



## Littleton Craft Fair

Mark your calendars for the Littleton Craft Fair on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the scenic grounds of Ketring Park.

Since 1971, shoppers have browsed over 250 booths of hand-crafted items and purchased snacks from the nonprofits running food concession stands.

Due to high attendance, shoppers are asked to observe all parking signs and directions. Littleton Craft Fair parking is prohibited in the Bemis Public Library lot as spaces are needed for Library patrons. The Littleton Museum parking lot is used for Museum visitors, staff, and as accessible parking for shoppers.

Proceeds from booth fees are used by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum organization to sponsor programs at the Littleton Museum and Bemis Public Library.

—<https://www.museum.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/>



## 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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## DCV History

### Foothills Parks & Recreation District and DCV HOA & Recreational Association – Whose Responsibility?

Very few residents in Dutch Creek Village (DCV) remain who were here when the community was founded. Fortunately, long-time resident Frank McKinney has preserved records that continue to shed light on the history and challenges we face today.

One of the long-standing issues is the relationship between the DCV HOA & Recreational Association and the Foothills Parks & Recreation District. DCV residents are *not* taxpayers into Foothills. This means if we want to use Foothills classes, pools, or facilities, we must pay “out-of-district” fees.

The Dutch Creek Trail, however, complicates matters. The section between Filing 3 and Upper/Lower Dutch Creek of Filing 1, running along the creek from Pierce to the Leawood Parks & Recreation District boundary, technically falls under Foothills’ jurisdiction. Many years ago, Foothills even offered to sell this greenbelt area to the DCV Master Association for a nominal fee of about \$10. At the time, our HOA was already mowing the area occasionally, since Foothills, Urban Drainage and Flood Control District (UDFCD), and Jeffco Open Space often mowed no more than once per summer.

The Board ultimately declined the offer, citing concerns about liability for injuries, snow removal obligations, and the creek itself—likely a state or county responsibility. Ownership would have required significant HOA dues increases to cover those costs.

Over the years, HOA leaders like Frank McKinney, Dan Dowell, Jim Bruzas, and Raina Powell have worked with Foothills to address trail damage and risks. In 2015, after storm damage washed out the culvert under a feeder trail from W. Weaver Ave., Foothills, UDFCD, and Open Space all ruled the repairs were not their responsibility. Because the feeder sidewalk was originally installed by DCV, the burden remained with us.

This “not our jurisdiction” theme has repeated. For example, when beavers damaged trees along the Dutch Creek Trail (see September newsletter), Jeffco Open Space referred us to Foothills. The Foothills representative suggested finding a Scout or volunteer to cage the trees, noting their responsibility extended only to maintaining the sidewalk. Meanwhile, UDFCD (now Mile High Flood Control District) agreed they could address beaver dams *if* it could be proven the beavers were moved—but the trees themselves? Again, “not our responsibility.”

To date, no organized effort has stepped forward to protect the remaining trees. One resident has offered \$200 for materials, and another has volunteered to help, but without a project leader or available HOA funds, the work remains undone.

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

—W.S. Merwin

## Snow Removal Contractor Needed — Dutch Creek Village

Our HOA is seeking an independent contractor to handle snow removal in designated common areas this winter. Interested? Please email [info@dutchcreekhoa.com](mailto:info@dutchcreekhoa.com) for more information.

*October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book.*

*—John Sinor*



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## Dutch Creek

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TBD	Vice-President	2028
Kendra Conrad	Treasurer	2028
Eileen Parker	Secretary	Volunteer
TBD		2028
Jason Fish		2028
Jason Flynn		2028
Jason Rogers		2028
John Wilber		2028

**Architectural Control Committee:** Jessica Cahill

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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.

Email articles to [info@dutchcreekhoa.com](mailto:info@dutchcreekhoa.com).

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

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## 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.

Details about our upcoming projects and social events are in our weekly newsletter, contact [news@columbinekiwanis.org](mailto:news@columbinekiwanis.org) to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more, visit our website at [columbinekiwanis.org](http://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 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.



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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! Please note: While entry to the event is free, the snacks, wagon rides, and playing carnival games do require payment.

### FREE ACTIVITIES

- **Musical performance in the pumpkin field**
- **Photo Opportunities**
- **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." Come and see our Curio Tent!
- **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.
- **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."

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