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With Gratitude To...

Our community thrives because of the dedication of so many volunteers who give their time, talent, and care to keep Dutch Creek Village beautiful and functional. The Board would like to extend sincere appreciation to the following individuals:

Jason Rogers, Master Association Board Director, deserves much credit for leading the 2017 Courts Improvement Project. He initiated the Courts Interest Survey to residents and guided the planning that brought our upgraded courts to life. Tennis is both Jason's passion and profession, and he continues to lead all things related to the DCV courts and website.

Craig Pedersen, retired past Master Association President and former Grounds/Landscaping Manager, along with **John Wilber**, current Director, continue to pitch in wherever needed – whether it's managing sprinklers, mowing volunteer areas, or troubleshooting gate issues. John has also been the unofficial "VP of the Board," stepping in to help whenever needed.

Jason Fish, Director and longtime Pool Manager, keeps our pool running smoothly year after year. He has coordinated pool furniture, recruited volunteer evening closers, and overseen pool security. In the coming year, Jason will once again be advocating for budget improvements to enhance the facility – here's hoping this is the year!

Kendra Conrad, Director overseeing financial operations, successfully transitioned the HOA's accounting system from QuickBooks to PayHOA. Her efforts modernized our dues collection process – many residents now appreciate the convenience of electronic payments (though checks are still gladly accepted!).

Jason Flynn, Director and our resident "gatekeeper," has taken charge of improving the gate access system and plans to upgrade software in the coming year. He's also a dedicated mowing volunteer and an all-around helping hand wherever something needs fixing.

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The Story of Our Tennis & Multi-Sport Court

When the DCV Recreation Center was first built, it featured four asphalt tennis courts. Asphalt was the economical choice at the time, but in Colorado's harsh freeze-thaw climate, cracking is inevitable. Over the years, the courts deteriorated to the point that some had to be locked and closed for safety.

During the facility upgrade in 2006–2007, the easternmost court was removed and replaced with the grassy area visible today. Between 2011 and 2016, the remaining courts were patched several times, but each winter brought the cracks back.

In 2017, the HOA made a major investment to rebuild the east and middle courts using **post-tension concrete** – the gold standard in tennis court construction. This system uses tensioned steel cables to keep the slab under constant compression, resulting in superior durability and resistance to cracking.

To expand their appeal, one court was retained for tennis, and the other was converted into a **multi-sport court** featuring basketball, hockey, a hitting wall, and even four-square. Additional lines were also added for junior tennis and pickleball.

Since reconstruction, the courts have remained in excellent condition and require minimal maintenance. Resurfacing is typically needed every 5–10 years, and the Board anticipates funding this in 2027.

In the meantime, minor repairs continue – such as adjusting gate springs and addressing a broken west gate lock, currently secured with a temporary chain. Please remember to **close the gates behind you** when leaving to keep the courts secure and prevent unnecessary wear on the surface.

Important Reminder: No bikes, scooters, skateboards, or dogs are allowed on the courts. Please also avoid using shovels to clear snow, as they can damage the playing surface.

Thanks to these improvements, our neighborhood courts continue to provide a safe and fun place for families to enjoy recreation close to home.

Don't Blow Leaves Into The Street

As we enter the fall season, leaves all around Colorado are starting to fall. Although pretty in the trees, the leaves can cause issues in the streets.

You could face a fine if you rake or blow the fall leaves from your lawn into the streets. That's because the leaves, or other yard waste, can clog the storm drains and cause flooding. It is also dangerous for our water quality.

There is always, always something to be thankful for.

–Rhonda Byrnes



With Gratitude To..., *continued from front*

Kyle McBride, our newest Master Association Director, has been a steady volunteer on grounds, landscaping, and pool projects over the past two years. We greatly appreciate Kyle's willingness to step up when Craig Pedersen stepped down for personal reasons.

Jessica Cahill, past Director and former ACC lead, stepped away recently for personal reasons. We thank her for her dedication and the thoughtful work she contributed during her time on the Board.

Lisa Wiencek, editor of *The Current* newsletter, has a special knack for turning submitted articles into polished, engaging reads.

Filing 3 Board of Directors – who prefer not to be individually recognized here – are also sincerely appreciated for their ongoing leadership and contributions behind the scenes.

Filing 2: A special thank-you to **Gabor and Krista Gyurovszky** (and their neighbors) for maintaining the Filing 2 entryway area so beautifully over the years.

