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## Prepare For The Full Pink Moon!

You can see the full Moon in April on Tuesday, April 23. It reaches its brightest point at 7:49 p.m. Traditionally, we call this Moon the Pink Moon, and it symbolizes the beginning of spring. Here's everything you should know about the April Full Moon, including facts, folklore, and Moon phase dates.

### When to See the Full Moon in April 2024:

Venture outside on the night of Tuesday, April 23, to catch a glimpse of April's full Pink Moon. This full Moon reaches peak illumination at 7:49 p.m.

For the best view of this lovely spring Moon, find an open area and watch as the Moon rises just above the horizon, at which point it will appear its biggest and take on a golden hue!

### Why Is It Called The Pink Moon?

The full Moon names used by The Old Farmer's Almanac come from a number of places, including Native American, Colonial American, and European sources. Traditionally, each full Moon name was applied to the entire lunar month in which it occurred, not only to the full Moon.

### Is The Pink Moon Really Pink?

Although we wish this name had to do with the color of the Moon, the reality is not quite as mystical or awe-inspiring. In truth, April's full Moon often corresponded with the early springtime blooms of a certain wildflower native to eastern North America: Phlox subulata—commonly called creeping phlox or moss phlox—which also went by the name “moss pink.”

– <https://www.almanac.com/content/full-moon-april>

## 5 Things To Do For Earth Day

Earth Day is a global celebration of planet Earth, the place we all call home. All month long, there are opportunities to connect with nature, get outdoors, and protect the planet for future generations to come.

### Get The Whole Family Outside

One mom shares why treks with tykes are worth it - how it teaches children the value of nature and, eventually, why to defend it. Whether it's a short walk or a challenging hike, here are our pro tips for getting outside with young kids.

### Donate to Protect Public Lands

Public lands provide a home for wildlife, protect against climate change, and give us a way to enjoy nature. Yet we are losing precious public lands to fossil fuel exploitation and unchecked development.

### Connect With The Next Generation

Share your love for National Parks with our free coloring pages. Children can bring their own perspective to Carlsbad Caverns, Yosemite, Acadia, and more. Get creative, unwind and play, and bring America's natural treasures to life in a whole new way.

### Attend a Local Earth Day Event

Celebrate Earth Day with your community. All throughout Earth Month, you'll find Sierra Club events across the country - and even online. Join a local hike, volunteer in a neighborhood clean-up, or attend a rally.

### Take Action to Fight Climate Change

Rising global temperatures and extreme weather events are telling us loud and clear: We must act now to save our home, our world.

–<https://www.sierraclub.org>



## Watch the Rockies at Coors Field

Nothing says warm weather like baseball on a sunny day. What better place to watch a game than Coors Field in downtown Denver with a grand view of the mountains in the distance? The Rockies season runs from early April through early October, and maybe longer, pending a playoff run.

Opening day for the Colorado Rockies will be held on Friday, April 5th, 2024 as they take on the Tampa Bay Rays. There are plenty of festivities to celebrate the return of baseball. Coors Light will be set up in McGregor Square with activities for the whole family, the Broncos quarterback will throw a ceremonial first pitch, and there will be a flyover by the Air National Guard. Don't miss this exciting day!

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## Taste Test Colorado Wine

Wineries have proven to be a prime spot to enjoy the spring weather while supporting locally-owned businesses. Colorado has a plethora of options to explore and wine events throughout the warmer months, and April kicks off the festivities.

### TASTE OF VAIL, VAIL VILLAGE

Expect to eat well at the resort's early spring get-together, Taste Of Vail. Combine a day of fine food and wine, and even skiing or snowboarding if you can manage. Sounds terrific! Thirty or so of the top chefs from the Vail Valley showcase their stellar fare. Wash it down with choices from over 50 winemakers from around the country. Make sure your palate is ready for the annual Taste of Vail happening this April. The festival is dubbed one of the best spring food and wine-tasting events in the country, which is why you shouldn't skip this exciting gathering.

When: Wednesday - Saturday, April 3rd - 6th, 2024

### BARREL INTO SPRING, PALISADE

Barrel Into Spring is the perfect way to welcome the warm weather and enjoy local wineries, held in late April and early May. Participants will pick up a tasting glass and event "passport" to guide them through the weekend. This is a self-paced tour, so you can explore the 7 wineries throughout Grand Valley at your leisure.

