

Cherrywood Village



The 120th Annual Arapahoe County Fair

Thursday, July 23 – 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 & Attractions Carnival & Midway:

- Features unlimited access to carnival rides, daily fair games, and 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.
- 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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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.

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Dinosaur Ridge: Morrison, CO

A perfect place for kids and history enthusiasts alike, Dinosaur Ridge is one of the premier places to see and learn about dinosaur fossils and footprints. Home to the original sites of some of the most famous dinosaurs like Stegosaurus, Dinosaur Ridge is full of interactive exhibits and activities that make it a great stop for families.

All visitors should be sure to take a tour of the park. Guided bus tours, as well as guided walking tours, are available. As a bonus, all tour tickets include access to Trek Through Time, an indoor, hands-on museum at the visitor center.

The visitor center also hosts a digging area for children to dig up model dinosaur bones and fossils. Guests can also find the gift shop in the same area. Be sure to check out the trails at Dino Ridge as well.

Dinosaur Ridge Trail is two miles round-trip and includes countless opportunities to spot dinosaur tracks. There are a number of interpretive signs along the way to point out tracks and describe the history of the area.

Tiny Town: Conifer, CO

A truly unique attraction, Tiny Town is a collection of over one hundred homemade miniature buildings forming a small mountain town. The buildings are built at a 1/6 scale, so children and adults feel like giants while wandering through the town. Besides the buildings, there is also a 15 in. gauge miniature railroad that visitors can ride throughout the park. The track is just over half a mile in length, and a trip on one of the steam-powered trains grants visitors exclusive access to parts of Tiny Town that can't be seen from the sidewalk.

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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.

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>

Be Someone Day

On July 21, National Be Someone Day challenges each of us to take ten seconds to make a difference in a child's life.

What can you do in ten seconds? We can shift gears or water a plant. We can hear or tell a bad joke. In ten seconds, we can change our minds, and after doing so, say a prayer of thanks. When we walk into a room, in that time, we can register the pain in someone's eyes and begin to provide comfort. We can praise and honor someone who deserves it.

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Littleton Museum Summer Concert Series

Wednesdays in July, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Littleton Museum Front Lawn, Open lawn seating (first come, first served)

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome you to the museum front lawn for our free Summer Concert Series!

CONCERT LINEUP

- Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – No Concert (We skip the week of Independence Day)
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026: Slopeside: Alternative Rock, Pop, with a mix of Blues and Country flavor.
- Wednesday, July 15, 2026: The ThreadBarons: Combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- Wednesday, July 22, 2026: Dakota Blonde: Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/songwriter, and sometimes even Celtic.

FOOD & DRINK

- Bring your own picnic and enjoy the lawn!
- Delivery allowed – use 6028 S Gallup St as the address.
- Note: Alcohol is not permitted on city property.

SHADE & SEATING

- No large pop-up tents, please.
- If using an umbrella, sit toward the back to avoid blocking views.

PETS

- Well-controlled pets on short leashes are welcome.

KIDS' DANCE ZONE

- Located to the left of the stage (as you face it).
- A fun, safe space for little ones to dance & move freely.

WEATHER POLICY

- Concerts continue in light rain.
- Severe weather warnings, hail forecasts, lightning, or heavy storms may delay or cancel the show.

PARKING

- Parking is available in the Littleton Museum lot, at the Bemis Library across the street, and along nearby residential streets.
- Please avoid parking in areas marked "No Parking."

ACCESSIBILITY

- Please note that the music is loud near the stage, to be clearly audible for audience members sitting further back.
- Ask the staff member at the bathroom door entrance if you would like to check out a Sensory Needs Backpack. These are free and on a first-come, first-served basis. An ID is required as a deposit. Backpacks are available for both children and adults, and include sunglasses, fidget toys, communication cards, weighted lap pads, and noise-reducing headphones.

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

SOUTH DENVER METRO MARKET UPDATE



The May South Metro Denver real estate stats are out, and it's looking like the market is staying pretty stable as the year progresses. Closed listings are down 2.7% from May 2025, and more importantly, active listings are down 8.2% compared to this time last year. That should be a windfall for sellers, BUT.....rates have crept up, keeping more buyers out of the market, and causing buyers who are going forward to be very picky about the houses they are buying. That means that homes that are totally and recently updated are selling quickly and at high prices. However, homes that need work are staying on the market longer because buyers don't have the extra reserves to tackle an older HVAC system, let alone money to remodel a dated kitchen. So even though we have lower inventory, homes are staying on the market slightly longer than last year because we have fewer buyers willing or able to go forward due the rates, the economy, and overall financial confidence.

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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.



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Address	Sold Date	Original List Price	Sold Price	Beds	Baths	Ttl Sq. Ft.
7641 S Wellington Street	2/26/26	\$669,000.00	\$692,000.00	4	3	2,660
7885 S Gaylord Way	2/6/26	\$675,000.00	\$685,000.00	5	3	2,288
7841 S Franklin Way	4/17/26	\$675,000.00	\$659,500.00	4	3	2,907
1651 E Kettle Avenue	6/4/26	\$695,000.00	\$650,000.00	3	3	2,528
1916 E Mineral Avenue	3/20/26	\$550,000.00	\$567,000.00	5	3	2,564
2096 E Mineral Avenue	2/12/26	\$539,000.00	\$530,000.00	3	3	2,288
7671 S Kit Carson Drive	Off market	\$515,000.00	\$515,000.00	4	2	2,288

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Average Closed Price:\$614,071

of Homes Sold so far this year: 7

Average Days on Market:13

Average % of Sold Price to List Price:99%

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Kyla Hammond is a top producing Realtor in South Suburban Denver. She is ranked as the #7 agent out of 750 agents at Your Castle Real Estate and ranks in the top 5% of all agents in the Denver area. She has won numerous awards for her work and provides outstanding service for her buyers and sellers. Give her a call anytime!

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~ Erica, Centennial, 2026



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