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Wreaths Across America Day

Saturday, December 13, 2025

National Wreaths Across America Day is the culmination of a yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This mission is in part carried out each December with the placement of sponsored veterans' wreaths on the headstones of those who have served our country. The observance is designated annually on a Saturday in December by Congress.

By coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and at more than 3,100 other participating locations around the country, Wreaths Across America strives to remember our fallen heroes. The day honors those who serve. And it teaches our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. Remember. Honor. Teach.

HOW TO OBSERVE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

All across the country, volunteers come together to lay wreaths on the grave sites of the military. You can help by volunteering, too. Bring your children, no matter their age. It's an excellent opportunity to teach them about the sacrifices our military and their families make and show respect for our military. You can also donate to make sure every fallen hero is honored. Many volunteers start by laying wreaths for their family members but find they continue to help each year. The meaning of a somber commitment of honoring service members with a wreath grows every year.

– www.wreathscrossamerica.org/

*Snow falling in the middle of a
December night will always
fill my heart with sweet clarity.*

–*Novala Takemoto*



Fun Around Town

TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Nov. 21, 2025–Jan. 11, 2026, Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

Trail of Lights at Chatfield Farms takes you along a winding path glistening with lights that illuminate the Colorado countryside. 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, box elders 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 also the option of a shorter path for those who want to take a shorter stroll. In line with the core value of sustainability, all lights used in the event are LED.

HUDSON HOLIDAYS

Nov. 28, 2025–Jan. 4, 2026,

Hudson Gardens & Events Center

You'll be enchanted by towering trees draped in thousands of colorful lights. A grove of dancing Christmas trees, a multi-colored forest inhabited by giant snowmen, the holiday light tunnel and glowing reindeer will light up Hudson Gardens into an extravaganza of holiday cheer. Purchase a delicious cup of hot cocoa or adult beverage before stopping by for a perfect free family photo opportunity with Santa.

MILE HIGH DRONE SHOWS

Nov. 21–Dec. 31, 2025, Downtown

For 41 magical nights, 600 drones will soar into the sky, creating breathtaking holiday-themed animations. See these dazzling displays from across the city every night at 7 p.m. for free. From Santa and his reindeer to iconic Denver landmarks like the Mile High Tree Presented by Xcel Energy & Xfinity and Denver Union Station, each night will bring a new visual experience to life.

THE MILE HIGH TREE

Nov. 21–Dec. 31, 2025, Tivoli Quad on Auraria Campus

Join in the free festivities at the Mile High Tree Presented by Xcel Energy & Xfinity. It's a brilliantly lit, 110-foot-tall immersive art installation that provides a dazzling lights-and-music show. You can experience two of Denver's most popular holiday attractions in one place: America's tallest digital tree and the Denver Christkindlmarkt, the city's only authentic German holiday market.

BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT

Nov. 21, 2025–Jan. 11, 2026, Denver Botanic Gardens

Consistently lauded as one of the top holiday light shows in the nation, Blossoms of Light is a spectacular celebration that illuminates Denver Botanic Gardens' York Street location. Wander a mile-long path through immersive, luminous displays that accentuate and highlight our plant collections. A cherished holiday tradition for nearly four decades, Blossoms of Light is constantly evolving to inspire wonder and delight in even the most seasoned visitors.

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CHERRY CREEK NORTH WINTER WANDERLAND

Nov. 20–Dec. 24, 2025, Cherry Creek North

Enjoy a collection of free holiday offerings and festivities throughout the neighborhood! Festivities include a dazzling display of nearly one million twinkling lights on more than 600 trees spread throughout the walkable neighborhood and Giving Machines—vending machines that don't dispense snacks or drinks, but instead offer the chance to make a positive impact! Enjoy Small Business Weekend (Nov. 29–Dec. 1), Saturday Night Lights with complimentary holiday treats and festive entertainment (Dec. 6, 13 & 20), a Chanukah celebration (Dec. 14) and the Cherry Creek Holiday Market (Nov. 20–Dec. 24), where you can browse gifts from more than 40 local makers, designers and creators. After a long day of shopping, warm up inside the all-new Mistletoe Lounge (Nov. 20–Dec. 24), a new pop-up Christmas bar offering a festive drink menu and comfy seating in a setting that's best described as the inside of a "real-life snow globe."

