



# CANTERBURY Tales



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## Calendar of Events

### Easter Egg Hunt:

March 28, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*(If bad weather, alternate date is April 4)*

**Dumpster Day, Shredding, Metal and Electronics Recycling:** May 16, 9:00 a.m.

### Community Garage Sales:

June 5 and 6, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Evening in the Park:** June 14, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. (food truck, games, etc.)

### Concert in the Park:

August 23, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Movie Night:** September 11, dusk

**Dumpster Day:** September 19, 9:00 a.m.

### Halloween at the Park:

October 24, noon - 2:00 p.m.

**Annual HOA Meeting:** November 3, 6:30 p.m. at Ute Meadows Elem. School

### Holiday Hayride:

December 6, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

## Food Truck Schedule

**May 20:** Bohemian Wurst & Polar Bro Nitro Ice Cream

**June 17:** OG Burgers & Frosted Yeti

**July 15:** Second Son & HipPop's

**Aug. 19:** Smokin Bones & Polar Bro Nitro Ice Cream

**Sept. 16:** Dude Bro Taco & HipPop's

## Canterbury Wine Club:

2nd Saturday of the month, 6:30p.m.

Tom Daniels: 720-272-0030

Linda Daniels: 303-588-1514

For more info, see our website at [HOACanterbury.com](http://HOACanterbury.com)

## Next HOA Meetings

**Tuesday, April 7th, 6:30 p.m.**

*Ute Meadows Elementary School Library*

**Tuesday, May 5th, 6:30 p.m.**

*Ute Meadows Elementary School Library*

## Monthly Summer Food Trucks Starting May 20th with Bohemian Wurst and Polar Bro Nitro Ice Cream

## March HOA Board Meeting Summary

### Treasurer's Report: Lou Ann Kelleher

• Four payment methods are now available for HOA dues: Check, Zelle, Venmo, and PayPal

• The Board reviewed current dues collections and approved the 2026 budget

### Architectural Control: John Anthon

• One request for a fence replacement was approved

### Covenant Control: Steve Barnes

• No new items

### Website: Dan Ryan

• New website is under construction

### Real Estate: Mike Jirik

• 10537 W. Ottawa Ave. - listed at \$890K

• 10675 W. Rowland Ave. - listed at \$649K

### Other

• The Board is working on a new Covenant Enforcement and Escalation Policy

### Next Board Meeting

• April 7th, 6:30 p.m. at Ute Meadows Elementary School



## Canterbury Finance Update

At the March HOA meeting the final budget for 2026 was approved. The budget was based on collecting the same number of dues as last year and accounting for the extra funds that so many homeowners send in – Thank you! Last year 240 homes submitted their \$125 annual dues. As of March 15, we have collected 165 payments

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## 2026 Canterbury HOA Dues - \$125.00

*(For 2026 calendar year from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026)*

CHOA, P.O. Box 621382, Littleton, CO 80162 or pay online at [HOACanterbury.com](http://HOACanterbury.com)

Due Date: January 1, 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Why we ask? Just in case there is an announcement and we need to get information to homeowners quickly. We promise we will not abuse this.)

**Finance Update**, *continued from front page*  
 so collections are coming along. Please send your dues in soon if you have not yet paid them. As shared previously, there are multiple ways now available to pay your dues.

The operating expenses and the special events the HOA sponsors will need all the money projected to be collected. To help defray the costs of the Concert in the Park event, the Board will be seeking donations to help sponsor the event. We have Board members and their families who have volunteered to pick up trash to help reduce the cost paid. There will be opportunities for neighbors to meet at the park and help clean up trash along Meadows. Residents' help to keep our neighborhood looking nice and help at events are always appreciated.

## 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, Colorado; Wednesday–Saturday, April 1-4, 2026**

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. 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.

### BARREL INTO SPRING

**Palisade, Colorado;**

**Friday-Saturday, April 17-18 and May 8-9, 2026**

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 an 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.

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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 **dmeienberg@yahoo.com**. 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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303-271-5200
- Sheriff (non-emergency): 303-980-7300 or sheriff@jeffco.us
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## Letter to the Editor

Many of you may have seen the unfortunate fire on Saturday, January 31, on South Lee Way. Most importantly, the residents were able to get out with no injuries. Firefighters from West Metro and South Metro were on the scene within minutes and worked for about 45 minutes to put out the fire, which appeared to start in the chimney where work had recently been done converting from wood burning to gas. Living next door, we had a close-up view of the entire episode.

In talking to several of the fire chiefs, a few subjects came up that I would like to share with Canterbury residents. Many of us have done these wood to gas conversions on our fireplaces over the years, or the conversions may have been done prior to purchasing your home. The most important point, whether you have gas or wood burning, is you must have it inspected every year by a qualified inspector or company. The West Metro Chief with whom I spoke said at this time of year they have a lot of fires like the one last Saturday. A wake-up call for sure.

My neighbors had gone out for the afternoon and when they came home the family room wall was in flames. Will, my neighbor, grabbed a fire extinguisher and put out the flames, but inside the wall was still burning. They called 911 immediately. The message here is to not only have a fire extinguisher on hand, but check to see if it has expired. They don't last forever! While checking this, also check to see if your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are installed and working properly....check batteries?

