Calendar of Events

Annual July 4th Neighborhood Parade & Party



Taco Truck Visiting SouthPark

Watch for the Taco truck in the lower lot throughout the summer. As times and dates that the truck will be serving food are finalized, AMI will send an email to the community.

National 7-Eleven Day

On July 11th, one convenience chain celebrates with specials on National 7-Eleven Day! Conveniently scheduled on 7-11 of each year, the day often features one of their signature items, the Slurpee. The day focuses on franchise customers. The chain offers discounts and often free Slurpees in their many flavors. Since July is known for its summer heat, the icy cold beverage is a popular choice for cooling off all summer long.

Next Board & ACC Meeting

July 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. All residents welcome! **July 2024**

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Join Neighbors at July 4th Celebration

Residents who live in SouthPark I are welcome to join neighbors at one of SouthPark's most time-honored traditions - the 4th of July celebration! The day's festivities include:

9:00 a.m. - Neighborhood Parade led by South Metro Fire Engine

Please arrive at the Clubhouse by 8:50 a.m. with decorated bikes, scooters, floats, dogs, etc. Fun prizes and treats for kids of all ages; SouthPark youth will run the show!

12:00 p.m. - FREE catered BBQ Meal by Cubs BBQ for HOA Residents

Residents who made a reservation for the catered BBQ meal and who have yet to pick up their wristbands can do so on Thursday, July 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the picnic table outside of the pool area. Guests are welcome and cost \$5 each, which can be paid at the time of wristband pick up. Residents must be current with HOA dues and show an I.D. with a SouthPark address when picking up wristbands. Drinks will not be provided this year, so residents should bring their own.

2:00 p.m. - Pool Games

Games, relays, diving contests and more fun; prizes for winning participants!

Thanks to our amazing Board of Directors and our community of volunteers this celebration continues to be a success every year! The Social Committee appreciates your help! Questions? Please contact: Tracy Cass at 720-272-1563 or cass185@comcast.net.

Volunteers and Items Still Needed For July 4th Party



The Social Committee relies heavily on volunteers to make the annual July 4 neighborhood party a success. Please scan the QR code to go to a sign up genius and volunteer your time and/or donate an item. There are a lot of needs – both big and small – we hope you will consider at least one!

— Social Committee

Littleton City Manager To Speak With Residents On July 22

The Board would like to thank Littleton City Manager, Jim Becklenberg, for volunteering his time to speak with the SouthPark 1 community in July! He will be at the Clubhouse on Monday, July 22, at 7:00 p.m. to address questions from the community. The Board also requested a representative from Littleton Police Department to attend as well.

National Be Someone Day

On July 21st, 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.

Trash & Recycling

Trash pickup is on Monday. Recycling pickup is every other Monday. All recycling



dates are posted on the SouthPark website. Recycling is included in your trash pickup at no additional cost. Please use the recycling bin provided by Waste Connections. Mixing paper, plastic, metal, etc. is allowed. Don't use plastic bags. For questions regarding your trash or recycling service, please contact

Waste Connections at 303-791-3827 or www.wcdenver.com.

Recycling Dates: Townhomes: July 5, 18

Single-family homes: July 6, 19

SouthPark Online Resources

Please visit www.southparkhoa.com for community news, contacts, recreation and clubhouse information, neighborhood events, vendor directory, and more. To pay HOA dues, view financials and board minutes, and manage ACC requests, please visit www.amihoa.com.



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MAY 4 - OCT 26

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Sundays HIGHLANDS RANCH

MAY 5 - OCT 27

HR Town Center 9288 Dorchester St. 10am-2pm or Sellout

Saturdays LAKEWOOD

JUN 15 - SEP 28

Mile Hi Church Alameda & Garrison 10am-2pm or Sellout

Wednesdays

JUN 19 - SEP 25

Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Dr. 10am-2pm or Sellout

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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 20th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to the editor at **editor@southparkhoa.com**. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

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News From The Board

Committee reports from the June HOA Board meeting included:

Recreation: Courts — The courts continue to see plenty of use. The Board would like to thank residents for using the reservation system. The lock on the gate is working again; please close the gate in order to keep out those who shouldn't be using the courts. At the June meeting the board approved purchasing a bench for the courts so that those watching tennis and pickleball can have a place to sit between games.