And finally, heartfelt thanks to all others who have volunteered time, ideas, or muscle power – **Lorraine Whelan, Kay Loundagin, Geri Lopez, Arne Birkeness, Mark O'Donnell, Frank McKinney, and Mike Hale**, among others. Even if your name isn't listed here, please know that your efforts have made a difference and are truly appreciated.

16th Annual Denver Veterans Day Run, Festival And Parade

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Denver City Park

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The Denver Veterans Day Run, Parade and Festival is held to celebrate and honor the brave men and women who have served our country. Our origins stem from a passion to recognize the sacrifices made by our veterans, create a vibrant community event where we can come together in gratitude and support the mission to help Veterans in Colorado create economic vitality through career advancement and entrepreneurship.

This event supports the mission of Colorado Veterans Project focused on supporting Veterans and Transitioning Active Duty in the pursuit of vibrant careers, meaningful employment, and successful entrepreneurship to continue a meaningful life full of purpose and fulfillment.

Our event involves collaboration with veteran and military focused organizations with the support and collaboration of the City of Denver, ensuring a heartfelt and engaging celebration.

–<https://www.denerveteransday.com/>

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you will never, ever have enough.*

–*Oprah Winfrey*

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10 Tips For Raising Grateful Kids

Saying thank you is one of the first social rules many parents teach their children, and for good reason. We want our kids to be appreciative and not take things for granted, and learning to be grateful can improve kids' relationships, ability to empathize, and overall happiness. If you are looking for ways to reinforce the importance of gratitude or would like to find other meaningful ways your kids can show appreciation, here are some tips:

1. Set an example. Kids learn a lot from watching their parents. Show them what it means to be grateful by offering a genuine "thank you!" to a waitress who serves your food, a helpful neighbor, someone who holds the door open for you. But don't stop there — include your kids, too. Thanking children for doing things that are helpful, even when they are chores like putting away toys, reinforces the behavior and lets them know they're appreciated.

2. Point out generosity. Call attention to it when people (including your kids!) do things that go beyond what's expected — helping without being asked, being especially thoughtful, or taking extra time to do something because it's important to someone else. Send the message that you will notice if they knock themselves out for you, or for someone else.

3. Have a talk. Try asking your child how they feel when people say thank you to them for doing something nice, and then how they feel when they don't.

4. Find fun ways to say thanks. There are lots of ways to show gratitude. If your child isn't comfortable talking to strangers or has a hard time expressing themselves in writing, work together to come up with a different way for them to show

their appreciation. They could try giving a smile or a thumbs up if someone holds the door, or show grandma how much they love their new coat by drawing a thank you picture (or taking a smiling selfie!) instead of writing a card.

5. Share the love. Encourage kids to think of people who help them, from coaches to neighbors to the local firemen, and say thanks with cookies or cupcakes.

6. Put things in perspective. Talk to your kids about those who are less fortunate. Understanding that not everyone has the same advantages will help them develop compassion for others and gratitude for their own privileges.

7. Let kids choose. Encourage kids to turn their interests into action. Whether it's a fundraising drive at school, a bake sale, or a run for charity, expressing their interests and using their skills for a good cause is a great way to boost their confidence and give them a chance to give back at the same time.

8. Get involved. If kids are too young to go alone or aren't comfortable dealing with strangers solo, make giving back a family affair. Find places where you can volunteer together or let your child choose a charity to donate to.

9. Make gratitude part of bedtime. When you tuck them in at night, ask your child to tell you three things they're grateful for. Even if they've had a bad day it will help them — and you — end each day on a positive note.

10. Give kids credit. Be mindful of the fact that your child may have their own way of expressing gratitude, even if it doesn't fit your expectations.

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The 15 Must-Dos Of Fall Yard Cleanup

1. Clean out debris. Clear out flower beds of leaves, etc. to keep the critters away from your house. Pay special attention to rose beds, as their foliage can foster disease over the winter.

2. Clean up the vegetable garden. After the final harvest, pull out old vegetable plants and remove debris. Now is the time to prep your soil for maximum yield next season.

3. Trim rogue branches. Trim up dead, damaged, or diseased branches. Prune out-of-place tree branches that may cause trouble during the winter.

4. Clean out the gutters. Before the rain and snow start falling, clear out the leaves and other debris from your home's rain gutters. Check for proper drainage, clear out any blockages with a small garden trowel, and rinse with a hose.

