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The Pool and Court Areas

The plaster surface of the main pool should be in the process of being repaired/replaced in preparation for opening of the pool by Memorial Day weekend. Once the surface is finished, we will fill the pool and start up the pumps and boiler. Ideally, everything is running fine and we can get the pool opened up early. Last year the boiler failed to start and while we opened the pool on time, it was fairly cold. We finally got the boiler fixed, but it unfortunately took a while to find someone to fix it.

We won't know the condition of the pool systems until we start everything up in May, but we will keep you informed of what we find at start-up.

The court areas are intended to be open year-round. Please let the HOA know if you find any issues with the court areas. We will address your issues promptly and hopefully resolve them to everyone's satisfaction. You will notice that the court entrance on the west side is still padlocked and will likely remain padlocked for the foreseeable future. The gates have been a frequent source of issues so we are focusing on maintaining court accessibility through the east gate since that is the gate with a walkway.

If you do not have an access card for the pool, then please email the HOA at info@dutchcreekhoa.com to request a new card. Please provide an email and phone number so that we may get in touch with you. Note that there may be a small fee for a new card under some circumstances.

*The legacy of brave men and women
who have fought and died for their country
is the freedom we enjoy as Americans.*
— **Lucian Adams**

From The President

Do you have a blue house? I think they look great when freshly painted but the blue siding can really show the impact of time. I have not done a scientific study, but it appears to me that blue houses are the worst at hiding the damage from the Colorado sun. If you have a blue house, please go outside and take a look at the siding and give it an honest opinion about how it looks to others. If it doesn't look great, perhaps a good power wash is enough to bring back the beauty, but perhaps your home needs a fresh coat of paint.

Your HOA board does not enjoy having to tell a homeowner to have work done on their house. Believe me, we really do not like doing this. So please take care of your home and lot appearance before someone complains to the HOA about the appearance of your home or lot. I really hope that over the next few months I see every blue house looking wonderful without the HOA having to get involved. Thank you in advance!

If you have received this May newsletter and you have not yet paid your 2024 dues for the Master HOA, then you are likely already accruing late fees and interest on the annual dues amount. So please pay your dues promptly. And reach out to the HOA at info@dutchcreekhoa.com by email if you want to discuss the situation. We do not enjoy enforcing the rules for late payment of dues, but we attempt to follow the rules exactly to make sure all homeowners are treated equally.



Behavior at the Pool

The main rule we have for the pool area is that everyone be respectful of others that are using the pool area. Some examples of unacceptable behavior:

- 1. Profanity and rude behavior** – The pool area is meant to be a family area.
- 2. Loud music** – You may like your music, but I guarantee you someone else does not like it. And if you must ask what is too loud, then you should turn the volume down.
- 3. Being disrespectful** – If another person at the pool asks you to change your behavior, please respect their opinion and change your behavior. If you do not feel it is a valid request, please change your behavior and also let the HOA know about the situation so we can help find a solution for everyone.
- 4. Entering the pool area without an access card** – Dutch Creek Village homeowners pay a lot of money to maintain the amenities. The pool and court area are intended for the use of residents and their guests. You can always let the HOA know about such behavior.

If you see someone behaving badly at the pool area, you can always call 911 and ask for the police to come out and resolve the situation. The HOA does not want any homeowner putting themselves in a dangerous situation by confronting an individual about an issue. Remember that unauthorized access of the pool area is trespassing and threatening others is never acceptable.

General Information:

The Dutch Creek Village (DCV) Master Homeowners' Association (HOA) is an active volunteer run HOA with pride in our community. The Board of Directors (BoD) consists of seven members that are residents of the community. The BoD is not compensated for the time they invest in working to make this a neighborhood where everyone wants to live. BoD meetings are usually held virtually each month. Meeting time is tentatively 7:30pm on the third Thursday of each month. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings. Please visit our website at www.dutchcreekhoa.com for information regarding meeting dates, times, location, and how to request the meeting link.

To receive informational emails from the Master Association, please "Subscribe" to the HOA information list through the website www.dutchcreekhoa.com. If you have questions for the BoD, please contact us by email at info@dutchcreekhoa.com.

Dutch Creek Village consists of Filings I and II that are governed solely by the Master Association plus Filing III that is managed by Homestead Management and is also part of the Master Association. Filing III is bordered by Marshall on the east and pool area/open space on the north.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN ON OUR STREETS

25 MPH is usually the speed limit in residential areas in CO. 25 mph is too fast to stop quickly when a child or pet or any person steps into the street or someone is trying to back out of a driveway.