Recreation: Pool – The pool is replastered and open, and residents are back to enjoying hot days in the sun! Getting the pool's surface updated was the largest portion of reserve expenditures for 2024. The Board hopes residents enjoy this upgraded amenity! Please pick up after yourselves, especially items that will wind up in lost and found. The bin is seeing more items daily, so much so that we'll be emptying it every other week instead of monthly as in the past. Goggles, towels, shirts and more are filling lost and found so please claim your items before they get taken to the curb! Parts are on order for the diving board; hopefully it will be available for use in July.

Grounds – JBK has been busy with turf and irrigation. Bailey will be out in early July for ash borer treatments and other clean up. Camco has finished the seal coating of alleys in townhomes and concrete repairs.

The dog bag stations continue to see plenty of use. Thank you to those who are picking up after their pets and allowing our grounds to stay nice. Please keep up the good work – your neighbors thank you!



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Continuing business – The attorneys are making final revisions to the governing documents as recommended by the Board - the documents should be posted online soon. Watch for emails from AMI regarding where to view the proposed documents, which will be available for resident comments.

Did You Know...

- Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.
- Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on Independence Day, July 4, 1826.
- In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a federal legal holiday.
- The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it. Later that year, five more signed separately, and one added his name in a later year. Thomas McKean was the last to sign in January 1777.
- The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson was a meat packer who provided meat to the US Army. The meat shipments were stamped with the initials, U.S. Someone joked that the initials stood for "Uncle Sam." This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States government.
- Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson served on the committee that picked the eagle for the national seal. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey!

-https://www.nashvillesmls.com



South Suburban Parks & Recreation Events

Visit ssprd.org for the latest events and news from South Suburban Parks & Recreation.

Board of Directors Selects Lone Tree Resident Cathie Frazzini To Fill Vacant Seat

The South Suburban Board of Directors appointed Lone Tree resident Cathie Frazzini to fill the vacant board seat at its May 22 special business meeting. Frazzini will serve the remainder of the vacant term (May 2025), due to the resignation of Susan Pye. Frazzini was sworn in on June 12, and joins current board members Pete Barrett, Pam Eller, Keith Gardner and Ken Lucas. Learn more at www.ssprd.org/News-And-Events/Post/20308.

Jammin' July Fitness Class Challenge

Get a Jammin' July card from the front desk of any South Suburban recreation center or from a fitness staff member. Once you fill all of the boxes on the card by completing five fitness classes or personal training sessions, return your card to the front desk to be entered to win prizes! Learn more at register.ssprd.org.

Splash Pass

Dive into summer with a Splash Pass! Enjoy unlimited admission to Harlow, Holly, Franklin and Cook Creek pools all summer long for an affordable price. Passes are available for purchase online or at any of the South Suburban pools and recreation centers.

Fall Catalog: Online Registration Opens Soon

The South Suburban Fall 2024 Catalog will go live on July 16, and the printed version will hit homes starting the third week of July. View and register for all programs at register.ssprd.org.

Ketring-Gallup Park Master Plan Update

The City of Littleton's Preliminary Master Plan for Ketring-Gallup Park is now available for public review and comment. Learn more about the community-driven design and share your thoughts in a new survey. Learn more at www.surveymonkey.com/r/kgpmps4.





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Upcoming Events

SUMMER BEATS CONCERT SERIES

Tuesday, June, 18 6-8 pm Tuesday, July, 16 6-8 pm

Bring your lawn chairs and get ready to jam at the free RidgeGate Summer Beats concerts at Prairie Sky Park! Food trucks and activities start at 5 pm, and music starts at 6 pm. Learn more here

MUSIC ON THE PATIO

The Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel and the South Suburban Golf Course host weekend Music on the Patio during the summer. Enjoy music from popular local bands along with food and beverage specials all summer long. These events are free, but space is limited. Tables available on a first-come, first-served basis. Learn more at www.ssprd.org/News-And-Events/Post/20288.

TRYATHLONS

Goodson: Sunday, June 23 Cook Creek: Saturday, July 27

Swim, bike, run for fun! This is the perfect starting point to try a tri. These events are designed for those interested in a recreational/beginning triathlon experience regardless of athletic ability. Learn more at **register.ssprd.org**.

YOGA IN THE PARK

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday, July 30, 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us, in partnership with RidgeGate, for free Yoga in the Park. Come enjoy the outdoors and get your zen on! Class may be canceled or rescheduled in the event of significant rain or lightning. No registration required, but please RSVP at **register.ssprd.org** to receive updates in case of inclement weather

RED, WHITE, AND ROCK! AT HUDSON GARDENS Wednesday, July 3

Get ready to rock at Hudson Gardens! This exciting event will feature live music from Neil Diamond cover band Super Diamond, food trucks and a fireworks show. Learn more and purchase tickets at www.tixr.com/groups/hudsongardens/events/red-white-rock--100436.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Thursday, July 4

Join us for the annual Independence Day Celebration at Cornerstone and Belleview Parks! This park party will go from 5-10 pm, with food trucks, local vendors and a fireworks show at 9:15 pm.



