

# ROCKY RIDGE

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## Music At The Movies

Music at the Movies will offer free concerts followed by family-friendly movies under the stars. Join the city of Aurora's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department and Aurora Public Library at various city of Aurora community parks for another cinematic lineup of treasured classics and new favorites. Each event will begin at 5 p.m.

- **Wednesday, July 9:** Country Lane Park, 10099 E. Colorado Ave.  
Music: **Animal Farm**; Movie: **IF (PG)**
- **Wednesday, July 23:** Mission Viejo Park, 3999 S. Mission Parkway  
Music: **The Man Cubs**; Movie: **Captain America: Brave New World (PG-13)**

## Arapahoe County Fair

Arapahoe County celebrates its Fair the last weekend of July each year at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds at 25690 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, CO 80016. The Fair is an incredible value for families looking for a full day of laughter and good wholesome fun.

The first Arapahoe County Fair was held in 1906, along the banks of the South Platte River within present day Littleton. The Fair is one of Arapahoe County's longest-standing community traditions. The County Fair has traveled to various locations including Deer Trail, Byers, Englewood and Littleton. The current location of the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds was commemorated in July of 2006, marking the 100th anniversary of the Fair.

The Fair continues to showcase the County's agricultural and western heritage through 4-H programming, traditional agricultural activities and entertainment. For the price of your admission you can also enjoy carnival rides, daily motor sports, canine entertainment, BMX entertainment, trampoline entertainment, a petting farm and numerous other activities.

Don't forget to shop at the food vendors or stop by and check out our commercial vendors. Enjoy a beer or wine from one of our beer, wine, and spirits tents.

### Fair Dates & Hours

TIME: 2025 Arapahoe County Fair Hours  
July 24, 2025; 4 p.m.-Midnight  
July 25, 2025; 11 a.m.-Midnight  
July 26, 2025; 11 a.m.-Midnight  
July 27, 2025; 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

## Dear Rocky Ridge Neighbor,

As a newer resident of this beautiful, family-filled neighborhood, along with my wife and daughter, I'm genuinely excited to introduce myself. My name is Kyle Gilmore. My wife and I chose Rocky Ridge because it felt like the perfect place to call home, quiet yet still in the heart of Aurora – a city I've proudly called home my entire life.



I know that decisions around real estate and homeownership are rarely easy. Your home is likely your largest asset, a true cornerstone of your family's wealth and well-being. That's why having a trusted guide to help you navigate those waters, especially one who understands our local community, is invaluable.

In my experience, "Kyle does remove the scary emotions out of it and is always transparent". As one client shared, "Not only is he professional he is such a kind and friendly person, he made us feel like family". My mission, "Gilmore Gives More," is built on this very foundation. It's about ensuring you "get more" out of every step of your real estate journey, from providing more knowledge and data to offering more attention to detail and unwavering support, just as I've "guided us every step of the way" for countless families.

I've witnessed Aurora's incredible transformation over the decades from a quieter town to the vibrant, diverse city it is today, with new amenities and cultures constantly enriching our lives. This long-term perspective gives me a unique insight into the true value of homeownership here, seeing your home not just as a place to live, but as a powerful tool in your financial and family future. Whether that means upsizing to create more space for your growing family, or exploring options to redistribute and secure your wealth for the long term, or finding the perfect ranch home after decades in a two-story. I love diving deep into your unique situation to show you the possibilities at your fingertips.

My commitment is to be the kind of realtor you genuinely feel heard and supported by, someone who is always in your corner. I look forward to connecting with you, whether you're considering a move, have questions about our market, or simply want to chat about our wonderful neighborhood. If you'd like to receive my monthly newsletter with local events and market insights, you can drop me an email, or send me a text with your email address.

— Warmly, Kyle Gilmore



## Helping Colorado Pollinators And Wildlife With Native Plants

Pollinators have evolved to seek and find food from plants in their environment. They focus on certain colors, flower shapes, textures, and scents to find the nectar and pollen they need. Plants native to the Rocky Mountain west are naturally more attractive and important to the survival of our local pollinators.

