado. Now, it has grown to a multi-day celebration of the town, complete with parades, competitions, food, vendors, and plenty of other summery festival fun for the whole family!

Join the Littleton locals as they celebrate 98 years of "Community and Friendship" through their Western Welcome Week. The 98th annual festival will be held from Friday to Sunday, August 7th to 16th, 2026, with the grand parade happening on August 15th. This year's theme is Colorful Colorado 150 Years!

The once-week-long Western Welcome has continued to evolve and is now a ten-day-long celebration, depending on the year. Some of the other events and activities during Western Welcome Week will include:

- Grand Parade
- Craft and Home Improvement Fair
- 5K Fun Run/Walk
- Gold panning
- Pancake breakfast
- Outdoor concerts
- Duck race
- Stick horse stampede
- Silent auction

– <https://www.westernwelcomeweek.org/>

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Remember to be gentle with yourself and others.

We are all children of chance,

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while others lay brown beneath the August sun.

—Kent Nerburn

Activities To Make The End Of Summer Seem Extra Special

TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS

This classic summer activity is one every kid will have fun with. Not only do they get to be creative with the tons of tie-dye pattern options out there, but it will double as a back-to-school shirt they'll be so excited to show off.

PLAN ONE-ON-ONE 'DATES' WITH EACH CHILD

This could be watching their favorite TV show together or eating ice cream just up the block. Talk about your favorite summer memories. Ask them what they are most looking forward to now that fall is coming. Are they nervous about the upcoming school year? What do they hope to learn or do? Make note of their answers so you can talk about them again throughout the year.

START JOURNALING HABITS

There are lots of benefits to regularly journaling. Not only does it help with writing and communication skills, it's also been known to help with stress management. Start the practice when there's free time during the summer. Prompt your kiddos to write about the things they loved about their vacation, and what they look forward to with the year ahead. This is a fun opportunity to either gift them a journal and some fun pens, or to let them pick out their own while back-to-school shopping. Who knows, this may turn into a hobby they keep with them the rest of their lives.

Successful Back-To-School

A successful back-to-school preparation requires an organized, multi-step approach:

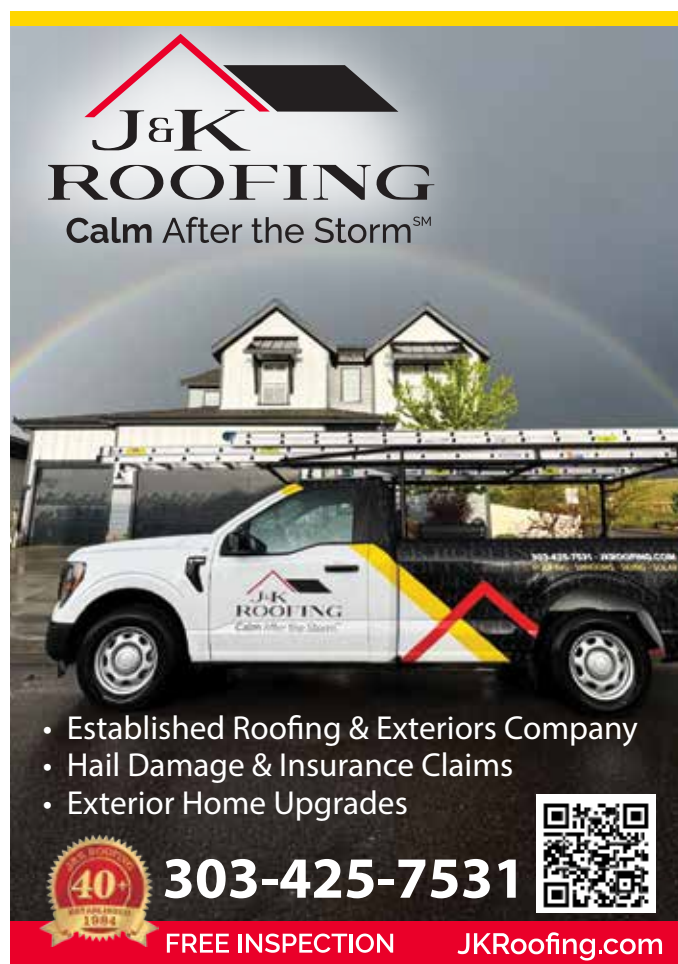
1. Health & Wellness. **Medical Check-ins:** Ensure your child is up-to-date on immunizations and schedule necessary sports physicals or annual eye exams as soon as possible. **Sleep Adjustment:** Gradually shift bedtimes and wake-up times earlier by 10-15 minutes every few days to align with the school calendar. **Nutrition:** Start practicing a healthy breakfast routine now to boost morning energy and brain function.

