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## From A DCV Neighbor:

The crisp, summer, morning breeze danced through the leaves. Almost as if they were interlaced in a tango. The sun peeking through the fluttering array of green. I was walking down Marshall Court enjoying the early morning sunshine while listening to some of my favorite songs—a regular walk one could say. I looked down at my feet, kicking the shriveled flowers that were once hanging from the trees above. When I looked up, I was met eye to eye with a wild turkey. I haven't lived in this area very long, and when I glanced up to see a 3-foot tall, earthy brown, bright red neck, bird staring at me I quite literally froze. Not a muscle dared to move—both turkey and me. Eyes locked. It was almost serene, my music went quiet, and my surroundings began to blur. It was me and the turkey, a quite intimate interaction. Why was there a turkey in Littleton? Why was there only one? What journey did this turkey go through to get here? Where is it heading? These questions followed the 3 second headlock. In the moment, my mind went blank. Biggest bird I have ever seen. The turkey looked at me and then jumped away as if in a bag race and ran into the field. This interaction was a month ago, and I still think about the abyss and life that those eyes held.



*Photos captured from neighbors of wildlife in DCV. (wild turkey in neighbor's backyard, 2 beavers in Dutch Creek, and 2 deer along trail)*

## A Community Service Project Idea: Save Trees & Support Our Neighborhood

If you walk the Dutch Creek Trail, you may have noticed beavers have recently moved into the area. Several trees along the trail have already been gnawed, particularly near the bend where W. Weaver Ave. becomes W. Weaver Dr. One may even be toppled before this newsletter reaches you.

This presents a great opportunity for a community service project. If your child is in Scouts or another organization that encourages service projects, "caging" the tree trunks could both protect our trees and qualify as a service activity.


Before starting, Jeffco Open Space and possibly Foothills Parks & Recreation should be contacted for permission and support.

If you or your child would like to take on this project, please let the Board know by emailing [info@dutchcreekhoa.com](mailto:info@dutchcreekhoa.com). Together, we can help preserve the natural beauty of our trail.



## National Grandparents Day


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## Dutch Creek

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### 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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## Colorado Wildfire Mitigation & Safety

At the August CoHope meeting, **Xcel Energy** and **West Metro Fire Protection District** shared wildfire preparedness updates.

### Xcel's Key Strategies:

- **EPSS (Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings):** Power is shut off automatically when sensors detect a problem (e.g., tree branch on a line). Crews inspect before restoring power.
- **PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff):** *Last resort* measure when all three wildfire risk factors are present: extreme winds, low humidity, and dry vegetation.

### What You Can Do:

- Check your home or business wildfire risk at: [xcelenergy.com/wildfire-preparedness](https://xcelenergy.com/wildfire-preparedness)
- Register with Xcel if you rely on electricity for medical equipment.
- Call **800-895-4999** for questions.

### Resources:

- <https://co.my.xcelenergy.com/s/outage-safety/wildfires>
- <https://co.my.xcelenergy.com/s/outage-safety/wildfires/power-shutoffs/event-update>
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- <https://www.outagemap-xcelenergy.com/outagemap/>

## Autumnal Equinox

The Autumnal Equinox in September ushers in a change of season. It is observed annually when the sun can be seen directly overhead along the equator. The day marks the end of summer and beginning of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

The autumn equinox is one of two days when all points on Earth except the polar regions see the sunrise and set at due east and due west. With few exceptions, all latitudes see almost precisely 12 hours of daylight and 12 of darkness.



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