



Dutch Creek Village News

Keeping You *Current* on all the Neighborhood News!

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Enjoying The Pool This Summer? We Are Too!

We hope everyone is having a great time at the pool this season! It's always refreshing to see so many neighbors enjoying themselves, connecting with one another, and making the most of this wonderful community amenity.

Just a few friendly reminders to help keep the pool area clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone:

- **Please return chairs to the concrete deck** when you're done using them. Keeping furniture off the lawn helps with maintenance and prevents damage to the grass.
- **Hosting a pool party?** We love seeing residents gather and celebrate! If you have extra trash after your event, please kindly take it with you when you leave. This small gesture helps keep the space clean for everyone.

Thanks for being considerate neighbors and helping us maintain such a great community atmosphere.

Concerts In Clement Park

Foothills Park & Recreation District is proud to offer Concerts in Clement Park free to the public and put on for the benefit of District residents and South Jefferson County residents. This outdoor series of concerts incorporates community collaborations and grant funded performances which are free, open to the public and family friendly. Performances are held at the Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman:** folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite:** 90s alternative rock and pop covers



We Want To Hear From You!

Hello neighbors! We've received such amazing feedback about the newsletter—thank you for your kind words and continued support! It's been great hearing how much you enjoy reading it each month.

To keep the momentum going, we'd love to include more content from *you*, our wonderful community. Each issue needs a few articles, and your contributions can make it even better. Here are a few ideas:

- Have a favorite recipe everyone raves about? Send it in!
- Spotted wildlife or had a unique nature encounter in the neighborhood? Tell us about it!
- Completed a cool DIY project or have a helpful home tip? Share it!
- Taken a beautiful photo around Dutch Creek? We'd love to feature it!

Don't like to write? No problem! Just send your notes or ideas to info@dutch-creekhoa.com and we'll help put it together.

The newsletter is by the community, for the community—and with your help, we can keep it fun, useful, and something neighbors look forward to each month.

Thank you for being a part of what makes Dutch Creek so special!

Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium

Saturday, August 2, 2025, 1:00pm to 10:00pm

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival returns Saturday, August 2! Race or roll through the heart of historic Downtown Littleton and join hundreds of cyclists and bike enthusiasts competing in races of various skill and experience levels throughout the afternoon and evening.

New this year is the Arts Festival, Littleton's love letter to all who attend. With local artisans, food, beer, music, and entertainment, the Arts Festival is a new way to support local while cheering on the incredible racers! The day kicks off with the first ever Unified Ride, an inclusive and accessible bike wave open to all abilities and types of non-electric bicycles, including adaptive.

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival is designed to embrace the sport of cycling and offer memorable experiences for all who participate. Registration for the competitive races, Family Cruiser Ride, and Unified Ride is now open. Learn more at LittletonCrit.com.

Book Lovers Day: August 9

An unofficial holiday encouraging everyone to celebrate reading and literature. People are advised to put away their smartphones and technological distractions and pick up a book to read.

Dutch Creek History... Recreation Facility Improvements

The facility improvement process for our community began in 2005, initiated by the Board of Directors along with several dedicated residents. Rich Hagan led the early visioning and planning efforts. As highlighted in the July newsletter, Phase 1 of the improvements was completed in the summer of 2007. (Note: Frank McKinney was also a member of the original committee. See the July issue for a full list of committee members.)

During Phase 1, it's likely that the westernmost tennis court (originally there were four) was removed to address significant drainage issues near the pool area and the adjacent retaining wall.

Phase 2 began with a renewed look at the long-term vision developed by Rich Hagan's committee, followed by a resident survey in November 2010 to gather feedback on recreation area usage and potential improvements—especially related to bathroom facilities. Planning officially started in 2011.

By this time, Rich Hagan was in poor health. Frank McKinney stepped in to lead Phase 2, and we sadly lost Mr. Hagan in the fall of 2011.

Phase 2 Improvements (Completed Spring 2012):

- Removal of the original chain link fencing around the pool and courts
- Demolition of the old wooden shelter northwest of the pool house
- Removal of the west tennis court (Court 1)
- Smoothing and edging of the two remaining courts: one designated for tennis, the other as a multi-use court with a basketball hoop on the north end
- Seeding of the lawn game area with native buffalo grass
- Renovation of the west pool entry walkway: removal of 18 mostly wooden steps, grading for ADA compliance, and retaining wall installation
- Creation of an 8-foot-wide access path to the tractor storage area next to the pool house
- Installation of an ornamental fence and locking gate to close off west pool access
- Construction of a new pool shelter with picnic tables
- Installation of a retaining wall behind the picnic area
- Drainage system installation for the remaining courts, including drain pipe work
- Reconditioning of the two remaining courts: surface crack repair, line painting for tennis and half-court basketball
- New chain link fence around the two courts
- Modification of the landscape irrigation system to support the new sidewalk landscaping
- Replacement and addition of landscape shrubs and other plantings

Phase 2 was completed in late spring of 2012. A heartfelt thank you to Frank McKinney for stepping up and leading this important community project!

Dutch Creek

Board of Directors and Officers of the Master Association

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>
TBD	President	2028
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Kendra Conrad	Treasurer	2028
Eileen Parker	Secretary	Volunteer
Jessica Cahill		2028
Jason Fish		2028
Jason Flynn		2028
Jason Rogers		2028
John Wilber		2028

Architectural Control Committee: Jessica Cahill

Greenbelt / Landscape Manager: Craig Pedersen

Pool Manager: Jason Fish

Pool & Courts Proximity Key: Jason Flynn

Tennis Court & Multi-Sport/Basketball Court: Jason Rogers

Website: Jason Rogers

We need volunteers!

Please contact us if you are interested in helping with DCV HOA.

Want to submit something for the newsletter?

Articles are due on or before the second Thursday of the month.

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****Articles are subject to approval by the BoD.****

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Optimism doesn't mean that you are blind to the reality of the situation. It means that you remain motivated to seek a solution to whatever problems arise.

—The Dalai Lama

Rocky Ford Cantaloupe Season

While Palisade is known for its peaches and Pueblo is known for its green chiles, Rocky Ford is best known for its cantaloupes. The harvest begins in mid-July and runs through mid-September, with the prime time for picking in August. On average, the seasonal crops produce about four million cantaloupes to be sold to nearby farmers' markets, grocery stores, and local roadside stands. These cantaloupes are said to be the best in the world. This is due to the growing conditions' combination of extremely hot days, cool nights, and fresh water from the nearby Arkansas River.

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This Month In History

August 1, 1779 - Star-Spangled Banner author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled Defense of Fort McHenry which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

August 13, 1818 - Women's rights pioneer Lucy Stone (1818-1893) was born near West Brookfield, Massachusetts. She dedicated her life to the abolition of slavery and the emancipation of women and aided in the founding of the American Suffrage Association.

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert

featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people. The event came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960's.

August 17, 1778 - The first transatlantic balloon trip was completed by three Americans; Max Anderson, Ben Abruzzo, and Larry Newman, all from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Starting from Maine on August 11th, they traveled in Double Eagle II over 3,000 miles in 137 hours, landing about 60 miles west of Paris.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 26, 1873 - American inventor Lee De Forest (1873-1961) was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He held hundreds of patents for inventions and was also a pioneer in the creation of wireless radio broadcasting and television.

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