



CANTERBURY Tales



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Canterbury Wine Club:

2nd Saturday of the month, 6:30 p.m.
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2026 HOA Dues Are Now Due!
There Are New Ways To Pay Your Hoa Dues!
Please Read The Article In This Newsletter.

Canterbury Tales Thanks!

A big Thank You to all of the people who make the monthly Tales happen! Thanks to Debbie M. for all of her reminders to get articles in on time and for organizing and editing the document. Thanks also to all of the Block Captains and Block Leaders who handle the distribution of the Tales each month.

— The Canterbury HOA Board

Welcome New Neighbors

This month we welcome Israel and Alma Rodriguez at 7092 S. Lewis Ct. They moved here from the Washington Park area in Denver and have three kids ages 25, 23, and 18. They have done a wonderful job of renovating their home to everyone's relief in the hood! Welcome and thank you.



In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other.

—Linda Ellerbee

Next HOA Meetings

Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

Ute Meadows Elementary School Library

Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

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Additional Ways To Now Pay Canterbury HOA Dues!

As you all know, mailing a check or paying via PayPal have been the two ways to pay our HOA dues. A check has no additional cost while the cost for a PayPal payment is \$4.85 on the \$125 payment.

We have added two additional payment options: Zelle and Venmo. The Zelle payment is cost free and the Venmo payment includes a \$2.47 fee on the \$125 payment.

Instructions for the payments:

- **Zelle** – this will go straight to the HOA bank account. As the homeowner, you look for the HOA via the email - treasurer@hoacanterbury.com. You will then be prompted to make the payment straight to the account. Again, this will not have any associated fee.
- **Venmo** – here is the link to the HOA business profile on Venmo: <https://www.venmo.com/u/Hoacanterbury2026>. Venmo is @Hoacanterbury2026 and you will see a picture of Chaucer Park with the playset and Jenga from one of the events. This will let you know you are at the correct place. The cost for Venmo is less than PayPal.

The HOA Board hopes you find these additional payment options helpful. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your 2026 dues! Please email the HOA Board or Treasurer at hoaboard@hoacanterbury.com if you encounter any problems with your payment.

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

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.)

*If January is the month of change,
February is the month of lasting change.
January is for dreamers... February is for doers.*

—Marc Parent

January HOA Board Meeting Summary

Treasurer's Report: Lou Ann Kelleher

- 12 dues payments have been collected for new year 2026, 6 received through PayPal (fees = \$29), 3 homeowners sent in extra money with their dues.
- December Expenses: Hayride Event totaled \$3,583.27, lawyer invoices paid for \$850 & \$1,750 (\$2,600 total).
- Discussed using Zelle and/or Venmo instead of PayPal for receipt of HOA dues in order to eliminate fees associated with PayPal. Lou Ann will explore the options.
- Attorney invoices were offered to be given to Collin Scott for his review but Collin declined based on Attorney-Client privilege. This matter is still in limbo but the Board suggested that Collin call attorney for her approval.

Architectural Control: John Anthon

- New Build request for 10764 Quarles Ave. was approved.
- However, if the groundwater needs to be pumped from the sump pit or perimeter drain, a mitigation plan must be submitted and approved by both Jefferson County and the Canterbury ACC. Any excess water may not be discharged into the street (Quarles Ave.). If the sump pump is to operate more than occasionally, submission and approval of a mitigation plan will be required.
- Builder maintains that the sump pump will not run continuously and will be no different than at other houses in the neighborhood.

Covenant Control: Steve Barnes

- S. Lee Way – Trash in front yard bin, letter sent.
- W. Ontario Pl. - Cleaned up mess in front and will put a fence in front of RV next month.

Website: Dan Ryan

- Need a new website but otherwise up to date.

Maintenance: Mike Jirik

- No report

Events:

- No upcoming events

Welcoming: Linda Randall

- Israel and Alma Rodriguez at 7092 S. Lewis Ct.

Real Estate: Mike Jirik

- 7060 S. Oak Ct. closed in December for \$745,000, on the market 2 months.
- 6883 S. Lee Ct. closed in December for \$875,000, on the market 2 months.
- Just listed 10669 W. Quarto Dr. for \$975,000.

Other Business:

- Discussed electronic sign for announcing events, etc. Cost would be approximately \$7,000. No conclusion was reached. More discussion to follow at later meetings(s).

*While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation.
Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.*

–Patience Strong

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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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The Love Letter Project

12-26-25 to 02-08-26

Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton

In partnership with ROX Arts Gallery

Now in its 6th year, the Love Letter Project invites you to help spread a little warmth where it matters most. We're asking our community to create and share handwritten Valentine's cards for neighbors served by Nourish Meals on Wheels and Meals on Wheels recipients across the Denver metro area.

These cards are delivered by hand before Valentine's Day, each one a small reminder that someone is thinking of them.

How to Take Part

- Make a card. Handmade cards are encouraged, but heartfelt words matter more than perfection.
- Drop it off at ROX Arts Gallery or in the mailbox right next to the gallery.
- No stamp needed. Cards are hand-delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers.
- Please do not seal your card.
- Write as many as you'd like. One card is lovely. Many are even better.

Why It Matters

Nourish Meals on Wheels serves homebound Littleton residents, and this project also reaches Meals on Wheels recipients throughout the Denver metro area. For many, your card may be the only Valentine's Day card they receive. A few kind words can turn an ordinary day into something quietly unforgettable.

