

# ROCKY RIDGE

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## Spooky Tales And BOOquets Banner

Tues., October 14, 2025, 2 - 4 p.m.  
5430 South Biscay Circle, Aurora

Tweens, join Arapahoe Libraries during fall break to hear spine-tingling tales in the dark from traditional storyteller Rachel Ann Harding. Afterward, make bewitching “booquets” using flowers and candies. All supplies provided. To save your spot, visit [arapahoelibraries.org](http://arapahoelibraries.org) or call 303-LIBRARY (303-542-7279).

## Fall Into Fun

Sat., Oct. 25, 2025, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Aurora Municipal Center,  
15151 E. Alameda Parkway

Presented by the city of Aurora. This event will have live entertainment, food trucks, vendors, a large kids’ area, a variety of fall-themed activities and much more. Cost: Free

Entertainment Schedule:

- 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Darling Revival Trio (Fleetwood Mac Cover Band)
- 2:30 to 4 p.m., Joe Smith and the Spicy Pickles

Special Features: a pumpkin patch with pumpkin decorating kits, petting farm, food trucks, craft vendors, hay-bale maze, live music, train rides, inflatable axe-throwing, and new this year, a trunk or treat.

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## Treat Street

Oct. 18 - Oct. 19, 2025, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Event Center

25690 E. Quincy Avenue, Aurora

Come out to the Arapahoe County Scaregrounds Oct. 18 & 19 for a weekend of trick-or-treating and spooktacular family fun. Wear your favorite costume and head down Treat Street featuring 40+ indoor trick-or-treating stations. Enjoy costume contests, haunted maze, spooky sprints and other fun games and activities, live entertainment, adult beverages, food trucks, and more.

Admission: Presale tickets \$10 (2 and under FREE) and \$12 day of event and in-person

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## Fall Landscape Ideas For A Gorgeous Autumn Garden

### ADD FALL CONTAINER PLANTS

Lean into container plants featuring late-blooming flowers and succulents, like mums and stonecrop, as temperatures start to drop this fall. They’ll add so much color and interest to your porch, plus you can repot and move them inside when it gets too cold in the winter!

### PLANT TREES AND SHRUBS

Surprisingly, fall is a great time to plant evergreen and ornamental trees in your yard! In autumn, the weather and soil conditions can help trees develop a strong root system before the summer heat kicks in. If you’re looking for ever-

greens, go for boxwood, spruce, and pine trees. On the other hand, if you want to add stunning autumn hues to your yard, plant sugar maple, Japanese maple, dogwood, or redbud trees.

### CREATE A FALL COMPOST PILE

There’s no better time than fall to start a compost pile, especially with all that fallen foliage! Instead of throwing away those big piles of fall leaves after raking them, add them to a compost pile along with vegetal food scraps and twigs. By spring, you’ll have a nutrient-rich additive for your garden beds that’ll improve your soil quality!

### REFRESH YOUR YARD

Spring cleaning may be the norm, but fall is also a great time to refresh your yard or garden! The cooler months following summer are great for tidying up your yard before spring rolls around again. To start, get rid of unruly weeds and wilting annuals. Then, start patching up bare spots in your lawn with overseeding and fertilizer.

### START A POLLINATOR GARDEN

It’s never a bad time to plant flowers and shrubs to support the pollinator population in your yard. Add perennials that extend the season for bees and butterflies, such as black-eyed Susan, autumn-blooming sedums, asters, and Shasta daisies.

### CREATE AN OUTDOOR DINING SPACE

If you never got around to it during the hot summer months, autumn is a great time to create an outdoor oasis. A small table and chairs are all you need for evening meals al fresco.

### ADD DECORATIVE ACCENTS

A simple obelisk or trellis can be a focal point in the garden, long after the first frost. Place it where it’s visible from indoors so you have something of interest to see in the winter garden. Bonus: Add lights to it for the holidays!



## Fall Landscape, *continued from front page*

### CREATE COZY SEATING AREAS

Fall is a great time to sit and enjoy the cooler weather and the stunning panorama of colors. Create a cozy seating area by placing Adirondack chairs or a simple wicker chair where you can soak up nature's beauty. Oh, and don't forget the cozy blanket!

