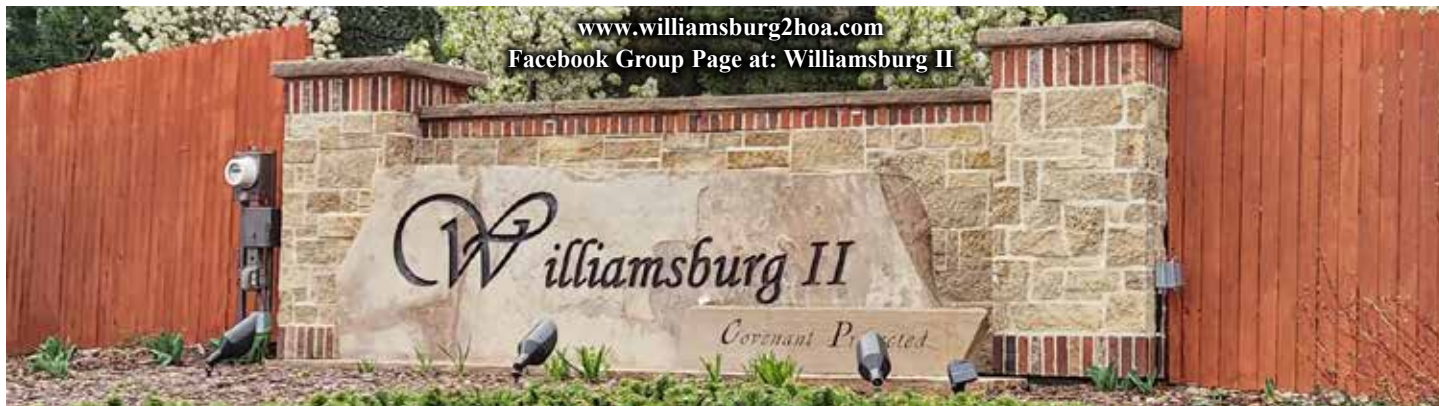




Walk The Chalk: Downtown Littleton's Chalk Art Festival

September 5, 2026

Historic Downtown Littleton

As summer starts to wind down, Walk the Chalk brings a different kind of energy to Main Street. For one full day, Downtown Littleton transforms into an open-air gallery, with artists creating large-scale chalk murals directly on the pavement. You'll catch people stopping mid-walk, just watching an artist bring a piece to life.

Chalking begins in the morning and continues throughout the day, which means you can stop by anytime and watch the artwork come to life in real time.

What to Expect:

- Live chalk art demonstrations from local artists
- People's Choice voting, with ballots available at participating businesses
- Live music along Main Street (11 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Family-friendly activities including face painting, bubbles, and interactive demos
- Food vendors and local restaurant specials during Restaurant Week

There's also a strong creative presence beyond the street itself. Nearby, Arapahoe Community College hosts drop-in art experiences like:

- Jewelry-making workshops
- Pottery demonstrations
- Live art and local artist sales

Pay Dues:

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Minutes For August 10, 2026

Met by Zoom.

Board members present: Krista, Livia, Marie, Mark, Angelina

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Bash was so much fun! More people attended than last year. The event was under budget. Thanks Livia for all your planning efforts!

NEW BUSINESS

A homeowner sent a letter stating concerns about the concrete trail behind Geddes Circle at the base of the sledging hill. We discussed the concerns and did some review of the documentation related to this issue and here is what we found.

Last year we solicited comments from the Williamsburg II residents on Geddes Circle and received several of them. Many of the comments we received were in opposition to the concrete trail proposal. We collected those comments, removed the personal information and forwarded it to Foothills to document the position of the Williamsburg II community.

Foothills had asked us for a statement of support for the proposal but in light of the nature of the comments, the HOA did not provide a statement of support, nor did we approve it.

Kathi will put up the fall decorations at the front entrance in September.

SAVE THE DATE!

December 5: Holiday Hay Ride

Come September, children return to school, grownups to work, and the brain to the head. – Roger Rosenblatt



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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 Secretary at marilynch@att.net. 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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ROOF & DRAINAGE

Clean the Gutters: Remove all pine needles and leaves to prevent heavy ice dams from forming in winter.

Inspect Roof Shingles: Look for loose, cracked, or missing shingles that could leak during heavy spring snowmelts.

Direct Downspouts Away: Extend downspouts at least 3 to 5 feet away from your foundation to prevent soil erosion and basement flooding.

FOUNDATION & EXTERIOR WALLS

Seal Structural Cracks: Use outdoor caulk to fill cracks in concrete foundations, siding, and stucco to keep moisture out.

Inspect Exterior Siding: Check for peeling paint or gaps in siding that expose wood to harsh winter sun and moisture.

Clear Foundation Beds: Remove dead vegetation and debris from the perimeter of your home to discourage pests from nesting.

WINDOWS, DOORS, & INSULATION

Replace Weatherstripping: Swap out worn seals around exterior doors and windows to block freezing winds and lower heating bills.

Caulk Window Frames: Apply exterior-grade caulk to gaps between window frames and siding to stop drafts.

Check Attic Ventilation: Ensure soffit and ridge vents are clear so moisture can escape, preventing mold growth.

OUTDOOR UTILITIES & SAFETY

Service the Furnace: Hire a technician to inspect your HVAC system and replace filters before the first cold snap.

Test Safety Alarms: Change batteries and test all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors before keeping windows shut for winter.

Clean the Dryer Vent: Clear lint buildup from the exterior dryer vent duct to prevent fire hazards and improve drying efficiency.

