

Stony Creek News

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Clement Park 2026 Concerts

*All concerts start at 7 p.m.
and are held on select Thursdays.*

- July 9: Trash Pandas.
Pop, country, rock covers
- July 16 : Little Moses Jones.
R&B, hip hop
- July 23: Hand Turkey. Soul, pop
- July 30: Ninety2k. '90s and '00s rock
- August 6: Cass Clayton Band.
Rock, soul, funk
- August 13 : Dr. Lunch. Funk jazz

Venue Information and Concert Reminders:

- Concerts run rain or shine with the exception of the threat of severe weather.
- Seating is on a natural, sloped lawn.
- Weather cancellations & rescheduled dates will be updated as soon as possible.
- Parking is free. Parking available for people with disabilities.
- Please do NOT park at the Columbine Library.

What To Bring:

- Blankets or lawn chairs
- Glass containers prohibited
- Dogs on leash only

Amenities Near The Grant Amphitheater:

Restrooms, playgrounds, walking paths and picnic shelters. Picnic Shelter rentals are available online in advance. If shelters are not rented, they are available on a first come, first served basis.

Be Someone Day

On July 21, National Be Someone Day challenges each of us to take ten seconds to make a difference in a child's life. What can you do in ten seconds? We can shift gears or water a plant. We can hear or tell a bad joke. In ten seconds, we can change our minds, and after doing so, say a prayer of thanks. When we walk into a room, in that time, we can register the pain in someone's eyes and begin to provide comfort. We can praise and honor someone who deserves it.

Train Rides In Colorado

Trains may seem old fashioned, but there's a reason they've held travelers' fascination since the 1800s. Take a step into the past and board one of Colorado's scenic train rides to see sights only reachable by rail. Carve through mountain gorges and find yourself hugging jagged cliffs on narrow gauge rails or traversing the banks of crystal-blue rivers and passing rushing waterfalls. These rails make exploring some of the state's most remote and untouched terrain accessible to all.

ROYAL GORGE ROUTE RAILROAD

Start & End Point: Cañon City

The Royal Gorge Route Railroad whisks you along the curves of the Arkansas River and past the 1,000-foot-high granite walls of the canyon the railway is named for. Book a Vista Dome seat for spectacular views out of the curved glass roof and enjoy a gourmet meal in first class accompanied by a well-curated wine, brew and cocktail list. The train's regular schedule runs year-round.

GEORGETOWN LOOP RAILROAD

Start & End Points:

Silver Plume and Georgetown

Connecting the mining towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume, the

Georgetown Loop Railroad was an engineering marvel of the 1800s. This short and sweet 2-mile stretch of track just three feet in width traverses through the steep and narrow canyon, corkscrewing through craggy rock walls and gaining more than 600 feet in elevation on four bridges. The railroad was one of Colorado's first tourist attractions, and remains a must-see destination for those seeking a taste of history, beautiful sights and breathtaking thrills. The Georgetown Loop's regular season runs April through October, but check their site for special winter holiday trains.

LEADVILLE, COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Leadville and Climax

The Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad boasts the ideal route for seeing Colorado's vibrant wildflowers as it navigates hairpin turns along the upper Arkansas River Valley. Keep an eye out for Mount Elbert and Mount Massive, the state's two tallest peaks, as you listen to stories about Leadville's colorful mining past on this 2.5-hour round-trip journey. The train's summer schedule runs from late May to early October.

DURANGO & SILVERTON

NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Voted the No. 1 train in the country by USA Today readers in 2021 and 2022, this 1880s coal-fired, steam-powered locomotive runs 200 feet above the blue-green waters of the Animas River. As the Durango Train snakes along the river's banks and high canyon walls, expect views of majestic peaks, rushing waterfalls and remote natural areas like the Animas Gorge and San Juan National Forest. The 9.25-hour train ride includes a two-hour stop in the town of Silverton, or opt for the express ride at 5.25 hours if you're short on time. The train's regular season runs year-round.

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THE BROADMOOR MANITOU AND PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY

The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway — the world's highest cog railway — is easily one of the most famous Colorado train rides, with its apex at the 14,107-foot summit of Pikes Peak. Your conductor narrates the 9-mile journey with fun tidbits on area history and local lore, while you soak up views of sweeping plains and the Continental Divide. After snapping pics at the top of this Colorado fourteener, make sure you try a high-altitude doughnut at the Summit House, located in the Summit Visitor Center. The cherry-red railcars keep a year-round schedule but check for weather closures.

CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Start & End Points: Cripple Creek and Victor

Clamber onto the open-air cars of the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad, pulled by a 15-ton "iron horse" of a locomotive. Several stops along the route of this family-owned railroad provide views and photo ops of Pikes Peak and old mining camps, as well as the opportunity to hear the train whistle ricochet off the walls of Echo Valley. The 45-minute ride is fully narrated, with the conductor sharing wonderful facts about the history and scenery around Cripple Creek. The train's regular schedule runs rain or shine, from late May to early October.

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Red Rocks Park & Amphitheater

Red Rocks Amphitheater, one of Colorado's most popular attractions, is located right in Morrison's backyard. Famous for its beautiful amphitheater surrounded by jaw-dropping giant red sandstones, as well as a number of great trails, this park is a must-see on any visit.

Red Rocks is home to concerts from top artists throughout the year, mostly from April through November when the weather is warmer and days are longer. The park even offers drive-in-style movies during the summer months known as Film On the Rocks.

Another important stop for music and history fans is Spirit, an impressive statue depicting John Denver and an eagle. After seeing all there is to see near the visitor center, head out on a hike on one of the many trails in the park. One option is the Trading Post Trail, a 1.4-mile trail that winds through some of the park's most impressive rock formations.

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Littleton Museum Summer Concert Series

Wednesdays in July, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Littleton Museum Front Lawn, Open lawn seating (first come, first served)

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to welcome you to the museum front lawn for our free Summer Concert Series!

CONCERT LINEUP

- Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – No Concert (We skip the week of Independence Day)
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026: Slopeside: Alternative Rock, Pop, with a mix of Blues and Country flavor.
- Wednesday, July 15, 2026: The ThreadBarons: Combination of Americana, folk, classic rock, folk rock, and garage rock.
- Wednesday, July 22, 2026: Dakota Blonde: Acoustic folk, bluegrass, acoustic rock music, part singer/songwriter, and sometimes even Celtic.

FOOD & DRINK

- Bring your own picnic and enjoy the lawn!
- Delivery allowed – use 6028 S Gallup St as the address.
- Note: Alcohol is not permitted on city property.

SHADE & SEATING

- No large pop-up tents, please.
- If using an umbrella, sit toward the back to avoid blocking views.

PETS

- Well-controlled pets on short leashes are welcome.

KIDS' DANCE ZONE

- Located to the left of the stage (as you face it).
- A fun, safe space for little ones to dance & move freely.

WEATHER POLICY

- Concerts continue in light rain.
- Severe weather warnings, hail forecasts, lightning, or heavy storms may delay or cancel the show.

PARKING

- Parking is available in the Littleton Museum lot, at the Bemis Library across the street, and along nearby residential streets.
- Please avoid parking in areas marked "No Parking."

ACCESSIBILITY

- Please note that the music is loud near the stage, to be clearly audible for audience members sitting further back.
- Ask the staff member at the bathroom door entrance if you would like to check out a Sensory Needs Backpack. These are free and on a first-come, first-served basis. An ID is required as a deposit. Backpacks are available for both children and adults, and include sunglasses, fidget toys, communication cards, weighted lap pads, and noise-reducing headphones.

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

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–Peter Marshall

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We have officially made our way into July and are just days away from our nation's 250th birthday! While Colorado summers are absolutely breathtaking, they can also be quite hot, requiring a little extra effort to keep your home cool. Here are a few practical tips to help keep that energy bill in check.

Tip #1: Use Your Thermostat Wisely

Investing in a smart thermostat is a game changer. These devices are highly programmable, allowing you to automatically adjust your AC based on your schedule. Some models even connect with your energy provider to identify peak usage hours so you can avoid them altogether.

Tip #2: Switch Your Ceiling Fan Direction

Set your ceiling fan to spin counterclockwise during the summer months. This pushes cool air downward, helping your home feel more comfortable without overworking your AC.

Tip #3: Close Your South & West Facing Blinds

Before heading out in the morning, close the blinds and curtains on your South and West facing windows. This simple habit makes a surprising difference in preventing heat buildup before the afternoon sun peaks.

Hopefully, these tips give you more time to enjoy everything our beautiful state has to offer! Don't forget that now is also a great time to schedule an HVAC inspection. Feel free to reach out with any questions!

— Rob Stark, Local Columbine Knolls Resident,
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- And more...

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for liberty and fairness.*

*And these are things worth fighting for,
worth devoting our lives to.*

—Ronald Reagan

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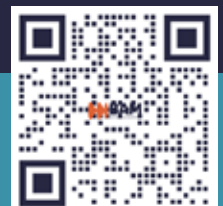
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