Garden centers offer an amazing array of plants gathered from around the world and created by plant breeding facilities. Hybrids are constantly being created to offer different colors, different shapes, and different statures. Only some of these are important to the survival of key Colorado pollinators.

Pollinators require a constant supply of food, water, and shelter throughout their lifetime. A little advance planning will ensure that your yard provides these.

One key consideration is planting a mix of native plants that flower early, in the middle of the summer, and later in the fall. This provides season-long nourishment. Many plants, including penstemons, bee balm, black-eyed Susans, and blanket flowers, are popular perennials that regenerate yearly from their root system or seeds broadcast after the flowers have faded.

The same native plants that support pollinators also feed and support our local birds and animals. Birds rely on native plants including blanket flowers, black-eyed Susans, sand cherries, choke cherries, lupines, and common yarrow for insects, nutritious seeds, and berries throughout the spring and summer nesting seasons.

Learning more about the relationship between plants and native pollinators is rewarding and environmentally valuable.

– **John Ashworth, CSU Extension,  
Denver Master Gardener since 2014**

## Summer Concert Series

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome you to the museum front lawn for the 2025 Summer Concert Series. The concert series is free, with open lawn seating on a first come, first serve basis. Concerts take place from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

- **Wednesday, July 9, 2025: The Ninety Percent 90s.** A 3-piece acoustic cover band covering the best and worst hits from the 90s.
- **Wednesday, July 16, 2025: The ThreadBarons.** A combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- **Wednesday, July 23, 2025: Dakota Blonde.** Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/song-writer, and sometimes even Celtic.

The show goes on in the rain. In the event of extreme temperatures, strong wind, downpours, severe weather warnings, and/or lightning near the Museum may cancel or delay a show for a short time.

–<https://www.museum.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/Summer-Concert-Series>

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## Summer Vibes

Aurora's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department is excited to bring back Summer Vibes, a completely free event series designed to help preteens and teens get the most out of their summer break. Aurora youth, ages 10 to 17, are invited to join us for three unforgettable Wednesday evenings packed with activities, entertainment and prizes.

**Wednesday, July 16, 5 to 9 p.m.**

**Sports Night at Utah Park, 1800 S. Peoria St.**

Come kick it with us with a variety of sports-themed activities. Have fun with interactive inflatables, get your thrills with a mobile rope course or come chill with a live a DJ. Attendees can enter to win tickets for professional Colorado teams, take home an inflatable paddleboard and more.

**Wednesday, August 4**

**Glow in the Park at Bicentennial Park,  
13655 E. Alameda Ave.**

Come get a glow up at this end of summer event. Play a round of glow-in-the-dark mini golf, partake in a variety of LED glow-themed games or dance the night away with our DJ. Attendees can enter to win a brand-new laptop, gift cards to their favorite clothing retailers and more.

Each event will also feature a live DJ, local food trucks and a variety of arts and crafts stations. Youth ages, 10 to 17 will receive vouchers for food trucks, activities and prizes. Don't miss out on the coolest event series of the season. Attendees outside of the designated ages will have limited access to event activities. Make this a summer for the books and learn more at [AuroraGov.org/SummerVibes](https://AuroraGov.org/SummerVibes).

## Local Farmers Market Coming To Hoffman Heights Library This Summer

Aurora Public Library has partnered with the mission-driven organization Rebel Marketplace to bring a farmers market to Hoffman Heights Library, 1298 Peoria St., through September. First one to take place on June 11.

The farmers market at Hoffman Library was created to be an authentic neighborhood marketplace run and operated by surrounding community businesses with the library as the hub. Each farmers market will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, July 9, Aug. 6 and Sept. 10, and the library branch will remain open late on those dates to offer additional programs and services.

“We’re thrilled to launch this unique partnership with Rebel Marketplace to bring fresh, local food and community connections right to the doorstep of Hoffman Heights Library,” said Director of Library and Cultural Services Ginger White Brunetti. “Libraries are more than just books—they’re hubs for healthy, thriving neighborhoods, and this collaboration is a perfect example of how we’re reimagining library grounds into a space for connection while serving our community.”