There is a time in late September when the leaves are still green, and the days are still warm, but somehow you know that it is all about to end, as if summer was holding its breath, and when it let it out again, it would be autumn.

—Sharyn McCrumb

The Elk Rut, Bugling Season

September marks the peak of the annual elk rutting (mating) season in areas like Rocky Mountain National Park.

Acoustic Spectacle: Majestic bull elk can be heard echoing through the mountain valleys with distinct bugle calls.

Safe Viewing: Visitors gather in meadows like Horseshoe Park at dusk to watch wildlife from a safe distance.



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Pueblo Green Chiles

Pueblo green chiles are a thick, fleshy variety of pepper grown exclusively in the Arkansas River Valley of Southeastern Colorado. Named the official state chile pepper of Colorado in 2015, they are highly celebrated across the region for their rich, robust flavor and an upfront heat profile that ranges from 5,000 to 20,000 Scoville Heat Units – comparable to a moderate to warm jalapeño.

What Makes the Pueblo Pepper Unique? The “Mosco” Strain: The foundational variety of the modern Pueblo pepper is the Mosco chile. It was selectively bred and refined in the late 1900s by Colorado State University researcher Dr. Mike Bartolo from a “Mirasol” family heirloom seed bag.

Sun-Facing Growth: True to its Mirasol lineage (which translates to “looking at the sun”), the peppers uniquely grow pointing straight upward toward the sky rather than hanging down from the branch.

Thicker, Meatier Flesh: Unlike thinner New Mexico varieties, Pueblo peppers feature incredibly thick, fleshy fruit walls. When fire-roasted and peeled, they retain a hearty texture and a sweet-hot flavor.

Climate Enhancement: The extreme weather of southeastern Colorado – hot, dry, sunny days fueled by intense summer heat waves—naturally spikes the capsaicin in the crops, meaning recent harvests pack a notably spicier kick than normal.

Festivals & Harvest Sourcing. The Pueblo Chile & Frijoles Festival: Taking place September 18–20, 2026, along Union Avenue in downtown Pueblo, this massive harvest festival draws thousands of visitors to watch rotating iron cages roast bushels over open propane flames.

Where to Buy Fresh: During the peak harvest season of August and September, you can buy raw or fire-roasted chiles by the bushel or quart directly from legacy family farms like Musso Farms or Milberger Farms.

What Is The Harvest Moon?

In 2026, the brilliant Full Harvest Moon is on Saturday, the 26th of September, reaching full illumination at 12:49 p.m. It will appear full for 3 days so start looking early if the weather is clear!

For several evenings, the Moon rises very soon after the Sun sets, resulting in an abundance of bright moonlight early in the evening. Traditionally, this extra light aided farmers and crews in harvesting their summer-grown crops. Hence, it’s called the “Harvest” Moon!

On average, there are just a little over 12 complete Moon cycles every year (about 29.53 days in a synodic month). The Harvest Moon isn’t like the other Moons.

Usually, throughout the year, the Moon rises an average of about 50 minutes later each day.

However, for the few nights around the Harvest Moon, the Moon seems to rise at nearly the same time: just 25 to 30 minutes later across the northern U.S. and only 10 to 20 minutes later farther north in Canada and Europe.

Additionally, the Harvest Moon rises at sunset and will increase near sunset for several nights because the difference is at a yearly minimum. It may almost seem like there are Full Moons multiple nights in a row!

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To begin your design, measure the proposed site. On graph paper, sketch the layout to scale, using a scale of 1 inch = 4 feet. Then proceed with the following steps: Locate existing structures – walls, fences, walks, etc. Locate existing plants, such as trees and shrubs. Consider their mature size. Sketch the desired outline of the bed. It can be helpful to place a garden hose around the area to visualize the shape. Measure lines from a known reference point, such as the side of the house or patio and put it on the graph paper.

After deciding on the outline of the garden, add plants by following these design principles:

- Place plants of the same variety in groups of three, five, or seven to increase the impact of color or texture.
- Repeat groups of the same plant two or three times in the space to create continuity and harmony.
- Use taller plants at the back of the bed, or in the middle of a bed viewed from multiple sides.
- In urban communities, consider view lines and potential safety obstructions in the case of streetscape and other front-of-lot gardens.
- Place shorter plants toward the front of the bed.
- Bring select taller plants forward to increase variation in height.

- Combine plants with various forms, textures, and colors.
- Consider foliage size, shape, and texture in addition to bloom time and color.
- Place plants on the plan with diagonal or triangular spacing.
- Plan for the mature size of plants and leave adequate room for growth.
- Consider adding spaces of void within the plan.
- Add bulbs for accent color.

Hot Air Balloon Festivals

COLORADO SPRINGS LABOR DAY LIFT OFF

When: September 5–7, 2026

Where: Memorial Park (1605 E Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs, CO)

Details: Celebrate the 50th annual festival featuring over 70 hot air balloons taking flight each morning. Includes evening balloon glows, a Ninja Nation obstacle course, a massive beer garden, and live music. Entrance is free.

COLORFEST PAGOSA SPRINGS

When: September 19, 2026

Where: Yamaguchi Park (684 S 5th St, Pagosa Springs, CO)

Details: A classic autumn outdoor festival showcasing hot air balloon launches over the mountains, a wine and food festival, a craft beer tasting event, and a color run/walk.



CHALK YOUR WALK

9/28 is National Neighbor Day.

Draw or write positive & cheerful messages on your driveway or sidewalk with chalk the weekend before. Then head outside and take a walk and look for other pictures and messages written by your neighbors.



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