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Concerts In Clement Park

Foothills Park & Recreation District is proud to offer Concerts in Clement Park free to the public and put on for the benefit of District residents and South Jefferson County residents. This outdoor series of concerts incorporates community collaborations and grant funded performances which are free, open to the public and family friendly. Performances are held at the Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman:**
folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite:**
90s alternative rock and pop covers

Pick Peaches In Palisade

Colorado may not be known for the abundance of fruit it grows, but we are certainly proud of the peaches that come from the bountiful farms in Palisade. Found along the Western Slope near Grand Junction, the town is home to numerous farms, orchards, and vineyards that grow everything from wine-producing grapes to the juiciest peaches around.

The entire harvest season runs from late June to early October. While you can purchase Palisade peaches from almost any grocery store or at your local farmer's market, one of the most memorable ways is to pick your own. Choose from over 30 farms in the area, where you can schedule a time to stroll the fields and find the perfect peaches.

Stony Creek Website:

www.stonycreekhoa.org

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Western Welcome Week

Western Welcome Week started as a Homecoming event for the citizens of Littleton, Colorado. Now, it has grown to a multi-day celebration of the town, complete with parades, competitions, food, vendors, and plenty of other summery festival fun for the whole family!

Join the Littleton locals as they celebrate 97 years of "Community and Friendship" through their Western Welcome Week. The 97th annual festival will be held from Friday to Sunday, August 8th to 17th, 2025, with the grand parade happening on August 16th. This year's theme is The Spirit of Generosity!

Western Welcome Week had an interesting start. The Littleton Independent newspaper was holding a celebration in honor of its 40th year in the press. This led the editor of the Independent, Houstoun Waring, to organize an event marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Littleton's founder, Richard Little.

Its name was changed to Western Welcome Week in 1962 after Littleton's Chamber of Commerce decided to extend the days for celebration. The Western Welcome Week has since become a major event in the state where people come together to rejoice in the town and community they call home. There will be a lot of fun and engaging activities that will happen throughout the multi-day event.

There will be art exhibits, BBQ parties, book sales, a children's fishing derby, a live trivia challenge, a cake contest, pottery classes, a flower and car show, swing dancing, a pig roast, jazz performances, a western dance party, and outdoor concerts. The festival also aims to raise funds to help various organizations around Littleton.

–<https://www.westernwelcomeweek.org/>

Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium

Saturday, August 2, 2025, 1:00pm to 10:00pm

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival returns Saturday, August 2! Race or roll through the heart of historic Downtown Littleton and join hundreds of cyclists and bike enthusiasts competing in races of various skill and experience levels throughout the afternoon and evening.

New this year is the Arts Festival, Littleton's love letter to all who attend. With local artisans, food, beer, music, and entertainment, the Arts Festival is a new way to support local while cheering on the incredible racers! The day kicks off with the first ever Unified Ride, an inclusive and accessible bike wave open to all abilities and types of non-electric bicycles, including adaptive.

The Audi Denver Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival is designed to embrace the sport of cycling and offer memorable experiences for all who participate. Registration for the competitive races, Family Cruiser Ride, and Unified Ride is now open. Learn more at LittletonCrit.com.

Optimism doesn't mean that you are blind to the reality of the situation. It means that you remain motivated to seek a solution to whatever problems arise.

–*The Dalai Lama*



Should You Make Repairs or Sell Your Home As-Is?

One of the most common questions we hear at Stark Real Estate Group is: "Should I make updates before listing, or just sell my home as-is?" The answer depends on your timeline and goals—but one thing is clear: strategic improvements can significantly increase your sale price and reduce your time on the market.

According to the National Association of Realtors, 77% of buyers say they're more likely to purchase a home that's move-in ready. Even minor updates—like fresh paint, new carpet, updated lighting, or new hardware—can create a more polished, high-end look that attracts stronger offers.

That's where our in-house Design Services team comes in. At Stark Real Estate Group, we offer listing preparation services through our trusted professionals: an experienced interior designer, a hands-on project manager, and a network of vetted contractors. Together, they'll walk your home, identify impactful updates, manage timelines, and ensure your home shows at its absolute best.