When: April 19-20 and May 10-11, 2024

### DURANGO WINE EXPERIENCE, DURANGO

End the month with the Durango Wine Experience, held on the last weekend in April. Friday features a "walk-about" style of tasting, with multiple locations in downtown Durango offering their selections of wine. Saturday is the grand tasting where you'll find numerous wineries and hundreds of unique wines lining the streets to showcase their craft. There will also be seminars held all weekend so you can channel your inner sommelier.

When: Friday-Saturday, April 27-28, 2024

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## Happenings At Hudson Gardens

Hudson Gardens has several trunk shows scheduled in the gift shop that will feature unique art and gift items and will showcase local artists. You won't want to miss these events, so mark your calendars!

- **April 27 & 28, 10:00 – 3:00:** Nature Inspired Watercolor Cards
- **May 4 & 5, 9:00 - 4:00:** Original Mixed Media Art

Admission to the gift shop and to tour the gardens is always free so come on by and check out the gift shop, support local artists and enjoy a stroll through the grounds. Hudson Gardens is located at 6115 South Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120 and there's plenty of free parking.

If you have questions, you can reach out to Sandra Bantle, the manager of the gift shop, at 720-863-8609.

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## Zoo Lovers Day

Each year on April 8th, National Zoo Lovers Day encourages us to explore our local zoos. Each year millions of people visit zoos and learn about the many animals that live there. Also known as zoological parks, many of them serve as breeding centers. These facilities are relied upon when species are endangered or at risk of becoming endangered. They also provide education to the public about a broad variety of animals and their habitats.

## Siblings Day

National Siblings Day (also referred to as Sibling Day) on April 10th each year honors our brothers and sisters. Siblings. They are our best friends or our worst enemies. At times, siblings will provide us with our biggest competition, strongest encouragement and remind us of our most embarrassing moments.

*Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.*

*-Bishop Reginald Heber*

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Spring is Here and it is consistently year over year or decade over decade the Best time to Sell a house. The weather is improving and Buyers are actively looking to move before summer hits. The return on investment is the highest this time of year as well. Once June 15th hits the market historically begins to slow down, prices stagnate and even drop some throughout the rest of the year.

Contact me with questions regarding your home's value, the Selling process, what updates you should consider or any issues you are having with your property. I am here to help my neighbors!

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## Teach The Children To Save Day

Each year on the fourth Thursday in April, National Teach Children to Save Day encourages children to develop good saving habits. Bankers across the country volunteer every year to teach children to save. Developing these habits at a young age creates a foundation for a lifetime of saving. Involving our children with a savings plan, and money management skills prepare them for a solid future. Parents should teach children about financial matters so that when they head out into the world they avoid pitfalls that can be financially devastating. With an early start on saving and an understanding of budgeting their money, children will have solid habits as they head into adulthood.

## Top Decluttering Tips For Inside Your Home

One of the most essential facets of spring cleaning is decluttering. Over the winter, most families neglect decluttering because it's cold, wet, or otherwise unpleasant outside. For many, however, clutter is as bad, or worse, than an unclean home. Below are some excellent tips to declutter and keep your home clutter-free.

- Start small. Choose a single bedroom or other room in the house rather than trying to declutter your entire home all at once.
- Sort things into 3 piles; "Keep", "Donate", and "Throw Away". Then, use those piles accordingly.
- Use a timer. That way, you don't waste a day trying to declutter a single area.
- Use the "one in, one out" rule. For each new item you bring into your home, eliminate an old one.
- Digitize your essential files, documents, and paperwork. Use a scanner to store them digitally on a device you keep in a safe place. (It takes up much less space than tons of paper.)

Remember that decluttering is about getting rid of things and keeping your home as organized and clutter-free as possible.

–<https://www.istorage.com/blog/ultimate-spring-cleaning-guide/>

## Spring is Here - What's Happening in Real Estate?

Prices are up substantially from the week before and well over 2022 and 2023. This is surprising as buyer activity has been modest compared to expectations. The hyper-local market conditions are driving tremendous activity not seen for two years on SOME homes. Those particular homes are somewhat unpredictable, but for certain these are the things that gain a Buyers interest:

- **Value in Price**
- **Impeccable Condition**
- **Newer Updates - Kitchens and Baths**
- **Move-in -Ready**
- **Staging**

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