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## Downtown Littleton Pumpkin Poles

Halloween begins with the creation of Pumpkin Poles by the downtown merchants. They will be on display in early October through Halloween (depending on the condition of the pumpkins). Located throughout downtown on Main, Alamo and Prince Streets, visit early in the month. You don't want to miss these one-of-a-kind creations.

## Littleton Craft Fair

Mark your calendars for the Littleton Craft Fair on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the scenic grounds of Ketrin Park.

Since 1971, shoppers have browsed over 250 booths of hand-crafted items and purchased snacks from the nonprofits running food concession stands.

Due to high attendance, shoppers are asked to observe all parking signs and directions. Littleton Craft Fair parking is prohibited in the Bemis Public Library lot as spaces are needed for Library patrons. The Littleton Museum parking lot is used for Museum visitors, staff, and as accessible parking for shoppers.

Proceeds from booth fees are used by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum organization to sponsor programs at the Littleton Museum and Bemis Public Library.

—<https://www.museum.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/>

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## Fall Landscape Ideas For A Gorgeous Autumn Garden

### ADD FALL CONTAINER PLANTS

Lean into container plants featuring late-blooming flowers and succulents, like mums and stonecrop, as temperatures start to drop this fall. They'll add so much color and interest to your porch, plus you can repot and move them inside when it gets too cold in the winter!

### PLANT TREES AND SHRUBS

Surprisingly, fall is a great time to plant evergreen and ornamental trees in your yard! In autumn, the weather and soil conditions can help trees develop a strong root system before the summer heat kicks in. If you're looking for evergreens, go for boxwood, spruce, and pine trees. On the other hand, if you want to add stunning autumn hues to your yard, plant sugar maple, Japanese maple, dogwood, or redbud trees.



### CREATE A FALL COMPOST PILE

There's no better time than fall to start a compost pile, especially with all that fallen foliage! Instead of throwing away those big piles of fall leaves after raking them, add them to a compost pile along with vegetal food scraps and twigs. By spring, you'll have a nutrient-rich additive for your garden beds that'll improve your soil quality!

### REFRESH YOUR YARD

Spring cleaning may be the norm, but fall is also a great time to refresh your yard or garden! The cooler months following summer are great for tidying up your yard before spring rolls around again. To start, get rid of unruly weeds

and wilting annuals. Then, start patching up bare spots in your lawn with overseeding and fertilizer.

### START A POLLINATOR GARDEN

It's never a bad time to plant flowers and shrubs to support the pollinator population in your yard. Add perennials that extend the season for bees and butterflies, such as black-eyed Susan, autumn-blooming sedums, asters, and Shasta daisies.

### CREATE AN OUTDOOR DINING SPACE

If you never got around to it during the hot summer months, autumn is a great time to create an outdoor oasis. A small table and chairs are all you need for evening meals al fresco.

### ADD DECORATIVE ACCENTS

A simple obelisk or trellis can be a focal point in the garden, long after the first frost. Place it where it's visible from indoors so you have something of interest to see in the winter garden. Bonus: Add lights to it for the holidays!

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## Fall Landscape, *continued from front page*

### CREATE COZY SEATING AREAS

Fall is a great time to sit and enjoy the cooler weather and the stunning panorama of colors. Create a cozy seating area by placing Adirondack chairs or a simple wicker chair where you can soak up nature's beauty. Oh, and don't forget the cozy blanket!

### DECORATE WITH PUMPKINS

This might seem obvious, but decorating with pumpkins is one of the easiest ways to get your home ready for fall. Add different color pumpkins, including orange, white, and green, throughout the yard and on the front porch.

### PLANT BULBS FOR SPRING

It might seem like an exercise in delayed gratification (and it is!), but it's a good idea to start planting spring-blooming bulbs right now. Many flowers such as daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths must be planted in the fall for blooms next spring. Trust us: You'll be so happy and grateful when you see your flowers pop up after a long winter.

### ADD EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Adding a few outdoor lighting options will make the long, dark days of winter a little brighter. Update exterior lights and add lighting along walkways. Even a solar-powered LED lantern or string lights on the patio can make a seating area feel more intimate and special during fall gatherings.

### BRING IN COLD-SENSITIVE PLANTS

There's no point in allowing all your plants to die back in the first frost. Bring in plants that can be enjoyed as houseplants (dig them up and put them in pots). Plants to consider include rosemary, begonias, hibiscus, and succulents. Also, in cold climates, don't forget to dig up tender bulbs such as dahlias and gladioli after the first frost to save for planting next spring.

*October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book.*

*—John Sinor*



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## News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 10th. Please email news articles to the editor at [klarson@pcms.net](mailto:klarson@pcms.net). All "Letters to the Editor" must be signed and include a daytime phone number in case there are any questions. Letters may be printed without the author's name if requested.