### DECORATE WITH PUMPKINS

This might seem obvious, but decorating with pumpkins is one of the easiest ways to get your home ready for fall. Add different color pumpkins, including orange, white, and green, throughout the yard and on the front porch.

### PLANT BULBS FOR SPRING

It might seem like an exercise in delayed gratification (and it is!), but it's a good idea to start planting spring-blooming bulbs right now. Many flowers such as daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths must be planted in the fall for blooms next spring. Trust us: You'll be so happy and grateful when you see your flowers pop up after a long winter.

### ADD EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Adding a few outdoor lighting options will make the long, dark days of winter a little brighter. Update exterior lights and add lighting along walkways. Even a solar-powered LED lantern or string lights on the patio can make a seating area feel more intimate and special during fall gatherings.

### BRING IN COLD-SENSITIVE PLANTS

There's no point in allowing all your plants to die back in the first frost. Bring in plants that can be enjoyed as houseplants (dig them up and put them in pots). Plants to consider include rosemary, begonias, hibiscus, and succulents. Also, in cold climates, don't forget to dig up tender bulbs such as dahlias and gladioli after the first frost to save for planting next spring.

## DYAO Presents: Fortissimo Fall Benefit Concert

October 19, 2025

Stanley Marketplace, 2501 Dallas Street, Aurora

Enjoy captivating solo and small group performances by talented DYAO members and local musicians. Dive into the festive spirit with a pumpkin painting contest, carnival games, delicious food, and exciting prizes to be won. This event is more than just fun—it's a wonderful opportunity to support scholarships for young musicians. Bring your friends and family for a day of music, creativity, and community!

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## Kid's Fall Vendor Market

October 25, 2025

High Prairie Park, E. 59th Place and N. Orleans St., Aurora

Admission: Free. Kids get an exciting opportunity to be vendors as part of this Fall Festival! Registration is required to participate and includes entrepreneur information for kids to learn to be successful, a t-shirt and story book. Our Kid's Markets partner with other events to ensure that kids have many patrons to support them. Our markets typically have about 50 other families participate. This Harvest Fest will have plenty to do for the whole family.

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## Fall Clean-up To Prevent Disease

Fall garden clean-up is an important step to help prevent disease and insect problems next spring. Some organisms (like pathogens and insect eggs) overwinter on plant vegetation.

After a hard freeze, remove plants such as tomato and pepper plants, squash and cucumber vines, and dig potato tubers. Pick up and dispose of fallen apples.

Powdery mildew is generally prevalent on vegetables and herbaceous plants most seasons. Cut back and throw away these plants to reduce infection next spring. If there was pronounced black spot damage on roses, rake and throw away leaves.

It is suggested that infested plants not be composted. Home compost bins rarely reach temperatures that would kill disease (140 degrees F). Instead, throw plants in the trash.

Rake or mulch leaves on the lawn. A thick layer of leaves acts like insulation and can encourage diseases like snow molds.

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# 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 budget, make payroll, and grow a business.

### 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.

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### Development

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### Revitalizing Neighborhoods

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



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-Dre Lane, Aurora Resident

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*I have been younger in October than in all the months of spring.*  
-W.S. Merwin

## Youth Confidence Day: October 20th

Building a framework of positive role models is vital to developing responsible, confident young adults. Incidentally, National Youth Confidence Day encourages us to connect and inspire today's youth for tomorrow's success. This Day celebrates the energy, spirit and potential of young people. The day is an acknowledgment of all they will accomplish, respectively. Guidance, leadership and mentors will help light the path, indeed. In addition, today's youth will navigate the obstacles that will inevitably lay before them.

## Iced Pumpkin Cookies

### INGREDIENTS:

#### Cookies:

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Icing:

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease two cookie sheets.
2. To make the cookies: Combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, cloves, and salt in a medium bowl.
3. Cream together sugar and butter in a mixing bowl until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add pumpkin, egg, and vanilla; beat until creamy. Mix in flour mixture until combined.
4. Drop tablespoonfuls of dough onto the prepared cookie sheets; flatten slightly.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until centers are set, 15 to 20 minutes, switching racks halfway through. Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes.
6. Meanwhile, make the icing: Stir together confectioners' sugar, milk, butter, and vanilla in a bowl until smooth. Add milk as needed, to achieve drizzling consistency. Drizzle icing over cooled cookies with a fork.

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