Along with community businesses offering their goods, Hoffman Heights Library will host a variety of programs at each farmers market, including storytimes at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., a kids play area at 6 and 7 p.m. and a teen game space from 6 to 8 p.m.

### HOFFMAN HEIGHTS LIBRARY PROGRAMS

#### Succulent Pot Painting, 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 9

Paint a pot then plant your very own succulent. Pots and plants provided.

#### Rainbow Scavenger Hunt, 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 9

Win prizes by helping find colorful things inside and outside the library. Open to kids up to eight years old.

#### Block-printed Totes, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 6

Make a customized tote to enjoy at the farmers’ market, while supplies last.

#### Intro to Pickling, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 10

Learn how to make a quick pickle brine to add a little extra spice and crunch to your veggies. Brine ingredients will be provided. You can pick up your own vegetables from Rebel Marketplace.

Learn more at [RebelMarketplace.com](http://RebelMarketplace.com)

## Spend A Day At The Beach

Yes, Colorado has beaches, and what better way to spend a hot summer day than with your toes in the sand? Many reservoirs throughout the state include spacious beach spots perfect for sunbathing, swimming, picnics, SCUBA diving, and more. Notable ones include Cherry Creek State Park, Chatfield State Park, Lake Dillion Reservoir, and the Boulder Reservoir. Pack a picnic, bring some towels and an umbrella, and soak in some sun.

–<https://www.uncovercolorado.com>

## Berry Trifle

8 to 10 servings; Total Time: 30 mins

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 angel food cake, cut into cubes
- 3.4 oz box instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temp
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 ounces Cool Whip
- 2 pints blueberries, rinsed
- 2 pints strawberries, rinsed, hulled and sliced



### INSTRUCTIONS

In a small bowl, combine the vanilla pudding mix with the milk and whisk for two minutes; set aside.

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese on medium speed until smooth and creamy, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce the speed to low and gradually add the powdered sugar. Once all of the sugar is incorporated, increase the speed to medium and beat for 1 minute, or until thoroughly combined and smooth.

Add the prepared pudding to the cream cheese mixture and gently fold and stir with a rubber spatula until completely combined. Add the Cool Whip to the bowl and fold it into the mixture until no white streaks remain.

To assemble the trifle, alternate layers of angel food cake, blueberries, the pudding mixture, strawberries and so on, until you get the top. Add a final layer of the pudding mixture, then arrange the remaining strawberries and blueberries in a decorative pattern. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. This is best served within 24 hours of making it, but leftovers can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

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-  Aurora native
-  Successful Aurora business owner
-  Proud veteran
-  Invested in Aurora's future



# Danielle Jurinsky

Aurora City Council  
AT-LARGE

Danielle truly loves her hometown of Aurora, Colorado. It's where she was born and raised, graduated from Overland High School, graduated from the Community College of Aurora, served our country honorably, started her businesses, and is raising her son.

## Focusing on what's important to Aurora...

### Jobs & the Economy

As a successful small business owner and entrepreneur, Danielle knows firsthand what it takes to live within a

### Public Safety

Danielle will continue to fight for a stronger, safer Aurora while bridging the gap between Aurora citizens and our local Aurora law enforcement.

### Taxes & Fees

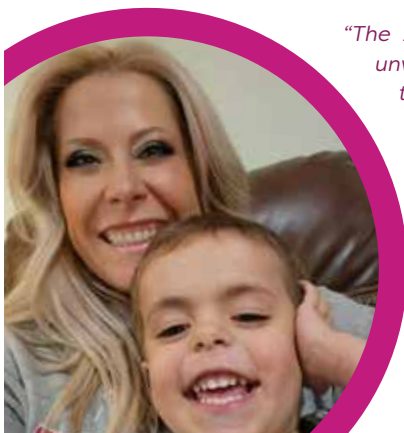
Danielle isn't a politician, she's a job creator and a single mom who works hard to live within her budget and believes government should do the same.

### Development

Danielle will continue to ensure Aurora is one of the most business-friendly cities in the state and will continue to eliminate bureaucratic red tape and burdensome government regulations.