Summer Concert Series

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to be able to welcome you and your families back to the museum front lawn for the 2024 Summer Concert Series. The concert series is free, with open lawn seating on a first come, first serve basis. Concerts take place on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m

- The ThreadBarons, Wednesday, July 10, 2024
- Chris Thompson & Friends, Wednesday, July 17, 2024
- Delta Sonics Wednesday, July 24, 2024
- Dakota Blonde, Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Food Truck: Mike's Coneys: Food truck serving Michiganstyle coney dogs.

Guests are welcome to bring their own food as well.

Shade: Please don't bring large pop-up tents. If you bring an umbrella for shade, please sit toward the back so you don't block the view of others.

Pets: Well-controlled pets on short leashes are welcome.

Kids' Dance Zone: The Kids' Dance Zone is to the left of the stage (as you face the stage). It's a great spot to get those wiggles out and for kids to dance with their tall grown-ups without blocking views of the stage.

Bad Weather: The show goes on in the rain. In the event of extreme temperatures, strong wind, downpours, severe weather warnings, and/or close lightning the Museum may cancel or delay a show for a short time. If a show is canceled, the Museum will post an announcement on the Museum's Facebook page immediately. If there's no post on Facebook, the show is still on!

-https://www.museum.littletonco.gov



Little Jam At Stern Park

Get ready to groove this summer at free Little Jam concerts at Sterne Park! Sing and dance along with some of Colorado's best bands from the comfort of your own blanket or lawn chair. All ages are welcome! Food trucks, craft beer, wine, and bottled water will be available for sale.

- July 13 That Eighties Band | 1980 Tribute Band
- August 10 The Long Run | Eagles Tribute Band
- **September 14** Fat Bottom Boys | Queen Tribute Band All Little Jam concerts start at 5:30 p.m. on the south lawn of Sterne Park, Outside alcohol is not allowed in the park.

-https://visitlittleton.org/event/little-jam-2024-1/

Film On The Rocks 2024

Film on the Rocks is back for its 25th season with five events throughout the summer! Each film is preceded by live entertainment to kick off the evening. Film on the Rocks is a collaborative production of Denver Film and Denver Arts & Venues. Open Captions provided for all films in the series.

Price per ticket: \$20

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm,

Entertainment starts at 7:00 pm, Film starts at dusk

SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 8: The Wizard of Oz

Monday, July 15: Deadpool

Monday, August 19: Mad Max: Fury Road

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Colorado Gardening Calendar

Spring sprang and now midsummer heat has descended. The major gardening tasks are in the rearview mirror, but that doesn't mean that there aren't some things left to do, irrespective of the summer temperatures!

Our keywords for July are observation, assessment, and maintenance. Focus on these tasks for continued garden success.

WATERING: Typically the monsoon kicks in around mid-July, so smart irrigation will be a priority this month.

Check the mulch around perennials, trees, and shrubs to make sure that it's in place over root balls (not against the stems) and that it remains at the recommended depth of two inches. Replenish mulch if needed. Infrequent, deep watering of these plants will produce the best results. Non-xeric plants, especially roses, require an inch of water weekly during hot periods; soak the areas around the bases of new xeric plants twice a week to promote root growth.

HOUSE PROJECTS CHECK

- ____
- o Down spouts/Gutters o Painting interior/exterior
- o Update light fixtures
- o Driveway/walkway
- o Landscaping
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720.315.9383 Michael Marshall Check the soil of annuals, fruits, and veggies to a depth of one inch, and water if the topsoil is dry. Mulching will reduce the frequency of irrigation, discourage weed germination, and prevent soil compaction as you move around the plants. Container plants generally require daily watering.

DON'T wash off pollen by spraying the foliage of tomatoes, squash, and other fruiting plants that require fertilization.

Try the "footprint" test to determine when turf should be irrigated: if grass remains flat after being walked on, it's time to water; otherwise, wait a day or two. Watch the spray patterns of your sprinkler heads to make sure that water is landing evenly on the turf and not on sidewalks. (Uneven irrigation is a likely cause of brown spots in the lawn.)