There have been reports of one pet on W Weaver Ave hit and killed and one "Children at Play" sign hit and knocked over. That could have been a child!

If you know people in Leawood who use W Weaver Ave to exit/enter Leawood to/from Pierce St., please ask them to adhere to the speed limit and observe the stop sign at W Weaver Ave and W Weaver Dr, too. Of course, return the favor and do not speed in other communities, please.

Some of the residents on W Weaver Ave are working with the authorities to try to get more effective speed bumps installed and anything else that will improve this situation.

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* Year indicates when term ends

Architectural Control Committee:
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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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Historically Speaking ...

Of newsletters in our community: For several years, residents, Jackie Mathewson and Eileen Parker produced and edited a quarterly newsletter titled, "Dutch Creek Newsletter." Jackie Mathewson was a ReMax realtor at the time and presented her idea of producing a newsletter as a service to the DCV community which could help the Board communicate with the residents and provide community building information as well as advertise her business. The Board saw the value and accepted the proposal. Soon after starting the newsletter, Jackie and Eileen also produced a Board approved Directory every two years that included information with permission from individual homeowners. Not everyone wanted to include phone numbers, names and ages of children, etc. Both the newsletter and the Directory were well received and appreciated. But all good things come to an end, and so did this newsletter.

Of streets within and without: At the time of development of Filing 1 in the late 70's, S Pierce was a two-way street only. The improvements that widened and made Pierce a 4-lane street took place in the 80s; but the specifics must be hidden in the County archives somewhere! As illusive is just when the speed bumps were added to some of the residential streets. Also, some of the oldest residents remember that W Weaver Ave didn't connect to Leawood during the initial development at least. However, the developer agreement, must have included opening the east end of W. Weaver at some point in the development. Though some residents on W Weaver Ave would like to see it closed due to heavy use from Leawood, that is highly unlikely to happen.

JEFFCO Wants Citizen Input

Jefferson County is in the next phase of the Together Jeffco County Plans and Regulations Update! Together Jeffco is a two-year process which combines efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan (CP), Transportation & Mobility Plan (TMP), Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan's Evacuation Annex (CEMP EA), and development regulations to create a Unified Land Use Code (ULUC).

The community's engagement in the first two phases focused on identifying a 20-year vision for Jeffco and the top priorities for future development. During the first phase, the public expressed a desire for future development in Jeffco to be compatible with existing development patterns and balance sustainability, environmental stewardship, and respond to community needs. This current phase and questionnaire provide an opportunity to review the draft Vision and Guiding Principles that were crafted from initial engagement. Additionally, this questionnaire is looking for feedback on key choices and strategies to achieve the Vision.

These responses will be used to help inform land use categories, policies, and regulations, though will be taken into account alongside in-person feedback, coordination with other municipalities and agencies, as well as best practices, existing conditions of the County.

Together Jeffco Questionnaire #2:

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Memorial Day Activities With Kids

We're so excited for the summer! The pools are opening, the grill's heating up, and school's winding down. But in the midst of the fun, take a few minutes to teach your family that Memorial Day is a special time to recognize the service men and women who've fought for our country.

Explain the History of Memorial Day

The Memorial Day tradition began around the Civil War, when folks wanted to honor the soldiers who had died in that conflict by decorating their graves. There's some disagreement over whether this started in the south or in Waterloo, NY, but in either case, the tradition started as Decoration Day. Families would gather together at cemeteries, bringing picnics and remembering, together, those whom they had lost. Gradually Decoration Day became Memorial Day, and in 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday of May. While Memorial Day is specifically a holiday to recognize the sacrifices of men and women who have died in combat, many people also spend the day honoring veterans and current service personnel and working for peace and unity with all people.



Watch a Parade or Memorial Service

We have some local parades, and kids love a parade, but you can also take the opportunity to point out traditions and Memorial Day etiquette. Teach children that we stand and

take off hats as veterans pass in a parade. Have them look for American flags, and point out that, officially, flags are to be flown at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day as a remembrance. During services you may also see soldiers fire rifles into the air or people throwing flowers into the ocean in memory of those lost at sea. Next time you're at your local town hall or playground, check for a memorial and take time to read it with your kids.