### Revitalizing Neighborhoods

Local Aurora residents know what's best for their neighborhood and unlike politicians, Danielle will listen to those needs and respond.



*"The Aurora Police Association proudly endorses Danielle Jurinsky for Aurora City Council. Her unwavering support for law enforcement in Aurora has been crucial for us to do our jobs, protect the public, and rebuild relationships in the community. Danielle is not only an Aurora resident, but she is a business owner in the City. This puts her in a unique position to understand the many aspects and challenges Aurora is facing today. Danielle has the knowledge and energy to drive this city back to a safe and prosperous place to live and raise our families. Danielle supports all first responders and we look forward to continuing our relationship with her in the City of Aurora."*



David Exstrom  
APA President

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## National Parents' Day

National Parents' Day honors all parents on the fourth Sunday in July. No matter where our parents may be, this day serves to celebrate their important role in our lives.

In May we celebrated mothers, and in June we celebrated fathers. It follows that in July we can bring all our parents together and show them some appreciation all at once.

Parents play a vital role in the lives of children. From our birth, parents protect, teach, provide, and serve as role models. As part of a family, we look to them for guidance. We mirror their behavior and learn to be a core part of our communities.

## Float The Rivers And Creeks

By July, the Colorado rivers that are commonplace for tubing and kayaking have slowed down, transforming into a great spot for some lazy floating. With the summer heat at its highest throughout the low-elevation front-range urban corridor, consider heading out to Golden's Clear Creek, one of the most popular spots for tubing. Or, you can opt to cool down at Boulder Creek.

If you're intent on staying close to your Mile High residence, hit up the convenient South Platte River. If paddleboarding is more your speed, check out the Corn Lake, Island Acres, and Connected Lakes sections of James. M. Cobb Colorado River State Park.

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## Rocky Ridge Statistics June 2025

### Current Homes FOR SALE in Rocky Ridge

	Lowest \$	Highest \$	# of Homes
Ranch	454,900	539,000	2
Tri-level	425,000	502,000	5
2- Story	459,000	574,900	2

### Current Homes UNDER CONTRACT in Rocky Ridge

	Lowest \$	Highest \$	# of Homes
Ranch	470,000	470,000	1
Tri-level	450,000	450,000	2
2- Story	495,000	599,000	2

### Homes SOLD in in Rocky Ridge 6/6/24-6/6/25

	Lowest \$	Highest \$	# of Homes
Ranch	410,000	575,000	11
Tri-level	387,000	605,000	21
2- Story	475,000	630,000	8



**Kyle Gilmore**  
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## What Clients Are Saying About Kyle

Kyle was nothing short of a godsend during my home buying process. We had initially started looking around immediately after contacting him because I was living in Germany but visiting family in Colorado. We had less than a month to find a home I was happy with. Once my husband and I found our home Kyle essentially did the whole process for me from being there with my dad for the inspections to ensuring he recorded or took good notes of the conversations he had with lenders, builders, etc. He also ensured that my closing went as smoothly as possible since I had to mail in my closing documents. Kyle even went as far as collecting the house and mail keys for me so that when I arrived in Denver I was ready to start moving in. Overall, Kyle treated my family like we were his own throughout the whole process and I cannot recommend him enough to anyone looking for a home! – Dora C.

With Kyle every step of the way was straight forward, as a family that didn't know anything about purchasing a home he did a fantastic job explaining everything and guided us every step of the way. Not only is he professional he is such a kind and friendly person, he made us feel like family. His communication was fantastic, he is knowledgeable and if he doesn't have the answer to something he will get it for you. I have no complaints and I look forward to working with him again in the future if we decide to purchase another home. 1000% recommend him, he won't disappoint – Myrna L.

Kyle helped me upgrade my townhome to a house in Aurora, Colorado that will hopefully be a forever home. He was my realtor for both my selling and buying processes and I could not be happier. He was very patient with all my questions and provided solid guidance through some unique situations. I knew he had my best interest at heart with all our interactions and I would recommend him to all of my friends with confidence!! – Lindsay H.

