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Board Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting of Wednesday, November 29, 2024 will be posted in the Community Portal and will also be placed in the January, 2024 Edition of the Honker.

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Holiday Concert

The Littleton Symphony is having a Holiday Concert. The assistant conductor, Héctor Jardón, will lead the Symphony in Stokowski's arrangement of traditional Slavic Christmas music, John Williams' Three Songs from Home Alone with the Front Range Christian School's Honors Choir, and more great Christmas music. (Yes, we'll be playing Sleigh Ride!)

The performance will be at the Littleton United Methodist Church, 5894 S. Datura St., Littleton on December 1, 2023 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults. Senior discounts are available.

*Remember this December,
that love weighs more than gold.
– Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon*

Annual Meeting/ Board Meeting

Wed., Nov. 29, 2023, 6:30 pm
At the Clubhouse.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Next Virtual Maintenance Board Meeting

Wed., Dec. 6th, 2023, 6:00 pm

Join the zoom meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84408857200> or
dial-in at +17193594580, 84408857200#

Maintenance Association Updates

Roads:

- Arapahoe County has approved the road replacement project without drainage improvements.
- November/December: Maintenance Board will be soliciting contractor bids
- January / February: Project socialization including financial implications with the community and LPS
- Late February / Early March: Community vote, the project cannot proceed without an affirmative vote
- March: Finalize/obtain financing
- Start road reconstruction as weather allows

Water:

- The Maintenance Board requested that Denver Water replaces the 8" valve in the master meter pit (est. replace cost of \$8-10K). Denver Water is considering our request and will advise within the next few weeks. We will be communicating the repair schedule once it is determined.
- We have applied for a \$25,000 grant from the State to replace water meters on R2 houses
- New State regulations require 100% material inventory of water service lines entering each home/property by October 2024. We have applied and

will receive free technical assistance to address this requirement. What does this mean for you? The technical team may request information about your property and/or request access to confirm service line material. More information will be forthcoming.



On The Wild Side 12/23 When Counting Counts!

It's that time of year again. While the Christmas season brings gatherings, gifts and joy to many, for birders, it means it's time to count! Every year at Christmas, bird enthusiasts from around North America (and areas of Central and South America) gather together, divide themselves up into groups, and go out into the world to count the number of birds of each species that they can find.

Before the turn of the 20th century, a game was created in which hunters would divide themselves into teams on Christmas Day with the goal to kill as many birds as possible. The team with the highest number of kills won. Thankfully, in 1900, an ornithologist named Frank Chapman came up with the idea of counting the birds instead of killing them and, amazingly, he was able to convince hunters to make the change!

More than a hundred years later, the tradition is stronger than ever and the information from the counts has led to protection and preservation of birds around the western hemisphere. The data obtained is sent to the National

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Parking Rules To Be Enforced Starting In 2024:

- All vehicles parked on Association property for more than 3 days in any 30-day period are required to display a carport parking permit, a guest lot temporary parking permit or a red tag parking permit in the front windshield.
- All vehicles parked in the guest parking areas for more than 3 days in a 30-day period are required to display a valid guest lot temporary parking permit or a valid 2024 red tag parking permit in the front windshield.
- Occupants are not guaranteed parking for more than 2 operable motor vehicles or for their oversized vehicle - reach out to the Clubhouse Manager at columbinelakesclubhouse@gmail.com for a Red Tag application available by first come first serve.
- Only red tag parking permit holders may park in red tag spots with a valid permit displayed in the front windshield (this includes overnight).
- Cars may park in handicap spots with handicap placard displayed.
- If more than 3 days in any 30-day period, cars may park in handicap spots with valid resident permit or guest permit displayed and handicap placard displayed.
- No overnight parking of commercial vehicles unless in a red tag spot with a valid red tag permit displayed.
- No parking is allowed in the snow removal storage designated parking areas from November 1 until March 31.
- Clubhouse parking permitted for 72 hours with valid guest permit displayed.

