



Canterbury Tales



A Covenant Protected Community

Calendar of Events:

Concert in the Park - August 24th, 4:30 p.m.
(Chris Daniels)
Movie Night - September 12th, 7:00 p.m./Dusk
Dumpster Day - September 27th,
9:00 a.m. until full (2 dumpsters)
Annual HOA Meeting - October 7th, 6:30 p.m.
Halloween - October 25th, 1:00 p.m.
Hayride - December 7th, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(coupon is required to ride)

Food Truck Schedule

(Chaucer Park, 5:00-7:30 p.m.)

August 20th: The Turkish Chef
September 24th: What Would Cheesus Do?
and Rebel Cookie Dough

Canterbury Wine Club:

2nd Saturday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
Tom Daniels: 720-272-0030
Linda Daniels: 303-588-1514
For more info, see our website
at HOACanterbury.com

Canterbury Movie Night

Mark your calendar for
September 12th, 7:00 p.m. (dusk)
at Chaucer Park. The movie will
be The Wild Robot and popcorn
will be served. Bring your family,
bring some food for a picnic,
bring your chairs, and have some
fun before the movie starts!

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August 20th Food Truck:

The Turkish Chef (Mediterranean)
5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Chaucer Park

August 24th Concert In The Park:

Chris Daniels and The Kings
4:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Chaucer Park

Ballot For Covenant Amendment

The ballot for the RV storage Covenant issue is included with this August Tales. If you don't receive a ballot, please send an email to President@HOACanterbury.com or call 720-289-6574. Simply put, a vote in favor of the new amendment will prohibit long term RV, boat, trailer, etc, storage at your residence if it is visible from the street. Approval of this amendment will not affect the current three-day parking rule. A No vote means the covenant will not change.

We encourage every homeowner in Canterbury to vote on this issue. Only one vote per household. Your name, address and signature are required for your ballot to be counted. There are three ways to submit your ballot:

- Scan and email the completed ballot to President@HOACanterbury.com
- Mail it to P.O. Box 621382, Littleton, CO 80162
- Call either 720-289-6574 or 303-717-9653 and ask for it to be picked up.

— Your Canterbury HOA Board

Important Reminder For The Holiday Hayride

Don't forget, in order to hopefully shorten the wait line for the horse-drawn wagons, you MUST have a "Ticket to Ride" coupon for your family and friends. The coupon will be mailed in November to dues paying Canterbury homeowners. DON'T HESITATE, pay your dues today!!

2025 Canterbury HOA Dues - \$125.00

(For 2025 calendar year from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)

CHOA, P.O. Box 621382, Littleton, CO 80162 or pay online at HOACanterbury.com
Due Date: January 1, 2025

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.)

Next HOA Meetings

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 5th, Chaucer Park,
weather permitting

Tuesday, September 2nd

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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

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Traffic (recurring neighborhood issues): 303-271-5677

Letters To The Editor And The Residents of Canterbury

I'm writing to kindly ask that you vote "NO" on the upcoming Canterbury HOA Covenant Amendment Ballot.

Our neighborhood is known for being friendly and welcoming – including to families with RVs. Some of the best-kept homes here have RVs, and many of us, including my family, moved here because RVs were allowed. It reflects the outdoor lifestyle we value. A few important points:

- There are about 8 RVs currently parked in the neighborhood, with 5 more homes that could accommodate them—just 3% of Canterbury's 386 homes.
- Around 30 residents recently spoke out against the amendment at a board meeting. Meanwhile, we've seen no clear communication from the Board about how many complaints were received—or whether they came from just a few people.
- That lack of transparency makes it hard to understand the real need for this change.
- It's also unclear how this rule would be enforced. Would fines be issued? Could legal action happen between neighbors?

This amendment could significantly impact the lifestyle of homeowners who bought their properties with RV parking in mind – and could even affect property values for homes with parking pads.

We are a voluntary dues-paying community, and we deserve open, respectful dialogue before altering rules that affect our neighbors' daily lives. Let's focus on community – not conflict.

— Patty Watson, Resident

In anticipation of the Canterbury HOA Covenant Amendment ballot measure, I would encourage homeowners to vote YES. Canterbury is a clean and sought after neighborhood since the values have held up well and appreciated nicely over the years. The measure is geared to restricting RV's and other recreational equipment being allowed to be stored on individual properties. The issue really comes down to aesthetics and neighborhood desirability. I am sure we have all driven through neighborhoods where RVs and trailers with boats and skimobiles are parked on the property for extended periods of time. Aesthetically these items are not helping the curb appeal of the neighborhoods and are unappealing.