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# Iced Pumpkin Cookies

## INGREDIENTS:

### Cookies:

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

### Icing:

- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease two cookie sheets.
2. To make the cookies: Combine flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, cloves, and salt in a medium bowl.
3. Cream together sugar and butter in a mixing bowl until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add pumpkin, egg, and vanilla; beat until creamy. Mix in flour mixture until combined.
4. Drop tablespoonfuls of dough onto the prepared cookie sheets; flatten slightly.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until centers are set, 15 to 20 minutes, switching racks halfway through. Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes.
6. Meanwhile, make the icing: Stir together confectioners' sugar, milk, butter, and vanilla in a bowl until smooth. Add milk as needed, to achieve drizzling consistency. Drizzle icing over cooled cookies with a fork.

# Fall Clean-up To Prevent Disease

Fall garden clean-up is an important step to help prevent disease and insect problems next spring. Some organisms (like pathogens and insect eggs) overwinter on plant vegetation.

After a hard freeze, remove plants such as tomato and pepper plants, squash and cucumber vines, and dig potato tubers. Pick up and dispose of fallen apples.

Powdery mildew is generally prevalent on vegetables and herbaceous plants most seasons. Cut back and throw away these plants to reduce infection next spring. If there was pronounced black spot damage on roses, rake and throw away leaves.

It is suggested that infested plants not be composted. Home compost bins rarely reach temperatures that would kill disease (140 degrees F). Instead, throw plants in the trash.

Rake or mulch leaves on the lawn. A thick layer of leaves acts like insulation and can encourage diseases like snow molds.

—<https://planttalk.colostate.edu>

*Ah, Lovely October, as you usher in the season  
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## Harvest Festival

**Saturday, October 11, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The annual Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the living history farms of the Littleton Museum. Buy your Halloween pumpkins and enjoy wagon rides, 1890s carnival games, historical demonstrations, and other fun family-friendly activities.

Admission is free! Come and enjoy photo opportunities, a musical performance in the pumpkin patch, and historical demonstrations at no cost.

Please note: While entry to the event is free, the snacks, wagon rides, and playing carnival games do require payment.

Purchase snack/ride/game tickets for 50 cents each with cash or check at the ticket stations and use those tickets to quickly and conveniently pay for snacks, wagon rides, and carnival gameplay throughout the event.

You can also purchase snack/ride/game tickets online before the event and pick them up at Will Call.

Snack/ride/game tickets cannot be used for purchase of pumpkins or at the on-site concessionaire. Purchase pumpkins and concessions with cash or check. ATM available onsite.

### FREE ACTIVITIES

- **Musical performance in the pumpkin field** (11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
- **Photo Opportunities** with pumpkin patch, historical wagons, and buildings.
- **Toddler Hay Bale Maze**
- **Free Historical Demonstrations**
- **Dr. Tan's Medicine Show:** Medicine shows used to travel the country selling "miracle cures" to the crowd.

Part sales pitch, part performance art, a medicine show promised to sell products that could heal various ailments with secret formulas, appealing to settlers seeking relief in a time before widespread medical care.

- **Curio Tent:** The Harvest Festival's carnival area is inspired by the traveling carnivals that were popularized by the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. A typical feature of these late 1890s traveling fairs was displays of "oddities" or "curiosities." These were unusual natural artifacts, with creative labeling. Come and see our Curio Tent, with its Two-Headed Bat, Fiji Mermaid, Genuine Unicorn Horn, and more!
- **Pig Roast:** In the 1800s, a pig roast was a community event where a whole pig was slow-cooked over an open fire for several hours. Neighbors and families gathered to share a hearty meal, often with cornbread and seasonal vegetables. They would enjoy music, storytelling, and celebration, marking special occasions like holidays or harvests. (This pig was not raised on the Museum's farms).
- **Ginger Beer:** A popular drink from 18th-century England, made by fermenting ginger, sugar, water, and sometimes lemon juice. This drink was originally mildly alcoholic, although the current form tends to be non-alcoholic. Sorry, no samples.
- **Roping dummies:** Lassoing was an important skill for managing livestock on 19th-century farms. Animal wrangling was a vital skill for a fall "round-up." Can you get your loop over the wooden critters?

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## Walk To A Park Day

National Walk to a Park Day on October 10th encourages us to walk to our local parks. Feel the wind on your face. Take in the fall weather. Visit with neighbors. Play with your children. And appreciate all the benefits green spaces offer communities.

Public parks and green spaces are a community's backyard. They offer nearby residents a place to play, connect, and reap the benefits of the outdoors. Parks are an essential part of improving public health. They provide a place to play, exercise, and commune with nature. They support equitable and thriving communities. And they protect communities from the impacts of the climate. Yet, 100 million people, including 28 million kids, do not have access to a quality park within a 10-minute walk from home.



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