

# Stony Creek News

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## 3rd Annual Pup Strut!

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Saturday, October 14, 2023, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

- 1.4 Mile Walk around Johnston Reservoir + Food + Drinks + Entertainment + Activities
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- Costume Contest - gather at 12:30 pm by the Adoption RV
- Small and Senior Dog Races - following Costume Contest (approx. 1:15 pm)

We will be located on the west side of Clement park, in the pavilions closest to the reservoir (O,P,Q). To get to those pavilions, enter the park at the library (Bowles and Long). Please do not park in the library parking lot. Please pass this info on to your guests!

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## National Consignment Day

October 2

As the seasons change and our lives evolve, so do our styles and budgets. On the first Monday in October, National Consignment Day offers a way to elevate both. The holiday celebrates consignment as the smart, sustainable way to shop, earn money, and extend the lifecycle of your items.

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## Local Pumpkin Patches

### Anderson Farms, Erie, CO

Known as one of Colorado's longest-running corn mazes and pumpkin patches, Anderson Farms has become a northeast Colorado favorite fall attraction. Located in Erie, Anderson Farms not only boasts the biggest pumpkin patch in Colorado but also has gourd launching displays, pony rides, a playground, and a farm stand. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch where you can choose from over 26 varieties of squash, pumpkins and gourds. And for the thrill-seekers they have Terror in the Corn where you can explore 10 acres of fear.

### Cottonwood Farms, Lafayette

Cottonwood Farms not only has a well-stocked pumpkin patch but also features a corn maze, farm animals, straw-bale maze and hayrides. This farm, which offers free admission during weekdays and \$5 on Saturday and Sunday, is a destination for both fall produce and Christmas trees from

Thanksgiving to Christmas.

### Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms, Littleton, CO

At Denver Botanic Gardens, Chatfield Farms boasts a 10-acre pumpkin patch and an seven-acre corn maze. A mini-maze is even offered for small children to enjoy. Guests can drop their pumpkins off at the pumpkin daycare while they enjoy the rest of Chatfield Farms.

### Rock Creek Farm, Broomfield, CO

Rock Creek Farm in Broomfield wows guests with a 100-acre pumpkin patch and six miles of corn mazes. But that isn't all: Rock Creek also has a petting zoo, pumpkin carving, straw bales and more. After a few hours of fall fun at Rock Creek, don't forget to snack on their famous caramel apples and pumpkin desserts.

### Mile High Farms, Bennett, CO

Mile High Farms impresses guests with not just its eclectic pumpkin patch, but also the farm's two corn mazes, a petting zoo, inflatable bounce castles, hayride and even face painting. Find pumpkins in wide variety, from baking pumpkins to whimsical Cinderella pumpkins. This Bennett farm is perfect for fall family fun.

### Miller Farms, Platteville, CO

A family-run business for generations, Miller Farms offers a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, corn maze and hayrides through 180-acres of fields where you can pick your own vegetables. Guests can also learn about the true nature of farm life with their farm tours. The Annual Fall Festival is a popular time to visit this Platteville farm.

### Colorado Pumpkin Patch, Monument, CO

The Colorado Pumpkin Patch, a family-friendly farm, provides families with a stellar pumpkin patch, outdoor laser tag, gourd target practice, a petting zoo, mazes, and of course a hayride. This pumpkin patch recommends choosing pumpkins Oct. 1-20, ensuring that you get the best selection. Guests will not find scary activities on this farm, making it perfect for a fall family outing.



# Pumpkin Bread

Fire up your coziest playlist, grab your baking gear and get ready for the most incredible homemade pumpkin bread of your life.

## Ingredients

- 1 can (15 ounces) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 1 2/3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose or whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts
- 1/2 cup raisins, if desired
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

## Steps

1. Move oven rack to low position so that tops of pans will be in center of oven. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease bottoms only of 2 loaf pans, 8 1/2x4 1/2x2 1/2 inches, or 1 loaf pan 9x5x3 inches, with shortening.

2. Stir together pumpkin, sugar, oil, vanilla and eggs in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into pans.

3. Bake 8-inch loaves 50 to 60 minutes, 9-inch loaf 1 hour 10 minutes to 1 hour 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Loosen sides of loaves from pans; remove from pans and place top side up on wire rack. Cool completely, about 2 hours, before slicing.

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# October Gardening Calendar

Prepare for winter is the byword in October. In the garden world 'winter' is signaled by the first killing frost. A light freeze of 29 to 32 degrees Fahrenheit will kill very tender plants. To extend the season you can cover the most tender plants at night with a sheet or other lightweight protective covering. Be sure to remove the covering first thing in the morning. You may even successfully protect plants with a moderate freeze of 25 to 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

If your containers are moveable they can be put in a protected spot like a garage then moved back to the garden when the weather warms up. If you have room indoors cut back a favorite potted geranium to three inch stems and put it in a sunny window. It will grow and bloom before next spring when it can be brought back outside.

The first hard frost -- 24 degrees and colder signals the end of the growing season. Most herbaceous perennials will not be able to tolerate weather that cold.