FERTILIZATION: Fertilization schedules and amounts vary widely between types of plants, so this topic is therefore continued on page 8



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Colorado Gardening Calendar, continued from page 7

highly complex! Right now, plants like tomatoes and summer-blooming perennials will require regular feedings to promote flowering, but shrubs and trees can take a break until fall or even next spring. Research fertilization requirements of plants when in doubt, and check labels for rates and times of application.

WEEDING, HARVESTING, AND DEADHEADING: Get the weeds as soon as you see them; the bigger they are, the more difficult they are to remove and the more likely to set seed as they mature. If using products like Roundup (glyphosate), apply in the early mornings or on days when the temperatures reach no higher than 80 degrees. Foliage won't absorb these products in extreme heat.

Harvesting of many vegetables and fruits can begin this month per this table from PickYourOwn.org; for others, we're still in the observation and maintenance modes. Pick fruit and vegetables in our cool mornings.



Deadhead both summer-blooming plants (to promote budding) and plants that have finished flowering (to keep them tidy). Remove spent blooms on lilacs early this month to allow the plants enough time to set buds for next spring.

PESTS AND DISEASES: Keep an eye out for foliar damage, stunted growth, holes in produce, and distorted fruit and blossoms; these indicate the presence of pests and disease. Pests tend to be species-specific, while diseases like powdery mildew afflict plants across a wide spectrum of genera and species. CSU Extension's site features a great page listing their resources regarding insects (including beneficials); the "Yard & Garden" page includes fact sheets devoted to garden diseases. There's also a searchable Online Resources for Gardening and Landscape page that directs users to all gardening pages, including blogs with updated information.

When using pesticides, make sure that their application won't harm beneficial insects. Carefully follow all label directions for usage.

Japanese beetles will begin infesting our favorite plants this month. Many systemic insecticides are harmful to our pollinators; the safest and most reliable methods for control continue to be handpicking/drowning and applying products containing bacillus thuringiensis var. galleriae (Btg) to plants. (Btg will not kill the beetles immediately but will reduce their numbers over time; it's also included in products like grubGONE! that can be applied to turf containing the grubs in late summer.) The ever-popular and useful Extension fact sheet "Japanese Beetles" offers numerous suggestions for dealing with these pests.

> - Terry Deem-Reilly, **CSU Extension-Denver Master Gardener since 2003**

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4th of July vs Independence Day

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Colorado Caves To Explore

Cave of the Winds: Named for the cool breezes that emanates from the cave's entrance, Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs is perhaps one of the most popular and stunning attractions in the Pikes Peak and Colorado Springs area. The cave opened to tourists in 1881, and today you can see 15 massive and brightly lighted rooms within nearly a mile of underground limestone caverns. For those who want a peek into its haunting depths, they'll turn out the lights and you can explore by lantern-light tours (included a haunted option). The cave also offers two thrill rides: a zipline across a canyon to witness the grandeur of the area, and the Terror-Dactyl, which launches riders 200 feet into the canyon at nearly 100 miles per hour. You'll also find attractions like the Bat-A-Pult — a seated zipline ride that soars 1,200 feet round-trip — as well as obstacle courses, climbing walls and gemstone panning.

After a journey into the center of the mountains, consider a stop at nearby Manitou Cliff Dwellings, where Ancestral Puebloan homes are tucked into the side of sheer walls.

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park: Take an aerial tram to the top of a bluff in Glenwood Springs, where a tour of the stalactite- and stalagmite-rich Glenwood Caverns begins. The caves themselves are actually near the top of the mountain, rather than near the bottom as you might expect and require a ride to the top on a gondola that also offers amazing views of the surrounding Roaring Fork Valley. The cave's wide-open, massive rooms are lined with otherworldly rock formations. If you're feeling like you've got the hang of this caving thing, there are also tours of undeveloped portions of the caverns that include some crawling and squeezing to get in to.

After a tour deep underground, take the high-speed alpine slide to the bottom of the bluff or enjoy one of the rides found at the Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park near the cave's entrance.

-https://www.colorado.com/articles/colorado-cave-tours

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7775 S Curtice Dr. Unit C: \$520,000 SOLD!

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2907 W Long Cir Unit A: \$525.00 SOLD!

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Up to 700,000

Under Contract	0	0	0	
Total Sold 2023	3	6	2	
Total Sold 2024	. 1	7	0	
SouthPark Townhomes				
	Up to \$480,000	\$480,000-\$540,000	\$540,000-Plus	
For Sale	1	1	1	
Under Contract	1	1	1	
Total Sold 2023	7	7	7	

The information is based on MLS June 14, 2024 Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Terry Jenni, Metro Brokers.



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