Reach out today for a no-pressure consultation—we'd love to help!

—Rob Stark, Stark Real Estate Group
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*August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out
the longest across the span of a year.*

— Victoria Erickson

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Back-to-School Traditions

In anticipation of another school season, not to mention all the shopping that comes with it, these first-day-of-school traditions and ideas will help get kids in the headspace for a new year.

- **Have a show-and-tell dinner on the first night.** Family dinners are always important, but make it a back-to-school tradition to allow the kids to tell you everything about their first day, from the friends they haven't seen over the summer to the classroom layout or what they had for lunch.

- **A day-one surprise.** Celebrate the first day in style with a visit from the First Day of School Fairy. She can deliver a few back-to-school school supplies and an encouraging note for the new year.

- **Customize something.** You can order specialized pencils with their name or label their new water bottle, but allowing your kids to stake their claim on school gear can help them feel confident about heading back to school.

- **Make an awesome breakfast.** You'll be throwing cereal and milk at the kids soon enough, so why not whip up a fancy breakfast for their first day? It'll keep your kids full, and make them look forward to getting up early!

- **Read a special book the night before.** Whether it's *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* or *Miss Nelson Is Missing!*, find a classic picture book that'll get your kids ready to start the new year.

- **Make a sundae bar.** This sweet, simple back-to-school tradition will calm anyone's jitters about heading back to school. Put your favorite toppings in jars and make them meaningful with labels encouraging the qualities you'd like to see demonstrated throughout the new year. Have your little

scholar cover their ice cream in kindness, bravery, obedience, and happiness, then top it off with sprinkles of love.

- **Celebrate School Year's Eve.** You celebrate New Year's Eve, so why not do the same for School Year's Eve? Get poppers or noisemakers, provide treats, and throw a little dance party. It'll get your students excited for what's to come, and it's a great way to include other fun first-day-of-school ideas on this list.

- **Have a back-to-school dinner.** Making a favorite meal and celebrating the start of another school year with an awesome dinner in their honor will always make your kids feel special.

- **Have a special activity for the end of the first day of school.** Whether you take them to their favorite park to burn off that first-day anxiety, have a craft planned, or grab an ice cream and talk, it's easy to make the first after-school afternoon unique.

- **Write a sidewalk chalk message.** If there's a sweeter first day of school tradition than a chalk message outside the front door, we haven't found it. Go all out or keep it simple—either way, it's an extra boost to help ease those first-day jitters. If your first day is distance learning, surprise the kids with a message they can see from the window or on a quick preschool start walk.

- **Pack a super special lunch.** Packing their lunch in a special lunchbox or bento box with a treat or a lunchbox joke is a great first-day-of-school idea! Get your kids involved by asking them what they want, and have them help you get it ready.

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August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

August 13, 1818 - Women's rights pioneer Lucy Stone (1818-1893) was born near West Brookfield, Massachusetts. She dedicated her life to the abolition of slavery and the emancipation of women and aided in the founding of the American Suffrage Association.

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people. The event came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960's.

August 17, 1978 - The first transatlantic balloon trip was completed by three Americans; Max Anderson, Ben Abruzzo, and Larry Newman, all from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Starting from Maine on August 11th, they traveled in Double Eagle II over 3,000 miles in 137 hours, landing about 60 miles west of Paris.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 26, 1873 - American inventor Lee De Forest (1873-1961) was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He held hundreds of patents for inventions and was also a pioneer in the creation of wireless radio broadcasting and television.

—<https://www.historyplace.com>

Savor The Rocky Ford Cantaloupe Season

While Palisade is known for its peaches and Pueblo is known for its green chiles, Rocky Ford is best known for its cantaloupes. The harvest begins in mid-July and runs through mid-September, with the prime time for picking in August. On average, the seasonal crops produce about four million cantaloupes to be sold to nearby farmers' markets, grocery stores, and local roadside stands.

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Book Lovers Day: August 9

An unofficial holiday encouraging everyone to celebrate reading and literature. People are advised to put away their smartphones and technological distractions and pick up a book to read.

August is the month of the high-sailing hawks.

—John Burroughs



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