**GARDEN TO-DO LIST:**

- All month prune dead, broken or diseased branches from trees and shrubs.
- Save seeds of your favorite annuals but don't expect an exact replication of your current plant. (note the picture of zinnias). Zinnia seeds saved from a Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and El Paso County Extension Programs are available to all without discrimination dwarf plant with ivory flowers produced a wide variety of zinnias from the tall. California giants to pom-pom zinnias. All saved seeds should be stored in

a cool dry location.

- Flowers like snapdragons, alyssum, marigolds, violas, portulaca, and cosmos are excellent re-seeders. Do not cultivate the soil around these plants if you want more of them next season.
- Plant garlic now for harvesting next summer.
- Cover asparagus and rhubarb beds with 3 to 4 inches of mulch.
- Dig up and store in a dry location tender bulbs such as cannas, dahlias and gladiolus.
- Parsley can be dug, divided and potted to grow in a sunny window indoors all winter.
- Continue to plant spring bulbs. Allium and fritillaria are two of the more unusual bulbs that do well in our area. If deer are a problem in your garden check deer resistance of bulbs before you purchase.
  - Clean, sharpen and oil tools and equipment before storing them for winter.
- Drain or blow out your irrigation system. Set up a hose system at your water spigots for important winter watering on mild days. If you make it easy to get at you're more likely to water over winter.

**Lawns:** Fertilize your lawn mid-to-late October with a winterizing fertilizer. Experts consider this the most important fertilization of the year. If your lawn looks thin, weak, or scraggly, core aeration in October will improve lawns that have thatch build up or show signs of soil compaction.

–By Eileen Tully, Colorado Master Gardener

**METRO DENVER**  
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**MARKET ON YOUR CALENDAR**

<p><b>Saturdays</b> <b>SOUTHWEST PLAZA</b> MAY 6 - OCTOBER 28 Southeast Parking Lot Wadsworth &amp; Bowles 8am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p><b>Saturdays</b> <b>LAKWOOD</b> JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 30 Mile Hi Church 9077 W Alameda Ave 10am-2pm or Sellout</p>
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## Haunted Houses

### Slaughter Gulch, Franktown

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### 13th Floor, Denver

The 13th Floor boasts over 15 years of scaring Denver and has a good reputation as one of Denver's scariest. It's open for two weekends after Halloween and is recommended for children over 11. This year's attractions include Primal Fear, Midnight Mania, and All Hallow's Eve.

### The Nightmare Compound, Westminster

The oldest and longest-running haunted house in Denver, for the last 28 years The Nightmare Compound has been scaring the socks off Front Range residents. There are two haunted experiences featured here, both located in Westminster.

Frightmare Compound Westminster LogoFrightmare Compound – Founded in 1983 by Brad Holder, this Westminster haunted house was the first. He painstakingly crafted the compound for 16 years before falling ill. They say his body is buried deep within the haunted house, making this one of the most authentic.

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### City of the Dead Asylum, Henderson

Now situated in the City of the Dead, The Asylum dubs itself as "Denver's Favorite Haunted House". It's interactive and places you into a make-believe scenario. It's not recommended for children under the age of 12. Situated north of Denver in Henderson, there are a few attractions all in one place.

Scared crazy patients inhabit The Asylum. Visitors here are welcome to roam the grounds on their own and partake in the recreational amenities. But be careful not to venture too far or chance vanishing into the void. Watch out for the delusional patients and the terrifying world in which they reside.

### Terror In The Corn, Anderson Farms, Erie

Terror In The Corn is a 10-acre, mile-long attraction offering a terrifyingly immersive experience into a world of the unknown. You and your friends will wind your way through a massive corn field filled with your darkest fears... leading to the town of Raven's Gulch where you will make your way through its abandoned buildings and darkened streets to face the nightmares that greet you at every turn.

### The Ritual Haunted House, Englewood

The Ritual begins inside a rickety shack, held up solely by the souls of the damned. You will be pushed through the murky swamp, carried on the tails of an equal sense of dread and wonder as you battle your way through the choking despair of a bloody cannibal's lair. If you make it out, be careful not to slip down the banks into the water where victims doomed to an eternity thrashing around the very swamps that stole their souls await to claim you as one of their own.

### Haunted Field of Screams, Thornton

The Haunted Field of Screams is Colorado's largest scream park where terror grows fresh every year. Backing the famously haunted Riverdale Road in Thornton, Colorado, the iconic 40-acre corn field attraction will transform into an all-new scream park for the 2018 season. Four contrasting interactive haunt experiences will prey on individual's innermost fears.

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### National Taco Day

October 4

Get one, two or three on National Taco Day. On October 4th, the day recognizes the savory tortilla stuffed with fillings. It doesn't have to be Tuesday, so get out and enjoy your favorite.

### National Pumpkin Day

October 26th

National Pumpkin Day recognizes a favored autumn decoration and food on October 26th. Not only do they make great fall decorations, but the pumpkin also completes a variety of tasty recipes. Join a pumpkin competition or visit any of the many fall festivals featuring the beautiful gourds.



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