



Canterbury Tales



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Calendar of Events:

Annual HOA Meeting - October 7th, 6:30 p.m.

Halloween - October 25th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Hayride - December 7th, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(coupon is required to ride)

Welcome New Neighbors

This month we welcome Nevin and Shannon Barnes at 6833 S. Miller St. They have an adorable two-year-old son named Jameson and a dog named Noby. Welcome to the hood!

Next HOA Meetings, 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 7th, Annual HOA Meeting
at Ute Meadows Elementary School

Tuesday, November 4th



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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.)

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Please Be Sure To Vote!

(Ballots must be mailed by September 30, 2025)

ANNUAL HOA MEETING

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m.

Ute Meadows Elementary School

September HOA Board Meeting Summary

KEY DECISIONS & UPDATES

- **Proposed Amendment (Article 10):** The vote is ongoing. All votes need to be submitted by September 30th.
- **Board Election:** Annual Meeting on Oct. 7 at Ute Meadows Elementary at 6:30 p.m. Will post call for candidates on Facebook and in neighborhood newsletter. Write-in candidates at meeting accepted. Three-person nominating committee required but not selected yet.
- **W. Quarles Lot:** Owners analyzing water table; concerns raised but zoning is a county issue. Plans are coming along and owners hope to break ground in the fall.

REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- **Covenant Control:** Addressing rental home issue at entrance. Owner is working to keep up with the weeds.
- **Architectural Control:** Four project submissions approved.
- **Park/Maintenance:** Foothills praised for responsiveness; HOA funding thank-you lunch. Adaptive swing to be installed for disabled child.
- **Events:**
 - Concert in the Park: Good turnout initially but lost some people due to rain. Chris Daniels and the Kings did a great job.
 - Movie Night: Sept. 12 (The Wild Robot).
 - Dumpster Day: Sept. 27 (dues-paying members only).
 - Winter Hayride: Ticket-only for dues-paying families to limit overcrowding.
- **Communications:** Website current; email blasts functioning with some bugs.
- **Real Estate:** Four homes for sale; two under contract; prices declining.
- **Community Engagement:** Sheriff's Dept. to give crime report at Annual Meeting.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance and budget questions addressed.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- **Parliamentary Procedure:** Residents questioned lack of motions/seconds. Board assured procedures followed as required.
- **Transparency:** Concerns about vague minutes; suggestion to explore AI tools for accurate/confidential reporting. Liz S. to follow up.

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and sunny spots may be lighted on,
and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings,
as now in October.*

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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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Annual HOA Meeting

Please be sure to attend the Annual HOA Meeting at Ute Meadows Elementary School on Tuesday, October 7th, at 6:30 p.m.! Four of the eight Board positions will be expiring and up for election. Remember that you must be both present at the meeting and a dues paying member to run for a Board position and to vote for prospective Board Members. Historically, the attendance at the Meeting has been low considering the size of the Canterbury neighborhood – between 30 to 40 people attend, including the existing Board and the Committee heads, out of a neighborhood of more than 360 homes. It would be great to have a turnout of 100 or more neighbors for this important event. It is also very important to have the people who volunteer to be on the Board or on one of the Committees be present on a regular basis at meetings and to fill the positions that will open up such as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Covenant Control, Architectural Control, Real Estate, Events, Welcoming and Website Management.

If you are interested in being part of the HOA Board, please indicate your desire in an email to hoaboard@hoacanterbury.com or president@hoacanterbury.com prior to the meeting so that you are listed on the Ballot. There will also be space provided on the Ballot for write-in candidates at the meeting.

Hayride Ticket For Dues Paying Members

A huge Thank You again to all households who have paid your dues for 2025.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please note each household will be required to present their “Ticket to Ride” to get on the hayride this year. One ticket will cover your whole household.

We have been communicating this over the last few months but with December coming quickly, it was important to call it out again so everyone is aware of the change this year. The Board has received feedback that lines are long and non-Canterbury residents have been partaking in the event. In an effort to help this, tickets will be mailed out to all dues paying households in late November so you have it in time for the December event. Again, it will be one ticket per household you will need to bring with you that evening.

If you haven't paid your dues for the year, it is not too late. Please mail your check or submit via PayPal before mid-November so you can get your ticket on time.

If you have any questions, please email the HOA Board at hoaboard@hoacanterbury.com. Looking forward to seeing you all at the event.



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.

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that awakens my soul, your awesome beauty compels
my spirit to soar like a leaf caught in an autumn breeze
and my heart to sing like a heavenly choir*
—Peggy Toney Horton

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Coming up: We can use help with Meals on Wheels, Sheridan Food, Bank, Action Center Clothes Sorting, blood drive, ushering at the Jeffco Symphony, donating toys to local hospital, and others. We will need a lot of help in December with our Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, we will ring for about 2 weeks at two King Soopers stores.


If you are looking for a good hands-on service project or would like to meet other active people, check us out.

Details about our upcoming projects and social events are in our weekly newsletter, contact news@columbinekiwanis.org to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more, visit our website at columbinekiwanis.org, or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 am at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton.

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers (70 members) dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. We are serving our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations throughout the year. All are welcome to help with any of our projects or attend any of our social events. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

*I have been younger in October
than in all the months of spring.*

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month on the National Day Calendar. The entire month is a reminder that there is a gruesome disease that effects 1 in 8 women and 1 in 1000 men in the United States. We are reminding people to be proactive about fighting this invasive disease and not to forget to support those who are suffering from breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a terrible disease that will develop into invasive breast cancer over the course of a lifetime for millions of men and women. Being proactive in this fight is crucial. During the month of October, there are reminders everywhere saying "hey, don't forget to examine your breasts, get your doctor to check them out too, and schedule your mammogram."

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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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