5. Dry everything out. Drain all water from hoses, fountains, drip irrigation, and other water features, and store them in a dry place. Don't forget to blow out those sprinklers!

6. Aerate the lawn. Break up soil to keep water from pooling and guarantee that nutrients will reach the roots over the winter.

7. Feed the lawn. Send your yard into winter with the nutrients it needs to survive the long, cold sleep. Add a fall lawn fertilizer with high phosphorous content to encourage root growth and enjoy a lush, green lawn come spring.

8. Rake and mulch. Left alone, leaf litter can suffocate the grass. So, rake them up, shred them, and use them as mulch for young trees, shrubs, and flower beds to provide a boost of nutrients, help with weed control, and keep roots warm. You might even be able to skip the raking part if you use a lawn mower to mulch the leaves in your yard.

9. Prune trees and shrubs. Trim any dead branches and cut back overgrown trees and bushes during your fall clean up routine. For fall bloomers, you may want to wait until they've stopped flowering, which can be late winter or early spring.

10. Give it one last mow. Set your mower to a low setting and give the lawn a close buzz before winter sets in.

11. Divide and cut back perennials. Divide plants and add them to other beds where they will also do well. This saves money and time in the spring. Fall-blooming perennials like chrysanthemums shouldn't be divided now—wait and divide them in the spring.

12. Protect cold-sensitive plants. Keep sensitive perennials, shrubs, and roses in top shape through the cold days of winter. Add mulch to the base and wrap plants in cloth barriers to prevent damage from freezing.

13. Plant bulbs, shrubs, and fall annuals. If you want to add new shrubs or spring bulbs like hyacinth, now is the time to get them in the ground. Fall annuals are also a great addition to keep some color in your yard as other plants go to sleep.

14. Protect the deck. Prevent mold and mildew by giving the deck a good power wash. Once the deck is clean and dry, add a weatherproofing stain to protect the wood from moisture damage over the winter.

15. Clean tools and store them. Plants get diseases just like humans and animals. All-purpose cleaner or rubbing alcohol can disinfect small tools like pruners and loppers while you can use bleach for larger metal tools like shovels.

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Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

–<https://department.va.gov>

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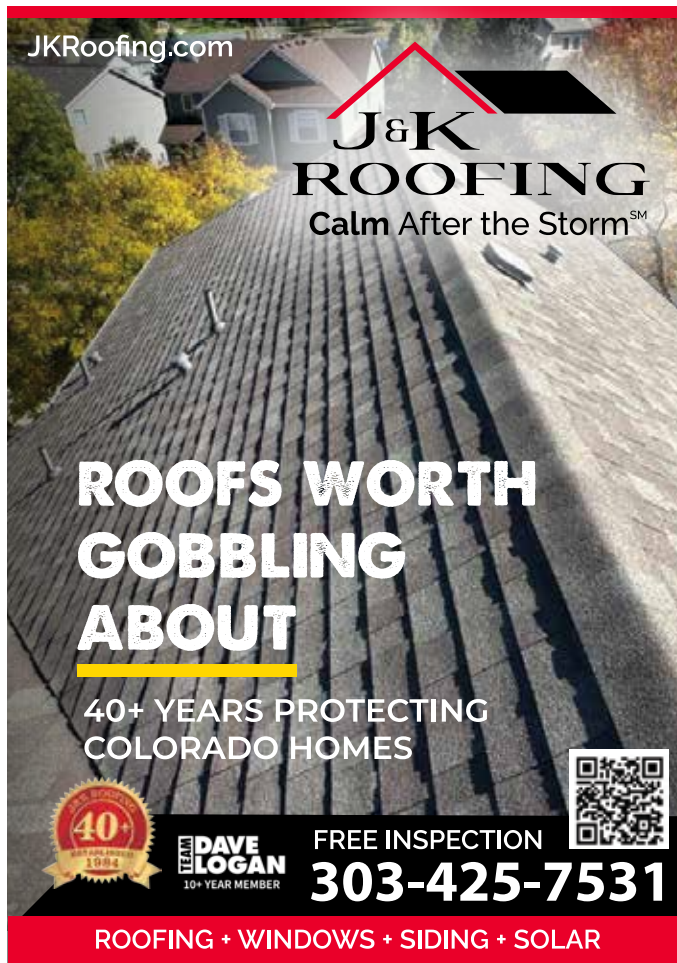
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