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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. and are held on select Thursdays.

- **July 10 – Blue 88s**
Big Band – big band jazz
- **July 17 – Michael Friedman Band**
– R&B, funk, jazz
- **July 24 – Julia Kirkwood**
– alternative pop, rock
- **July 31 – Blessing Bled Chimanga**
– African jazz and dance music
- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman** – folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite** – 90s alternative rock and pop covers

National Parents' Day

National Parents' Day honors all parents on the fourth Sunday in July. No matter where our parents may be, this day serves to celebrate their important role in our lives. In May we celebrated mothers, and in June we celebrated fathers. It follows that in July we can bring all our parents together and show them some appreciation all at once. Parents play a vital role in the lives of children. From our birth, parents protect, teach, provide, and serve as role models. As part of a family, we look to them for guidance. We mirror their behavior and learn to be a core part of our communities.

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Helping Colorado Pollinators And Wildlife With Native Plants

Pollinators have evolved to seek and find food from plants in their environment. They focus on certain colors, flower shapes, textures, and scents to find the nectar and pollen they need. Plants native to the Rocky Mountain west are naturally more attractive and important to the survival of our local pollinators.

Garden centers offer an amazing array of plants gathered from around the world and created by plant breeding facilities. Hybrids are constantly being created to offer different colors, different shapes, and different statures. Only some of these are important to the survival of key Colorado pollinators.

Pollinators require a constant supply of food, water, and shelter throughout their lifetime. A little advance planning will ensure that your yard provides these.

One key consideration is planting a mix of native plants that flower early, in the middle of the summer, and later in the fall. This provides season-long nourishment. Many plants, including penstemons, bee balm, black-eyed Susans, and blanket flowers, are popular perennials that regenerate yearly from their root system or seeds broadcast after the flowers have faded.

The same native plants that support pollinators also feed and support our local birds and animals. Birds rely on native plants including

blanket flowers, black-eyed Susans, sand cherries, choke cherries, lupines, and common yarrow for insects, nutritious seeds, and berries throughout the spring and summer nesting seasons.

Learning more about the relationship between plants and native pollinators is rewarding and environmentally valuable.

– John Ashworth, CSU Extension – Denver Master Gardener since 2014

National Father Daughter Take A Walk Day, July 7

National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day is observed annually on July 7th. This day promotes the benefits of family bonding time between fathers and daughters as well as the benefits of physical activity. The memories made during your time together will stay with you forever. During the summer season, there are many incredible places to walk and enjoy nature as you spend time talking, laughing, and bonding. While taking a stroll, cherish the time spent together. Your child will value the gift of the time you give no matter how old they are.

I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.

–Bob Dylan



How is the 2025 Real Estate Market Looking so far?

Now that we're officially in July, we've passed the halfway point of 2025! This raises the question: how is the real estate market shaping up so far in the Denver Metro area?

As expected, we've seen the typical seasonal trends. Spring and summer are the busiest times of the year resulting in increased inventory, shorter days on market, and a higher number of transactions month over month. What's been making headlines, however, is the continued rise in inventory levels. But context is key—during COVID, inventory hit historic lows. Buyers were struggling to find options and often competed with cash offers well above asking price. The increase in inventory today reflects a market correction, helping to create a healthier and more balanced environment for buyers.

So, what does this mean for sellers? More inventory does mean more competition. However, the latest data shows a 10% increase in homes going under contract compared to this time in 2024. This means homes that are priced correctly, marketed well, and in good condition tend to sell faster than the competition.

If you're curious about your home's value, I'd be happy to help. Before becoming a real estate broker, I spent 16 years as a certified residential appraiser. I treat every valuation like an appraisal to ensure you receive the most accurate and detailed report possible to support your real estate journey.

—Rob Stark, Stark Real Estate Group
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Berry Trifle

8 to 10 servings; Total Time: 30 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 1 angel food cake, cut into cubes
- 3.4 oz box instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temp
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 8 ounces Cool Whip
- 2 pints blueberries, rinsed
- 2 pints strawberries, rinsed, hulled and sliced



INSTRUCTIONS

In a small bowl, combine the vanilla pudding mix with the milk and whisk for two minutes; set aside.

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese on medium speed until smooth and creamy, 2 to 3 minutes. Reduce the speed to low and gradually add the powdered sugar. Once all of the sugar is incorporated, increase the speed to medium and beat for 1 minute, or until thoroughly combined and smooth.

Add the prepared pudding to the cream cheese mixture and gently fold and stir with a rubber spatula until completely combined. Add the Cool Whip to the bowl and fold it into the mixture until no white streaks remain.

To assemble the trifle, alternate layers of angel food cake, blueberries, the pudding mixture, strawberries and so on, until you get the top. Add a final layer of the pudding mixture, then arrange the remaining strawberries and blueberries in a decorative pattern. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. This is best served within 24 hours of making it, but leftovers can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

—<https://www.browneyedbaker.com>

Summer Concert Series

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome you to the museum front lawn for the 2025 Summer Concert Series. The concert series is free, with open lawn seating on a first come, first serve basis. Concerts take place from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

- **Wednesday, July 9, 2025: The Ninety Percent 90s.** A 3-piece acoustic cover band covering the best and worst hits from the 90s.
- **Wednesday, July 16, 2025: The ThreadBarons.** A combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- **Wednesday, July 23, 2025: Dakota Blonde.** Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/songwriter, and sometimes even Celtic.

The show goes on in the rain. In the event of extreme temperatures, strong wind, downpours, severe weather warnings, and/or lightning near the Museum may cancel or delay a show for a short time.

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

Spend A Day At The Beach

Many reservoirs throughout the state include spacious beach spots perfect for sunbathing, swimming, picnics, SCUBA diving, and more. Notable ones include Cherry Creek State Park, Chatfield State Park, Lake Dillon Reservoir, and the Boulder Reservoir. Pack a picnic, bring some towels and an umbrella, and soak in some sun.

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If you're intent on staying close to your Mile High residence, hit up the convenient South Platte River. If paddleboarding is more your speed, check out the Corn Lake, Island Acres, and Connected Lakes sections of James. M. Cobb Colorado River State Park.

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- **AAA Propane:** 7405 W 44th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033, 303-425-7623. They will accept 20# & 30# tanks of any shape for recycling.

YourJeffco App

Allows Citizens to Submit Road Maintenance Requests

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YourJeffco integrates directly with the county's citizen request management software, QAlert. This integration allows users to submit comments and photos when notifying Jefferson County staff about an issue. Through YourJeffco, those submissions are then routed to appropriate departments or individuals for handling and resolution. Once your request is submitted, you can receive updates (via text, email or phone) while requests are addressed and resolved.

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—Wallace Stevens

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In the summer, the days were long, stretching into each other. Out of school, everything was on pause and yet happening at the same time, this collection of weeks when anything was possible.

—Sarah Dessen



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