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Clubhouse Manager Hours:

Wednesday (1st and 3rd Wed. of each month): 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesday (2nd and 4th Wed. of each month): 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Manager schedule changes, if necessary, will be posted on the Clubhouse Door.

Please contact the Clubhouse for: Party Room Reservations, Clubhouse Keys/Fobs, Red/Blue Parking Tags, ACC Change Request Forms and miscellaneous questions.

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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 23rd of the month. To submit an article please e-mail it to columbinelakesclubhouse@gmail.com. Articles are printed on a space-available basis. No endorsement of any product or service is implied/stated by its inclusion in the newsletter.

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**Trail of Lights
 Chatfield Farms**

Now – Jan. 1, various evenings, 5-8:30 p.m. (closed Dec. 25). Tucked into the foothills under the dark sky, the glow of lights can be seen for miles. Just under a mile of walking trail, the illumination of cottonwoods, boxelders and pine trees line the pathway through the Green Farm, Crossroads, Deer Creek Discovery Children's Play Area and 1880s Hildebrand Ranch homestead. There is the option of an alternative path for those who want to take a shorter stroll.

**An Extravaganza
 of Lights at Hudson Gardens**

Now–Dec. 31, 2023 Walk through a winter wonderland of thousands of outdoor lights in Littleton. Explore the trails, where bursts of light and color wrap around trees and shimmer on bodies of water.

Wild Side, *continued from front page*

Audubon Society where it is documented for its historic and ornithological values.

Important trends in the types and numbers of birds are monitored and the data is a priceless font of knowledge. Are birds trending north of their normal range? What is the effect of climate change on bird populations. The Christmas bird count is a tradition that has proven to play a vital role in ornithological studies. The counts are done on days around the actual holiday. We are included in the Denver count which is on Saturday, December 16th. If you're interested in helping me with this year's count, you can contact me at fiddlenurs@aol.com.

— Thanks, Deb Carstensen



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Admission (skate rental included): \$10 (\$8 for kids 12 and under; seniors and children two and under skate free) or \$6 if you bring your own skates. Park in the lot at Teller Street and West Virginia Avenue. Even in the daytime, the Rink at Belmar can get plenty of shade, so make sure you check the weather and bundle up. Extreme weather may close the rink, so check online or call ahead to make sure the rink is open as planned. Outdoor heaters and fire pits help friends or parents stay toasty.

SKATING IN THE SQUARE, ARVADA

Admission (skate rental included): \$10 (\$7 for kids 12 and under). Take the G Line to Olde Town Arvada, and you'll find a cozy little skating rink in the square on 57th Avenue, between the library and the pedestrian mall. Pick up your skates at the nearby shed and take to the (synthetic) ice.

PARKER ICE TRAIL, PARKER

Admission: \$9 (\$7 for kids 10 and under). **Skate rental:** \$4. The ice circles a center grassy area and is fenced in on both the inside and outside, offering more space for beginners to hold on as they get accustomed to the ice. Located at the edge of downtown Parker in Discovery Park (behind the library), the ice trail offers concessions, skating aids for new skaters, and a handful of fire pits and seating for spectators to keep warm.

DOWNTOWN DENVER RINK, DENVER

Admission: Free. **Skate rental:** \$11 (\$9 for kids 12 and under; fourth graders skate free). The downtown rink sits in Skyline Park, in the shadow of the Daniels & Fisher clocktower between the 16th Street Mall and 17th on Arapahoe Street. Open late on holidays and weekends, the rink offers concessions and locker storage for your belongings. Fourth graders skate free, and double-bladed skates are available in children sizes.

EVERGREEN LAKE, EVERGREEN

Admission: \$14 (children four and under skate free); \$20 with skate rental included. **Skate rental:** \$10. Winning the prize for best views while skating, Evergreen Lake is open throughout the winter as weather permits. Learn to Skate classes are available for children, and athletes can sign up for hockey and broomball online. Regulars or families can purchase 10-punch skate cards for \$120 (\$30 savings). Park at Evergreen Lake House or take the shuttle from Stagecoach Park lower parking lot on weekends and holidays.



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