2. Gear & Supplies. **Backpack Fitting:** Choose a supportive, ergonomic backpack that fits their torso, avoiding straps that dig into shoulders. **Shopping List:** Check your local school district's website for grade-specific requirements. Stock up on basics like binders, notebooks, and writing utensils early to avoid last-minute shortages.

3. Organization & Routines. **Create a Homework Station:** Set up a quiet, distraction-free zone stocked with supplies and a desk lamp to establish a productive study environment.

4. Practice the Routine: Rehearse morning and evening steps to build independence, such as laying out clothes, packing lunches the night before, and reviewing safety rules for walking or commuting.

5. Social & Mental Prep: Take time to discuss goals and feelings about the new grade. If you are new to the area or transitioning to a new campus, try to arrange a visit or attend introductory welcome nights.



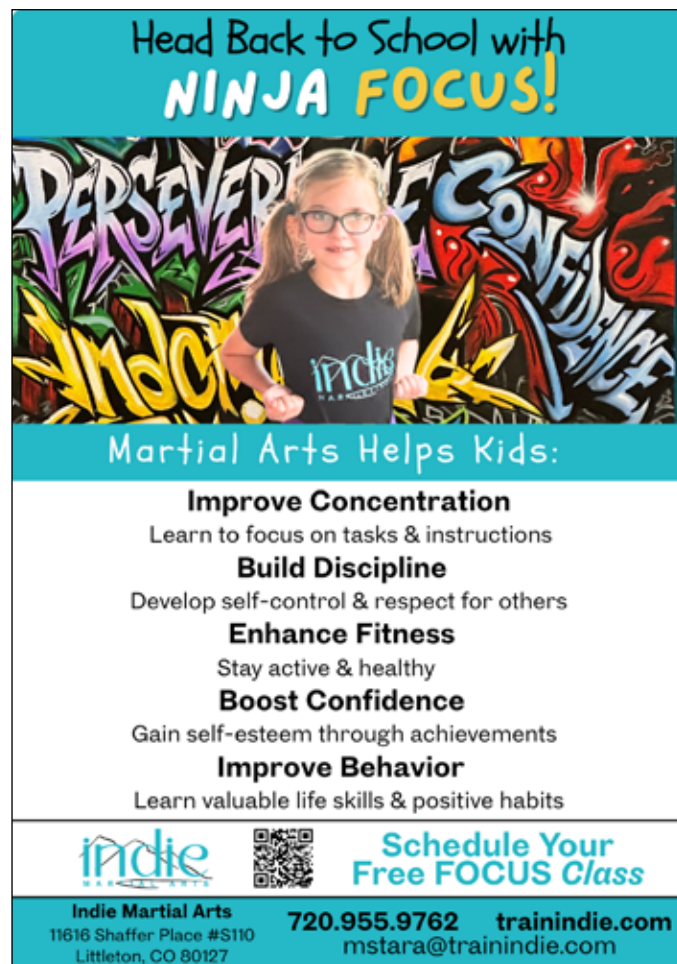
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What To Do With Your Extra Garden Veggies

While most gardeners are certainly happier to have surplus produce than to have an empty basket at the end of the season, it's also a bit daunting to have 10 bushels of green beans on your hands.

Let's look at some of your options for saving, storing, and sharing your excess vegetables. Some of these tips will work for both fruits and veggies, but we'll focus on vegetables here.

Option 1: Freezing Your Extra Veggies. This is by far the most popular option for preserving your excess vegetables. Why? It's easy.

Freeze fresh for the best flavor. Briefly blanch vegetables by dipping them in boiling water, then quickly submerging them in ice water or very cold water. This prevents them from cooking. Then dry them with paper towels.

Why should I blanch my vegetables before freezing them? Blanching helps kill any germs on the outside of the vegetables and prevents enzymes from degrading the vegetables.

