

Rocky Ridge

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Sounds of Southlands

Thursdays, June 25 – August 13

6pm - 8pm | Town Square

Get ready to groove at the Sounds of Southlands! Join us every Thursday, June 25 through August 13 from 6pm to 8pm for an unforgettable evening of live music, food and beverage specials from participating restaurants, and dancing! All concerts will begin at 6pm at the Town Square. See below for this year's band lineup:

- July 2: The Radio Band
- July 9: Thumpin'
- July 16: Those Crazy Nights
- July 23: Groove 'N Motion
- July 30: The Long Run
- August 6: Soul X
- August 13: Eric Golden

Please Note:

- Parking in Town Square will close at 1pm on Thursdays, June 25 - August 13.
- Canopy tents, coolers, and outside alcohol are strictly prohibited.
- Seating is general admission.

—<https://www.shopsouthlands.com/eventprograms/sounds-of-southlands-2/>

Father Daughter Take A Walk Day: July 7th

National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day is observed annually on July 7th. This day promotes the benefits of family bonding time between fathers and daughters as well as the benefits of physical activity.

The memories made during your time together will stay with you forever. During the summer season, there are many incredible places to walk and enjoy nature as you spend time talking, laughing, and bonding. While taking a stroll, cherish the time spent together. Your child will value the gift of the time you give no matter how old they are.

Train Rides In Colorado

Trains may seem old fashioned, but there's a reason they've held travelers' fascination since the 1800s. Take a step into the past and board one of Colorado's scenic train rides to see sights only reachable by rail. Carve through mountain gorges and find yourself hugging jagged cliffs on narrow gauge rails or traversing the banks of crystal-blue rivers and passing rushing waterfalls. These rails make exploring some of the state's most remote and untouched terrain accessible to all.

ROYAL GORGE ROUTE RAILROAD

Start & End Point: Cañon City

The Royal Gorge Route Railroad whisks you along the curves of the Arkansas River and past the 1,000-foot-high granite walls of the canyon the railway is named for. Book a Vista Dome seat for spectacular views out of the curved glass roof and enjoy a gourmet meal in first class accompanied by a well-curated wine, brew and cocktail list. The train's regular schedule runs year-round.



GEORGETOWN LOOP RAILROAD

Start & End Points:

Silver Plume and Georgetown

Connecting the mining towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume, the

Georgetown Loop Railroad was an engineering marvel of the 1800s. This short and sweet 2-mile stretch of track just three feet in width traverses through the steep and narrow canyon, corkscrewing through craggy rock walls and gaining more than 600 feet in elevation on four bridges. The railroad was one of Colorado's first tourist attractions, and remains a must-see destination for those seeking a taste of history, beautiful sights and breathtaking thrills. The Georgetown Loop's regular season runs April through October, but check their site for special winter holiday trains.

LEADVILLE, COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Leadville and Climax

The Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad boasts the ideal route for seeing Colorado's vibrant wildflowers as it navigates hairpin turns along the upper Arkansas River Valley. Keep an eye out for Mount Elbert and Mount Massive, the state's two tallest peaks, as you listen to stories about Leadville's colorful mining past on this 2.5-hour round-trip journey. The train's summer schedule runs from late May to early October.

DURANGO & SILVERTON

NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Voted the No. 1 train in the country by USA Today readers in 2021 and 2022, this 1880s coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive runs 200 feet above the blue-green waters of the Animas River. As the Durango Train snakes along the river's banks and high canyon walls, expect views of majestic peaks, rushing waterfalls and remote natural areas like the Animas Gorge and San Juan National Forest. The 9.25-hour train ride includes a two-hour stop in the town of Silverton, or opt for the express ride at 5.25 hours if you're short on time. The train's regular season runs year-round.

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THE BROADMOOR MANITOU AND PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY

The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway — the world's highest cog railway — is easily one of the most famous Colorado train rides, with its apex at the 14,107-foot summit of Pikes Peak. Your conductor narrates the 9-mile journey with fun tidbits on area history and local lore, while you soak up views of sweeping plains and the Continental Divide. After snapping pics at the top of this Colorado fourteener, make sure you try a high-altitude doughnut at the Summit House, located in the Summit Visitor Center. The cherry-red railcars keep a year-round schedule but check for weather closures.

CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Cripple Creek and Victor

Clamber onto the open-air cars of the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad, pulled by a 15-ton "iron horse" of a locomotive. Several stops along the route of this family-owned railroad provide views and photo ops of Pikes Peak and old mining camps, as well as the opportunity to hear the train whistle ricochet off the walls of Echo Valley. The 45-minute ride is fully narrated, with the conductor sharing wonderful facts about the history and scenery around Cripple Creek. The train's regular schedule runs rain or shine, from late May to early October.

—<https://www.colorado.com>

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The 120th Annual Arapahoe County Fair

Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26, 2026

Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Event Center

Celebrating a convergence of major milestones—including the Fair's 120th anniversary, Colorado's 150th, and America's 250th—the four-day event blends traditional Western heritage with modern entertainment. General admission tickets are \$30, which covers free parking and unlimited carnival rides.

Core Daily Events and Attractions Carnival & Midway:

- Features unlimited access to carnival rides, daily fair games, & traditional fair foods.
- High-Octane Rodeo: Sanctioned CPRA Rodeo competitive equestrian sports and bull riding action takes center stage on Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26.
- Nighttime Drone Shows: Spectacular light displays illuminating the sky on Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25.
- Action Stunt Shows: Daily high-energy acts including the motorcycle Globe of Death mesh-sphere stunt and the outdoor Perfection on Wheels BMX Show.
- Family & Animal Exhibits: Includes children's favorites like Mutton Bustin', indoor Top Hogs pig trick shows, a daily petting farm, and the Raptor Events Avian Show.

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- **4-H & Public Competitions:** Showcases local youth and agricultural heritage, including the 4-H/FFA Swine Show, livestock auctions, open public culinary arts, and fiber arts contests.

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A Buyer's Summer?

Data shows we have more inventory in Aurora than we've seen in years, which means the Irrational Frenzy of the past is gone.

That's actually great news for both sellers and buyers who have a plan.

Pricing for Precision. Because inventory is up (over 10% YoY), your price has to be RIGHT from day one. Overpriced homes are sitting longer, while well-priced homes are still capturing that high-intent buyer pool. Multiple offers for those Sellers is still possible

Did you know? Citywide averages are a distraction. In the current Aurora market, your home's value is dictated by your specific neighborhood, not the city's median. While some areas are seeing prices adjust, others near key corridors or popular school zones remain resilient. Treating it as a specific local asset is how you ensure you don't leave money on the table.

Don't Forget That Your Homes CURB APPEAL Deserves a Tune Up

The Patio Refresh – A quick pressure wash of your deck or patio will make it feel like an extension of your living room on summer evenings

The Fresh Front Door – A new coat of paint on the front door works wonders. A new pot of annuals on your patio adds a dose of fresh air

Light it UP – In the summer solar path lights along your walkway or garden beds creates a warm, inviting glow that makes your home stand out

The market has shifted, but your wealth growth doesn't have to. Don't rely on generic online calculators. Get a custom Equity Roadmap that factors in your home's specific upgrades and local neighborhood trends.



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