If you vote YES to the amendment, it will ban all RVs and other recreational equipment from being stored at the residences where they are visible from the street or adjoining property, especially those that are visible from the street despite being behind a fence. Any of us can search online and see that RVs and other recreational equipment visible to the eye can lower the value of the neighborhood because it does not have the same curb appeal of neighborhoods that lack the recreational vehicles present on the property. It may be appealing to those that own RVs and recreational equipment but that represents a minority of home buyers. When the time comes to sell your house, it does not help when the buyer sees a massive RV or boat out the back door. At best, it detracts from the salability of the property.

The amendment will establish the opinion of the majority in Canterbury and is a fair and just way of expressing that desire to all. Please vote YES to keep our property values high and keep the desirable aesthetics we all enjoy.

— Concerned Neighbor

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial Report: Treasurer – Lou Ann Kelleher

- Dues payments received through 7/8/25 = \$26,875 from 215 homeowners. This is ahead of last year by 12 payments. \$3,135 extra was donated from 55 homeowners.
- Checking and Savings account balance = \$40,605.86

Architectural Committee: John Anthone

- Three requests for various improvements were all approved

Covenant Control: Steve Barnes

- Three issues that have been addressed

Covenant Amendment Status:

- See insert to Tales from June with additional information. No new information.

Web Site: Dan Ryan

- The website is up to date
- Hubspot implemented making email blasts easier. Need to continue to update as resident emails are received.

Maintenance Committee: Mike Jirik

- Pedestrian sign on Meadows has been fixed
- Sewer has been cleaned out
- Foothills Parks and Rec has been improving the park

Events Committee:

- Concert in the Park: 8/24 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Movie Night: 9/12 at 7:00 p.m. (dusk)
- Dumpster Day: 9/27 at 9:00 a.m. until full
- Evening in the Park on 6/22 was well attended with good food and lots of fun.

Welcoming: Linda Randall

- Four new neighbors

Real Estate: Mike Jirik

- Nothing new to report

Next Meeting: August 5th at Chaucer Park
(weather permitting)

New Business:

- Plan for admitting new Board members

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Back-to-School Traditions

In anticipation of another school season, not to mention all the shopping that comes with it, these first-day-of-school traditions and ideas will help get kids in the headspace for a new year.

- **Have a show-and-tell dinner on the first night.** Family dinners are always important, but make it a back-to-school tradition to allow the kids to tell you everything about their first day, from the friends they haven't seen over the summer to the classroom layout or what they had for lunch.

- **A day-one surprise.** Celebrate the first day in style with a visit from the First Day of School Fairy. She can deliver a few back-to-school school supplies and an encouraging note for the new year.

- **Customize something.** You can order specialized pencils with their name or label their new water bottle, but allowing your kids to stake their claim on school gear can help them feel confident about heading back to school.

- **Make an awesome breakfast.** You'll be throwing cereal and milk at the kids soon enough, so why not whip up a fancy breakfast for their first day? It'll keep your kids full, and make them look forward to getting up early!

- **Read a special book the night before.** Whether it's *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* or *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, find a classic picture book that'll get your kids ready to start the new year.

- **Make a sundae bar.** This sweet, simple back-to-school tradition will calm anyone's jitters about heading back to school. Put your favorite toppings in jars and make them meaningful with labels encouraging the qualities you'd like to see demonstrated throughout the new year. Have your little

scholar cover their ice cream in kindness, bravery, obedience, and happiness, then top it off with sprinkles of love.

- **Celebrate School Year's Eve.** You celebrate New Year's Eve, so why not do the same for School Year's Eve? Get poppers or noisemakers, provide treats, and throw a little dance party. It'll get your students excited for what's to come, and it's a great way to include other fun first-day-of-school ideas on this list.

- **Have a back-to-school dinner.** Making a favorite meal and celebrating the start of another school year with an awesome dinner in their honor will always make your kids feel special.

- **Have a special activity for the end of the first day of school.** Whether you take them to their favorite park to burn off that first-day anxiety, have a craft planned, or grab an ice cream and talk, it's easy to make the first after-school afternoon unique.

- **Write a sidewalk chalk message.** If there's a sweeter first day of school tradition than a chalk message outside the front door, we haven't found it. Go all out or keep it simple—either way, it's an extra boost to help ease those first-day jitters. If your first day is distance learning, surprise the kids with a message they can see from the window or on a quick preschool start walk.

- **Pack a super special lunch.** Packing their lunch in a special lunchbox or bento box with a treat or a lunchbox joke is a great first-day-of-school idea! Get your kids involved by asking them what they want, and have them help you get it ready.

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