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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.

- June 6: Jubilongo – rock, blues, soul, folk
- June 13: Little Moses Jones – 1990s and 2000s R&B, hip hop
- June 20: Vamonos Pest – classic alternative rock
- June 27: 101st Army Country Band & Woodwind Quintet – country
- July 11: The Grass Project – Bluegrass, progressive instrumental
- July 18: Roka Hueka – Latin ska, rock, cumbia, reggae
- July 25: Groove 'N Motion – variety band, R&B, funk
- August 1: SoundTrack Chamber Orchestra – orchestral movie soundtrack
- August 8: Julia Kirkwood – alternative pop, rock

What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade.

– Gertrude Jekyll

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Father's Day Activities That Are Fun For The Whole Family

TAKE A WOODWORKING CLASS: There's something about crafting something from wood that's so rewarding. Whether your guy is already a master carpenter or just interested in learning more about the skill, attend a local woodworking class or sign up for one online. Even if he just ends up making a footstool or chopping board, it's a fun project and he gets to keep the fruit of his hard work as a sweet Father's Day memory.

BUILD A MODEL: Remember the days of carefully making a miniature car, tank, rocket or other model kit? Your dad probably does, too, and would probably love to make one again. Order a kit online or head to the hobby store to find the project that suits him best. If you've got the time, join him in the project. After all, time spent together on Father's Day is the best gift you can give your dad.

CREATE A MAN CAVE: Does your dad have a space all his own? If not, help him make a man cave where he can retreat to watch all his favorite shows on TV or tinker around without worrying about messing up the throw pillows. No need to have a spare room or basement, just a spot or corner where he can kick back and chill.

GO GOLFING: Dads and golf go together like, well, dads and golf. You can't go wrong being his caddy for the day while he practices his chip shot on the fairway. Not much of a golfer? No worries, miniature golf is a blast and an activity the whole family can join in on.

PLAN A FISHING TRIP: Catching fish is usually less important than the time spent out on the water taking in the scenery and enjoying the great outdoors. Whether you nab a couple for dinner or just toss back a few beers while hanging out with your dad, you can't go wrong taking him fishing on Father's Day.

BUILD A BIRDHOUSE: Spend the day building a birdhouse together either from scratch or using an easy DIY kit. Along with encouraging his favorite fowl to nest nearby, the time you spend working together on the project is sure to leave you with lasting memories.

PLAY PICKLEBALL: Think tennis meets ping pong, and you've got the latest sports craze taking over the country. Pickleball courts are popping up everywhere, so find one near you and take Dad for a fun day out in the sun.



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Film On The Rocks 2024

Film on the Rocks is back for its 25th season with five events throughout the summer! Each film is preceded by live entertainment to kick off the evening. Film on the Rocks is a collaborative production of Denver Film and Denver Arts & Venues. Open Captions provided for all films in the series.

Price per ticket: \$20

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm,
Entertainment starts at 7:00 pm,
Film starts at dusk

SCHEDULE:

- Monday, June 10: The Matrix
 - Monday, June 24: Shrek
 - Monday, July 8: The Wizard of Oz
 - Monday, July 15: Deadpool
 - Monday, August 19: Mad Max: Fury Road
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NAR Buyer Commission Lawsuit

Over the past few months, extensive media coverage has focused on the class action lawsuit lodged against the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and other major real estate conglomerates. These articles aim to convey the notion that this legal action will revolutionize the real estate landscape entirely. However, I believe its potential for significant change is limited.

Historically, buyer's agents have received compensation through the cooperative commission established between the seller and their agent. For example, the seller and their agent may agree on a commission of 6% with 2.8% slotted for the agent representing the buyer. Many real estate brokerages mandated that the listing agent pay a minimum amount to the buyer's agent, thereby impinging upon the sellers' freedom of choice and negotiation. Following the lawsuit, it was determined that seller's agents are not obligated to remunerate the buyer's agent from their own commission. As of this writing, listing agents do not have to advertise a buyer's commission at all.

Contrary to popular belief, this does not mean that buyer's agents will disappear or will now have to work for free. Instead, this lawsuit strips real estate brokerages of the right to mandate a minimum commission, allowing selling agents to offer as much or as little to a buyer's agent as they desire. Personally, I'll continue to offer a competitive commission to buyer's agents on all of my listings, as they bring the most essential element—the buyer. With prices continuing to rise and inventory low, buyer's agents are crucial for ensuring successful real estate transactions. Time will tell how this will ultimately affect the market. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. I am always happy to help!

–Rob Stark, Realtor, Stark Real Estate Group

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Father's Day, *continued from front page*

BUILD A FORT: Make him feel like a kid again by building a fort for Father's Day. If you're up to the task, install a shed. After all, everyone knows that sheds are really just forts for grown-ups. For a temporary solution, throw sheets and blankets over a few chairs and call it a day.