Finally, I was very impressed with the firefighters who arrived to fight the fire. I learned that West Metro and South Metro have cooperative agreements where they automatically send units to back each other up in a situation like this. We can be reassured that our tax dollars are being used to provide outstanding protection from nearby locations. Thank you to our firefighters!

—Bob Kausch, Canterbury Resident

## National Earth Day

Each year on April 22nd, National Earth Day campaigns around the globe promote ways to keep the Earth healthy and our planet livable. Here are some ways to observe Earth Day.

- Support and use recycling programs in your community.
- Volunteer to clean up local parks and streets on clean-up days.
- Support and frequent green businesses.
- Use re-usable products versus disposable.
- Repurpose items that have outworn their use.
- Shop secondhand and thrift stores for gently used items.
- Use energy-efficient appliances or line dry your clothes.
- Walk or ride your bike to work if possible.
- Carpool or make one trip instead of multiple trips for shopping.
- Encourage your favorite products to reduce packaging.



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- \* Home prices are down about 2.21% in Littleton in 2026 vs 2025
- \* Average detached home sale price \$824,750
- \* Lower interest rates recently nudge patient Buyers
- \* Days on market depends on prime location & condition

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# A Message from Foothills Park & Recreation District

Foothills Park & Recreation District has recently observed an increase in unauthorized motorized vehicle use within parks and on trails, including e-motorbikes. Please remember that motorized vehicles and e-motorbikes are not permitted in any parks or trails unless specifically authorized.

These restrictions help ensure the safety of all park users and prevent damage to park infrastructure and natural resources. We appreciate the community's cooperation in following park rules.

## This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

# Interesting Facts For April

- The first president of the United States, George Washington, was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.
- April is the equivalent of October in the Southern Hemisphere.
- The phrase "April Showers bring May Flowers" comes from a poem from the 1500s by Thomas Tusser.
- The April full moon earns the name April's Full Pink Moon not due to its color but because it's named after the pink phlox flowers that bloom in North America's early spring.
- Some of the famous people with an April birthday are Queen Elizabeth II, Leonardo da Vinci, Charlie Chaplin, William Shakespeare, Thomas Jefferson, and Jackie Chan.

# National Colorado Day

April 12th recognizes the Centennial State and the 38th state to join the Union on National Colorado Day. The first of the Four Corner States, Colorado is dominated by the Rocky Mountains. Prehistoric Colorado comes to life in the Florissant Fossil Beds. Discover one of the most abundant deposits of fossils in the world while taking in the beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

Spanish first explored Colorado seeking streets paved with gold. After Colorado became a U.S. territory, Lieutenant Zebulon Pike explored the range of the newly acquired land. A summit he predicted would never be scaled bears his name today. Gold would be discovered setting off a fever in the mountains. A silver boom would soon follow.

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*The beautiful spring came, and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.*

*-Harriet Ann Jacobs*

*Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.*

*-Luther Burbank*

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## April Garden Calendar

April is a pivotal month in your garden. While we may still see weather variability between winter and spring, the trend is definitely toward warming. As the ground warms the garden awakens.

### Garden cleanup is the first priority:

- Rake leaves and debris from around trees, shrubs and other garden areas.
- If you haven't done so yet, cut back ornamental grasses.
- Prune summer blooming shrubs such as butterfly bush, blue mist spirea, potentilla, and some hydrangeas.
- Remove any broken or damaged branches from trees.

### What we've been waiting for -- Planting season begins now!

- Plant container or balled and burlapped trees and shrubs from now throughout spring.
- Now is the time to plant bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 12 hours before planting. Vegetables – Early April Outdoors
- Soak parsley seeds 24 hours before planting ¼" deep.
- Dill seeds should be pressed lightly into the soil.
- Peas can be sown as late as mid-April.
- Indoors- Start warm season vegetables from seed like tomatoes and peppers.
- Mid April Outdoors: Plant lettuce, chard, spinach, kale, beets, carrots, radishes and onion sets.
- Indoors - Start seeds of flowers like zinnias and celosia that need four weeks before planting outside. It's not too late to plant Cardinal Seed Vine and Hyacinth Bean Vine indoors; two annual vines that put on a beautiful show mid to late summer.

### Other Garden Chores:

- Transplant: When soil has thawed, divide and transplant summer and fall blooming perennials such as sedum Autumn Joy, garden Phlox paniculata, Asters, perennial Dianthus, and Shasta Daisies.
- Roses – Once new growth starts, usually mid-April, slowly remove mulch from around the plants. Prune dead or damaged canes first, then prune all other canes to approximately 1 to 2 feet above ground. As active growth appears, fertilize with a rose food formulation of 9-14-9 which is higher in phosphorus to encourage blooms and strong roots. Do not prune live canes of climbing roses. However, cutting out dead canes is recommended.

### Lawn Care:

- Core aeration is one of the most beneficial things you can do to maintain a healthy lawn. This is also a good time to do an irrigation audit to make sure your system is working properly.

### Weeding:

- As you see weeds pull them out. They are generally small this early and easy to remove.

When you have questions, Colorado State University Extension has research-based answers. Get answers to your horticulture questions by visiting [ask.extension.org](http://ask.extension.org) any time day or night.

– Fredricka Bogardus, Colorado Master Gardener

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