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The Annual Holiday Hayride Is Here!

Join Your Neighbors For A
Festive Evening In Chaucer Park:
December 7th, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
(Coupon Required to Ride)



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

Next HOA Meetings

Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:30 p.m.
Ute Meadows Elementary School Library
Tuesday, January 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Hayride, Ticket To Ride, & Toys!

By the time you receive this December Tales, you should have also received your TICKET TO RIDE in the mail if you paid your 2025 HOA dues. We're trying to cut down on the hayride wait time this year. The TICKET TO RIDE is good for your entire family; just show it each time you ride.

Santa, hot chocolate, and cookies will be available for all to enjoy! We will also be collecting unwrapped new toys (no stuffed animals) for our annual toy drive for Toys for Tots and Boys and Girls Clubs. If you can't bring it to the hayride, bring it December 8th to December 15th to Bob and Linda Randall's house at 7032 S. Lewis Ct. There will be a toy bin on the front porch you can leave the toys in. Thank you!

The Big Blue Swing In The Park

There is actually a little history with that swing and the plaque in the ground behind it. Twenty-four years ago, Conny Paquette (my neighbor), passed away and Barb Little and I decided to remember Conny with the swing (donations from homeowners) and plaque. Conny was our neighborhood Santa at the time and his holiday spirit came to life when he put on his Santa suit. He used to visit with children in their homes, attend holiday parties, and was always at our annual hayride to listen to the children's holiday wishes. Many of us old time residents have pictures of him with our children and know how special it was to have him visit with our kids in our homes a few days before Christmas.

Conny was our hayride Santa for many years but he became our visiting Santa because he wanted to do something to raise money for new park equipment. The playground had become old and dangerous, and Foothills had no money in their budget back then to help. Several residents started a project of



2025 Canterbury HOA Dues - \$125.00

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

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(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.)

raising money for the new equipment. When Conny heard this, he wanted to help. So he spent many hours volunteering his time as a visiting Santa, for a small fee, over the next several years and donated all of the money to the park fund. Conny was an original Canterbury resident over 40 years ago and we're still using his Santa suit to this day (thanks Tom Daniels). Conny wasn't born with a very good "ticker" but he had a great heart for all the children. I'm sure he has enjoyed watching all the children through the years on the Big Blue Swing.

— Linda Randall

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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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November HOA Board Meeting Summary

Treasurer’s Report: Lou Ann Kelleher

HOA Dues:

- 238 dues payments have been collected (\$29,750).
- Approximately 66% of homeowners in Canterbury have paid. This is equal to the dues collected last year and the budgeted intake of dues for 2025!! Any additional payments received will exceed the anticipated number. Note: There is one payment pending in PayPal that is not yet included.
- 62 homeowners have sent in extra money with their dues (\$3,690). No change from last month.
- 106 of the 238 payments (45%) have been collected via PayPal (\$565.04 fees to date).

Expenses:

- October: Maintenance (per contract) and utilities. Waiting for Halloween Event receipts and final cost from event coordinator.
- November: Attorney expense, postage to mail “ticket to ride” for the December Hayride event.
- December: Hayride event budgeted cost is \$3,400.

Architectural Control: John Anthon

- No new requests

Covenant Control: Steve Barnes

- Issue with a trailer that has been parked in driveway for a long time was not resolved as Jeffco did not see the trailer as a violation.

Web Site: Dan Ryan

- In process of filling in missing meeting minutes.

Events: Michelle Ray

- Halloween event was well attended by 30 – 40 kids.
- Upcoming Hayride is scheduled for December 7 with 3 wagons. Only dues-paying members with a ticket to ride will be allowed to ride in the wagons. Tickets will be mailed to all dues-paying households.
- A Toy Drive will be held at the Hayride as well.

Maintenance: Mike Jirik

- Chaucer Park electrical power issues persist but Jefferson County has been responsive.

Real Estate: Mike Jirik

- Still awaiting documentation regarding the new-build on the open lot.

Welcoming: Linda Randall

- No one new to welcome this month.

Sweater Fest

**A Holiday Market & Party at Aspen Grove
December 5 (3pm-9pm) & December 6 (10am-5pm)**

Feel the joy a one-of-a-kind vintage treasure can bring this season! We’re getting warm and cozy indoors at Aspen Grove for Sweater Fest, a two-day holiday market and party celebrating all things local, festive, and fabulously knit. 40+ amazing local businesses!

It’s the perfect way to shop small, support local, and find gifts as unique as the people you love (including you). And yes, we highly encourage your best (or worst) holiday sweater.