RENT A BOAT OR KAYAK: If you're lucky enough to own a kayak or boat, there's no better day to take it out — weather-permitting, of course. Otherwise, find a local place with available rentals, so you can spend Father's Day out on the water.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR: There's nothing dads like more than ice cream. Nothing. Assemble a sweet spread, complete with an assortment of ice cream flavors and toppings. Hand him a super-size bowl and spoon, then let him eat to his heart's content.

HOST A BACKYARD MOVIE NIGHT: Transform your backyard into a movie theater. Pick up an outdoor projector or rent one from a local rental store, so you can get a taste of under-the-stars viewings before you make the splurge. Once you've got everything sorted out, invite the neighbors, pop some corn and press play.

HOST FATHER'S DAY DINNER: Sometimes simple is the best way to go. For the guy who enjoys hanging out at home, make his favorite dinner or try a new Father's Day dinner recipe to shake things up. Wrap up the day by watching a dad-inspired movie or taking him out for ice cream.

—<https://www.today.com/life/holidays/>

Colorado Family Attractions For Kids 10 & Under

Elitch Gardens Theme & Water Park, Denver: Ride scream-inducing roller coasters, little-kid-friendly rides and slippery water slides. (Check website for seasonal hours.)

Children's Museum of Denver: Learn about the world in the museum's child-sized grocery market, fire station and construction workshop.

Denver Zoo: See the more than 3,500 animals that call the 80-acre zoo home. The monkey and big cats exhibits are among the top crowd pleasers.

Downtown Aquarium, Denver: Feed a slippery stingray and gaze at hypnotically moving jellyfish, stealthy sharks and frisky fish of every color.

Butterfly Pavilion and Insect Center, Broomfield: Walk through a tropical rainforest habitat filled with free-flying butterflies. Sniff exotic plants, pet a sea star and hold a tarantula.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science: Watch an out-of-this-world show at the planetarium and IMAX theater. Tour exhibits about space, gems and minerals, dinosaurs and the color spectrum.

Denver Art Museum: Explore, learn and play. Get creative with hands-on activities for all ages, relax in one of the family fun areas and discover world-class art.

Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden: Stroll the museum's 15-acre railyard featuring more than 100 railcars. Most Saturdays (and select Tuesdays) you'll also find train rides! Check the museum's train-ride schedule before you go.

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June Is Colorado Pollinator Month

When people hear the word “pollinators” they usually think of bees, but ants, beetles, butterflies, flies, hummingbirds, and moths are also primary pollinators in our state. Pollination is the transfer of pollen to stigma, within or between flowers and plants. A plant’s flowers need to be pollinated to complete their life cycle of producing fruit and seeds that make more plants.

Pollinators are nearly as important as sun, soil, and water in the production of most fruits and vegetables. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, over three-quarters of the staple crops that feed the world rely on animal pollination. On a small scale, a lack of pollination results in a fruitless tree. However, since many of the foods we eat require pollination on a larger scale that could mean a shortage to our food supply. So, the month of June has been officially designated as pollinator month to help bring awareness to the importance of pollinators.

Here are a few action items to protect these important contributors to food production and beauty in our world:

- **Plant flowers in groups.** Groupings or clumps of plants will attract more pollinators than single plants scattered. A bee or butterfly will feed more if they don’t have to travel too far between plants.
- **Think of providing flowers throughout the season.** Plant a variety of plants that flower at different times to offer continuous pollen and nectar sources. A few examples of spring plants could include blue flax, allium, crocus, and serviceberries. For summer you might try blanket flower, bee balm, lavender, and sage. For fall, hyssop, coreopsis, common sunflower, and golden rod.

- **Use insecticides carefully, if at all.** This is self-explanatory!
- **Grow native flowering plants which are adapted to local soil and climate.** Plant Select has many great plant recommendations that are suited to Colorado and known for their hardiness and low water consumption. For a good list of native plants, check out the CSU Extension Website for the fact sheets: NativeHerbaceous Perennials for Colorado Landscapes – 7.242 and CreatingPollinator Habitat – 5.616

It is quite amazing but there are over 950 species of bees in Colorado alone. Did you know that hummingbirds can fly backwards and upside down? Also, the average lifespan of those beautiful adult butterflies is roughly three to four weeks so take a moment to look around in your yard and notice the pollinators and be kind to them this June and always!



– <https://csuhort.blogspot.com>

National Flag Day

On June 14th, National Flag Day honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777. The holiday is a day that Americans show respect for the U.S. flag and what it represents. Representing independence and unity, the Star-Spangled Banner has become a powerful symbol of Americanism and the flag is flown proudly.

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-Unknown

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