CHRISTMAS IN COLOR

Nov. 13–Dec. 30, 2025,

Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater, Water World, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

At three locations, drive through millions of lights perfectly synchronized to holiday music that you'll hear right through your radio. You'll see giant candy canes, snowmen, arched pathways and more.

Holiday Decorations And Pets

Christmas trees and holiday greens: Make sure your dogs or cats do not chew on limbs or droppings from the tree. Ingested pine needles could get lodged in the intestinal tract, puncturing the lining or bunching together and causing an intestinal obstruction.

- Water base: The water base of a Christmas tree may contain dangerous chemicals that could harm your pet.
- Christmas lights and tinsel: Position your tree's lights and tinsel away from the bottom of the tree where pets can reach them. Some pets climb up or into trees and can even knock them over. If swallowed, tinsel can be very dangerous to cats.
- Candles: Don't leave candles unattended. Pets may accidentally knock them over and spill wax or start a fire.
- Firestarter logs: Dogs that enjoy chewing should steer clear; these logs contain sawdust and paraffin which can cause an irritated stomach or even intestinal blockage when ingested.
- Plants: A number of seasonal plants are poisonous to pets if nibbled or eaten, including ivy, holly, mistletoe and poinsettias.

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Holiday Family Movie Event:

The Polar Express

Tues, Dec 23, 2025 3 pm

Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of light bites, games, and activities before enjoying the movie in the Main Stage Theater. Perfect for the young and the young at heart, this special event will have you believing in the magic of the holidays! The adult priced ticket includes one complimentary cocktail while snacks and nonalcoholic drinks are free for everybody. Activities will start at 3pm and the movie will start at 4pm. You're encouraged to wear your coziest pajamas, just like the passengers of the Polar Express!

–<https://www.lonetreeartscenter.org>

The Ugly Seasonal Sweater Soiree

Wed, Dec 17 — Sun, Dec 21, 2025

Ugly Seasonal Sweater Soiree is a hilarious and heart-warming holiday original musical comedy, featuring a live band and packed with festive fun. This brand-new production takes a playful look at the quirks of our favorite December traditions – because let's face it, it's not all fun and reindeer games! With treasured seasonal songs, holiday cheer, and plenty of festive fashion, it's a night of music and merriment the whole family will love!

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Centennial Ridge

LONE TREE Update & Recent Market Activity (3 mos)

AVERAGE DAYS (of Solds) in MLS—62

MEDIAN SOLD PRICE IN LONE TREE—\$875,000

AVERAGE SOLD PRICE IN LONE TREE—\$982,254

Centennial Ridge Average SOLD Price - \$727,500 (2)



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The Market is a bit **UPSIDE DOWN!**

The Denver Real Estate Market has felt a little upside down this year. The Spring Market was less active than usual, as Sellers' New Listings outpaced Buyers' Demand, and Inventory grew to levels we haven't seen since 2012! The late Fall Market typically slows a little. But this time it's gaining speed, as more buyers used October to get off the fence.

Prices have stabilized, Sellers are adjusting their expectations, and Buyers are still motivated when affordability is in reach. By the numbers, we ended October with over 12,400 Active Listings. Pending contracts increased by 3% over this time last year. Closed Sales were actually down almost 8%, due to a lackluster market in August and September. However, this October activity should provide a nice boost in Closings through the rest of the year.

Sellers: prices are steady and market times are reasonable for those who prepare their home properly, but it is still very competitive out there. Buyers: the time is now to get the best values and interest rates we've seen all year! Please prepare your finances with a Pre-Approval from a Lender, and be ready to move quickly if you see the home that fits your needs. Be patient with the Inspection process, and don't panic. Remember that almost all issues at inspection are fixable and can be worked out with a reasonable Seller.

The best news is that you can still find and close on a home before the Holiday Season, and we would love to guide you through the process. Please reach out with all of our real estate needs.

As always, if you have any questions, please give me a call!

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