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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

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Salvation Army Bell Ringing starts December 14. We'll fill about 100 two-hour shifts at two King Soopers stores and welcome help from Kiwanians, friends, and community members. Kids and musical instruments add extra cheer! Last year we raised \$18,000 for the Salvation Army, and we hope to do even better this year.

We'll also host our Quarterly Blood Drive on December 8.

If you're looking for hands-on service opportunities or want to meet active community members, join us! Details on upcoming projects and events are shared in our weekly newsletter—email info@columbinekiwanis.org to subscribe. Visit columbinekiwanis.org or come for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting every Wednesday at 7 am at 4Gs Restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

Howliday Dog Market

Friday, December 12, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 13, 12:00 am – 4:00 pm

Aspen Grove

Bring your pup and get ready for the ulti-mutt holiday shopping event! The Howliday Market is back — two festive days packed with wag-worthy fun, local vendors, and holiday cheer (for humans and dogs alike).

Shop Local. Support Rescue. Celebrate Your Pup. Discover over 25 dog-friendly and special holiday gift vendors featuring gifts, treats, and accessories for you and your four-legged friends (and a few for your cats, too!). Sip on a festive cocktail from our BARBOX holiday bar featuring a custom drink lineup, grab a bite from the food truck, and enjoy the cozy holiday vibe.

Entertainment & Activities:

Friday Night: Live music and a Dog Sweater Contest at 6:30 pm — bring your pup (and yourself!) in your cutest, ugliest, or most creative sweater for a chance to win cash prizes!


Saturday: A DJ spinning classic holiday jams sets the mood for a chill, festive shopping day.

Holiday Extras:

- Dog Cookie Decorating sponsored by AJ's Dog Bakery
- Eye-Spy Scavenger Hunt to win gift cards
- Plenty of photo ops and festive fun around every corner

It's the paw-fect holiday celebration for you and your pup! Shop, sip, and spread cheer — all while supporting local rescues and small businesses.

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National Poinsettia Day

Each year on the 12th of December, people across the United States celebrate one of the most recognizable plants of the holidays on National Poinsettia Day.

The poinsettia initially came to the United States with Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American botanist and the first U.S. Minister to Mexico. In 1825, he sent cuttings home to Charleston, South Carolina.

However, it wasn't until the early 1920s that the poinsettia started taking root in American culture. Paul Ecke, a second-generation farmer in California, discovered a grafting technique that caused the seedlings to branch. Hawking their Christmas flower at roadside stands, Paul Ecke Jr. later advanced sales of the poinsettia through shipping and marketing.

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Looking To Get Involved And Make An Impact This Holiday?

Volunteering can be a fun and deeply rewarding experience where you can meet like-minded people, help improve lives and build a stronger community.

Here are some upcoming opportunities to engage in our community. We hope to see you this Holiday season!

1. Run a toy drive. Mile High United Way collects toys each year for our Children’s Holiday Party. This annual event, which is filled with face painting, cookie decorating, and photos with Santa, brings the spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of families in our community. Run a toy drive for the event and help bring joy to children this Christmas.

2. Support our community resource center. Our 2-1-1 Help Center serves as a critical resource and safety net for Colorado residents, particularly during the winter months. Our Resource Navigators work every day to help vulnerable people in our community gain access to basic needs like food and shelter.

3. Help children develop a love of reading. You can help a child build confidence, improve their literacy skills, and develop a love of reading. Volunteer to build literacy kits for young students or become a reading partner through our weekly Read With Me program.

4. Support people experiencing homelessness. Volunteer to put together hygiene kits for at risk individuals and families in our community. The kits, which contain a wide range of important self-care items, are distributed to people across Metro Denver who are currently experiencing homelessness. Contact us to see when you can join in on the next kit build.

5. Join a donor group. We believe the most fulfilling way to get involved is to do it together. Join a network and meet other socially minded individuals who are dedicated to creating a lasting impact. During the Holidays, our donor groups engage in a range of activities, such as creating Thanksgiving gift baskets for families in need.

6. Help a small business owner in Denver. Are you a small business expert? Volunteer your time and expertise to help small, local businesses in Metro Denver reach their growth potential through our United Business Advisory program.

7. Become an advocate. Mile High United Way works every day to remove barriers and create pathways to success for all people in our community through our policy initiatives. Become an advocate and help us change the odds and move families out of poverty.

8. Become a corporate partner. Get the whole team involved and become a Mile High United Way Corporate Partner. We’re proud to partner with hundreds of local companies to execute strong, effective CSR programs that positively impact the community while improving employee engagement and business returns.

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