Next, pack the vegetables tightly inside of a heavy-duty plastic bag or freezer bag. You can also use a vacuum sealer to remove any extra air from the bag. The air inside of the bag will cause the vegetables to degrade in quality, so you'll want to be sure it's out!

Option 2: Canning Your Extra Veggies. Canning essentially is the process of storing your vegetables (or fruits) inside of an airtight glass jar. When done properly, your canned vegetables can live at room temperature all year long.

Unfortunately, you need a pressure canner for most vegetables. That's because they are a low-acid food. Essentially,

boiling water simply isn't hot enough to make canned vegetables safe. If you pickle the vegetable first, you will be able to can it without a pressure canner. Otherwise, you need that pressure. The botulism bacteria spores, which reside in non-acidic vegetables, can survive boiling water!

Option 3: Drying Your Extra Veggies. Dehydrating or drying your fruits and vegetables is an easy method of food preservation. This method will also work with fresh herbs.

Most dehydrators are pretty straightforward — just cut the vegetables how you'd like them, keeping in mind that they'll shrink as they lose water. Then spread them in a single layer on the dehydrator and follow the guides for your machine.

Option 4: Make Your Extra Vegetables into Soup. This method has the added benefit of making for an easy meal later on. We are always grateful to discover the last few frozen containers of tomato soup in the back corner of the fridge.

Option 5: Sharing Your Extra Veggies. Of course, there's always the option of sharing your extra vegetables. If you don't live in an area with lots of other gardeners, people will certainly appreciate your extra veggies. Friends, family, and neighbors can hardly complain about free food!

Option 6: Donating Your Extra Veggies. Good produce can be really expensive. If your extra vegetables are in good shape, you may be able to donate them to a local nonprofit. Connect with community leaders in your area to see if they can put your extras to good use.

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Fueling The Tiny Travelers: Late-Summer Hummingbird Migration

If you have noticed a sudden, chaotic increase in activity around your backyard bird feeders lately, you are witnessing one of nature's greatest athletic feats. By mid-to-late August, hummingbirds enter a state called hyperphagia, a feeding frenzy where they consume massive amounts of nectar to increase their body weight by 25% to 40% before embarking on their grueling southward journey to Mexico and Central America. Our local species—including Broad-tailed, Black-chinned, and passing Rufous hummingbirds—rely heavily on neighborhood pit stops to survive. Because they travel alone and fly low to the ground to spot food, the resources in our suburban yards can make or break their journey. Here is how you can transform your yard into a safe, high-energy refueling station this month.

Step Up the Sugar Water: To support their hyper-speed metabolisms during peak migration, keep your feeders continuously filled with fresh nectar. The Perfect Recipe: Mix four parts water with one part white granulated sugar. Boil the mixture briefly to dissolve the sugar, then let it cool completely before filling your feeders.

Skip the Dye: Never use red food dye, honey, brown sugar, or artificial sweeteners, as these can be toxic or fatal to the birds.

Keep It Clean: Late August heat causes harmful mold and bacteria to bloom rapidly. Empty, rinse, and scrub your feeders with hot water every two to three days to keep the nectar safe.

Plant Native Late-Bloomers: Artificial feeders are excellent, but natural flower patches are the ultimate visual anchor to draw passing migrants down from the sky. Consider adding native, tubular flowers to your landscape that continue blooming

late into the summer season. Excellent local options include Agastache (Hyssop), Penstemon, Salvia, Bee Balm, and Trumpet Vine.

The Golden Rule: Leave Feeders Up! A common neighborhood myth is that leaving feeders out past August will prevent hummingbirds from migrating. This is completely false. A hummingbird's urge to migrate is triggered strictly by shifting daylight lengths, not food availability. Leaving your feeders clean and filled through mid-to-late October ensures that late-season stragglers and migrants traveling from further north have the vital energy they need to survive the final legs of their journey.

Savor The Rocky Ford Cantaloupe Season

While Palisade is known for its peaches and Pueblo is known for its green chiles, Rocky Ford is best known for its cantaloupes. The harvest begins in mid-July and runs through mid-September, with the prime time for picking in August. On average, the seasonal crops produce about four million cantaloupes to be sold to nearby farmers' markets, grocery stores, and local roadside stands.

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