Columbine Kiwanis

If one of your resolutions is to help the local community, join Columbine Kiwanis

A few things we are proud of:

- Over \$15,000 collected for the Salvation Army. Thank you to the King Soopers Stores and people who donated to our kettles.
- 250 Meals on Wheels Deliveries.
- 12 Project Cure Medical supplies sorting.
- Blood Drive - December
- 50 days working at the Sheridan Food Bank. Usually Thursdays
- Socials every month.
- And much more

Upcoming projects that you can help.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Thursday preparing distribution and distributing food.
- Project Cure – once a month – Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday-(Each member about once a month)
- Blood Drive – March
- Working with Schools

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](mailto:info@columbinekiwanis.org) to subscribe. Visit columbinekiwanis.org or come for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting every Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs Restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. Or email me at KenSweet@Gmail.com.



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Winter Movies To Watch When It's Too Cold To Go Outside

Coming to America (1988)

Coming to America goes from the fictional country of Zamunda to the snowy streets of N.Y.C., as Prince Akeem (Eddie Murphy) travels to Queens to find his queen (pun absolutely intended). These days, it's not just a throwback; it's also peak New York winter in the '80s.

Cool Runnings (1993)

Feel the rhythm, feel the rhyme...Yes, this is the movie about the Jamaican bobsled team, and what's even better is that it's based on truth. When a Jamaican sprinter (Leon Robinson) is disqualified from the Olympic Games, he and a disgraced coach (John Candy) work together to form the first Jamaican Olympic Bobsled Team.

Force Majeure (2014)

Telling the story of familial tension after the patriarch attempts to abandon them during an avalanche, this film hits hard. For good reason, of course. Watch this Swedish film solo (and not with a partner you've been fighting with).

Frozen (2013)

Let it go, let it goooooo...this is the animated film that birthed the earworm of a century. Frozen is a force, producing spin-offs and a Broadway musical, but the OG is always a great choice. Watch this one with the youngest members of your family and ask them, "Do you want to build a snowman?"

For The LOVE of Junk

A Pop-Up Valentine's Flea & Gift Market

Dates: Friday, February 13: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Inside Space 450 Aspen Grove

Vintage romance meets flea-market magic at For the LOVE of Junk, a Valentine's weekend pop-up celebrating all things old-school, one-of-a-kind, and delightfully unexpected.

Shop soulful finds, quirky treasures, nostalgic décor, and gifts with real personality. Add a bouquet from the Flower Bar, sip from a full bar that benefits the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley, and soak in the vibes.

- Live jazz music on Friday night
- DJ spinning tunes on Saturday
- Flower Bar for custom blooms
- Bar pouring adult beverages (and more) hosted by the Humane Society of the South Platte
- Interactive moments + Valentine fun

Whether you're shopping for your sweetheart, your best friend, or yourself (highly encouraged), this is your chance to find the kind of gift no one else will have.

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National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day

On February 11th, Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day promotes a positive attitude even when things might not be going your way. It's a day for looking on the bright side of things and then carrying that feeling with you every day after. Do not worry, and do not stress over the little things. Life is too short to let the little things bother us.

Wish Lantern Festival

Friday, February 6, 2026, Silverthorne Pavilion

Part of Silverthorne's First Friday series, the Wish Lantern Festival honors Mexico's Noche de Candela and the Chinese Lunar New Year. Both of these traditions use wish lanterns, and Silverthorne will be floating theirs down the Blue River.

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1. Cook an International Feast. Spice up your dinner routine by picking a country and cooking a meal inspired by its cuisine. Make sushi rolls for a Japanese night, prepare Italian pasta from scratch, or try Mexican tamales. Get the whole family involved in chopping, mixing, and tasting. Add an educational twist by looking up fun facts about the country while you cook.

2. Plan a Themed Movie Marathon. Nothing beats curling up for a movie night when it's frosty outside. Make it extra special by choosing a theme—holiday classics, adventure films, or animated favorites—and matching snacks to the theme. For example, hot cocoa for winter-themed movies or nachos for an action-packed flick.

3. Turn Game Night into a Tournament. Whether it's classic board games, card games, or trivia challenges, a family game night is a recipe for laughs and good-natured competition. Create a mini-tournament, complete with a scoreboard and small prizes for the winners. For added excitement, have everyone bring their "A game" with silly team names or costumes.

4. Bake Your Family Favorites. There's something about winter that calls for baking. From gooey chocolate chip cookies to warm banana bread, baking together is both fun and delicious. Let each family member choose a favorite recipe, or try something new each week. Don't forget to sample your creations fresh out of the oven with a glass of milk or a cup of tea!

5. Create a Family Vision Board. Gather old magazines, scissors, and glue for a night of dreaming and planning.

Encourage everyone to cut out pictures and words that represent their goals, hopes, and dreams for the year ahead. Share your boards with each other and talk about how you can support one another in reaching those aspirations.


6. Build a Blanket Fort and Have a Storytelling Session. Transform your living room into a magical hideaway by building a blanket fort. Pile it high with pillows, string up fairy lights, and settle in for an evening of storytelling. You could share memories, tell favorite family tales, or invent silly stories together. It's a nostalgic activity that's just as fun for adults as it is for kids.

7. Take a Virtual Adventure Together. Travel might not be on the agenda, but virtual adventures are just a click away. Explore online tours of famous landmarks, museums, or even space! Let each family member pick a "destination" and guide the group through a virtual journey. It's an educational and inspiring way to explore the world from your couch.

8. Have a DIY Karaoke Night. Unleash your inner superstar with a karaoke session at home. Use a karaoke app or find instrumental versions of your favorite songs online. Whether you're belting out classics, crooning to love songs, or having a dance-off, the energy and laughter are guaranteed to warm up any winter night.

9. Have a Puzzle Marathon. There's nothing more satisfying than finishing a big jigsaw puzzle as a family. Set up a cozy puzzle station, make some hot chocolate, and spend the evening working together to fit the pieces. For an extra challenge, try a puzzle with a winter scene or a holiday theme.

—By Kari Owens



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