



Powderhorn News

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Wildflowers Of Deer Creek Canyon Park

Thurs., May 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Deer Creek Canyon,

13388 Grizzly Road, Littleton

Cost: Free - Registration Required on the Jefferson County Civic Rec Sign Up

In person at Deer Creek Canyon main trailhead. Join us as we explore a hiker-only trail where we'll be looking for as many flowering species as we can find.

It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome.

—William James

Mother's Day, May 10

Mother's Day is a time-honored tradition of recognizing the women in our lives who raised us, dried our tears, and well, mothered us. Everyone has one or has someone who is like a mother to them. On the second Sunday of May, we honor those women who are our mothers. Whether we shower her with gifts, take her to a fancy dinner or make her a homemade card, what moms want most is to be surrounded by the love of her family. Knowing the people they love are safe, sound, and healthy is a mom's number one priority.

HOW TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

Pay tribute to your mother this holiday. Surround her with the love she deserves and shower her with the affection and attention you know she wants. For those of us whose moms are no longer with us, spend some time remembering the woman you miss. Visit with those who remember her and honor her memory. If you're a mom, revel in the attention. You deserve it!



10 Things Homeowners Should Do Before Summer

Few things are as American as home ownership! Although being a homeowner is the classic American dream, it is actually a big responsibility. Not only is it a large investment, there is the ongoing issue of upkeep and maintenance. This isn't easy to do because every season, every climate and home comes with unique challenges. You have to understand those challenges in order to protect your home and keep it in great shape for years to come. With summer right around the corner, there are some things you'll want to add to your weekend to-do list.

- 1. Check the gutters, even if you cleaned them before spring.** This is the easiest way to make sure that summer showers don't lead to foundation damage. Gutters should be clean of debris, well connected and the downspouts need to usher water away from your foundation.
- 2. Before it gets too warm outside, inspect your home's crawl spaces.** You are looking for moisture first, because even a little moisture can lead to mold and rot. You should also take a note of the temperature in these areas to make sure your insulation is doing its job.
- 3. Schedule a summer HVAC check up.** This will let you beat the summer rush and catch small issues before they lead to expensive repairs and downtime during the hotter months of the year.
- 4. Inspect your home's irrigation system.** This includes examining the lines and nozzles for leaks and clogs. Check your sprinkler heads to make sure they are also working properly.
- 5. Get your yard gear out of storage and check everything out.** This includes checking your mower, trimmer and hoses along with anything you rely on for maintenance. Doing things like checking the oil, starting up everything and making sure hoses haven't developed holes over the winter can save you a lot of frustration!
- 6. Schedule pest control!** Bugs might be few and far between in the winter but spring and summer is a different story. Schedule pest control now to prevent being overrun by creepy crawlers.
- 7. If winter and spring storms have damaged your trees and shrubs, now is the time to take care of it.** Remove dead or unhealthy branches, or call in a professional for help. Luckily, it's a great time to plant if you're wanting to replace dead shrubs or bushes.
- 8. Changing temperatures and moisture can cause big problems for your driveway, sidewalk and foundation.** Walk around and examine everything, paying close attention to cracks. If you notice anything new, call a professional to fix it before it grows into a larger, more expensive problem.

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- 9. Check all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as your fire extinguishers. If you don't have any, make this a priority!
- 10. Last but not least, remember to switch out your HVAC filter. Mark it on your calendar and do it more frequently throughout the cooling season. This will help your equipment work properly, and help keep your utility bill in check.

Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful.

–Jim Carrey

May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities.

–Unknown

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Get Caught Reading Month

There is no better challenge than Get Caught Reading Month in May. All month long, wherever you go, the campaign challenges every one of all ages to get caught reading! Here are some great tips to be prepared to read all month long.

- Tuck magazines into your bag. Anytime you have some free time you will have something to read.
- Place books for all ages in the car. Everyone will have something to read. Older children can read to those who haven't mastered the skill.
- Unplug for the month. Then stop by the library and pick out the latest bestseller or classic on your reading list.

- Charge up the digital reader's battery and load it up. Many classics have been made available for a small fee or no cost.
- Get caught reading to children. Find a snug spot and create a routine that carries on throughout the year.
- Include a book in every room in the house.
- Encourage reading during stressful times as a way to distract the mind away from worries and to refocus.
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- 1. Swap Heavy Drapes for Sheer Curtains:** Replace thick, dark window treatments with sheer or light-filtering curtains to maximize natural sunlight and create an airy atmosphere.
- 2. Swap Dark Textures for Light Fabrics:** Trade velvet cushions or heavy throws for linen, cotton, or lighter tones to bring warmth without heaviness, instantly elevating the room's aesthetic.
- 3. Swap Dark Decor for Mirrors:** Replace small artwork or dark decor pieces with mirrors placed opposite windows to reflect light and create the illusion of a larger, brighter space.
- 4. Swap Dry Decor for Greenery/Flowers:** Bring in fresh-cut flowers or leafy green plants to add natural movement, color, and a spa-like freshness to tables and shelves.
- 5. Swap Harsh Lights for Warm Bulbs:** Switch out bright white bulbs for warm white bulbs to create a softer, more inviting, and cozy ambiance. These small changes, often recommended for spring or summer refreshes, can significantly boost your mood and the feel of any room.

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