Make a Tasty Treat

Bring cookies or another treat to our neighbor, a World War II veteran. It's wonderful to recognize someone your kids know. But it's also fun to enjoy a treat yourselves! A simple one is a blueberry and strawberry parfait with yogurt, whipped cream, or ice cream. Put them into clear plastic containers to show the patriotic colors, and pop them into the freezer if it's a hot day.

Craft Something Special

Want to slide in a history lesson while keeping little hands busy? You can help kids make a tissue paper poppy while explaining about Memorial Day's origins, then explain that poppies, because they are blood-red, became a symbol of sacrifice during World War I. These are easy to create, and they make a lovely gift.

—<https://denver.kidsoutandabout.com>

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Hops In The Park

Craft Brews in Clement Park beer festival! May 11, 2024

Colorado is home to all different sizes and styles of breweries and beers. What better place to enjoy those beers than at scenic Clement Park! Hops in the Park is a festival for ages 21+, featuring beer sampling, food trucks, vendors selling the hottest beer related swag, artist booths, yard games, and entertainment.

This is an Adults Only event, ages 21+ (children, toddlers and babies will not be admitted)

Location: Clement Park, near the Grant Family Amphitheater, off of the Long Street Entrance (7306 W Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80123)

What to Expect: Beer tasting from some of your favorite Colorado breweries, food trucks, vendors selling the hottest beer related swag, artist booths, community business booths, yard games, and entertainment.

Ticket Information: Buy Tickets – includes entry into the event, souvenir Hops in the Park taster glass, samples from participating breweries, and access to booths and games at <https://www.ifoohills.org/beerfest/>



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Etiquette For Dog Parents

Dog parents have a responsibility to manage their pets' behavior and follow certain rules of etiquette. Follow these guidelines to ensure that you and your dog are being courteous community members.

- **Scoop your poop.** Bring several bags on your walks to be sure you have enough. If you run out, either come back and clean it up later, or ask another walker if they have a bag to spare.
- **Prevent barking.** Practice getting your dog's attention to easily redirect him if he barks at people or other dogs. If you know your dog acts this way, only allow him in the yard when supervised.
- **Only let your dog greet a stranger if they ask.** The same rule applies if you see another dog and caretaker approaching. Ask first and respect the other's response.
- **Always leash your dog on walks.** Not everyone is comfortable around dogs. Keep your dog close to you and stay alert to others. Your leash should be short enough to prevent your dog from contacting or jumping on passersby.
- **Don't play while on leash.** If you meet another dog on a walk (and it's alright with their caretaker) let the dogs sniff each other for five seconds and move on. Letting your dog play with another dog while on leash can result in injury and teach your dog that all dogs enjoy this kind of interaction, although many don't.
- **Be aware of other people's feelings.** If your dog does something to upset someone (jumping up, barking) apologize to them and take measures to prevent the situation from reoccurring.

— Animal Humane Society

Thinking of Painting Your Brick Home? Let's Weigh the Pros and Cons!

Are you considering giving your brick home a fresh look with a new coat of paint? As your local real estate expert, I'm here to help you navigate the decision-making process.

PROS

Enhanced Curb Appeal: A freshly painted exterior can instantly boost the curb appeal of your home, making it stand out in the neighborhood and potentially increasing its value.

Color Customization: Painting your brick allows you to personalize the look of your home to match your style preferences and current trends. Say goodbye to dated brick colors!

Protection from the Elements: Quality exterior paint can provide an extra layer of protection against harsh weather conditions, extending the lifespan of your brick and reducing maintenance costs.

Covering Imperfections: If your brick has stains, discoloration, or damage that can't be remedied with cleaning, painting can provide a uniform appearance, concealing flaws and giving your home a fresh, clean finish.

CONS

Permanent Change: Once you paint your brick, it's difficult to revert to its original state. If you love the natural look of brick or plan to sell in the future, consider the long-term implications of this permanent change.

Maintenance Required Painted brick requires regular maintenance to preserve its appearance. Touch-ups may be needed to address chips, cracks, or fading over time.

Potential Moisture Issues: Brick is porous, allowing moisture to escape. Painting can trap moisture, leading to issues such as mold, mildew, and deterioration if not properly addressed.

Aesthetic Preference: While some love the look of painted brick, others prefer the timeless appeal of natural brick. Consider your personal taste and the architectural style of your home before making a decision.