

The Ridge Reporter

The monthly homeowners association newsletter for the residents of Summit Ridge

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Columbine Kiwanis

If one of your resolutions is to help the local community, join Columbine Kiwanis

A few things we are proud of:

- Over \$15,000 collected for the Salvation Army. Thank you to the King Soopers Stores and people who donated to our kettles.
- 250 Meals on Wheels Deliveries.
- 12 Project Cure Medical supplies sorting.
- Blood Drive - December
- 50 days working at the Sheridan Food Bank. Usually Thursdays
- Socials every month.
- And much more

Upcoming projects that you can help.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Thursday preparing distribution and distributing food.
- Project Cure – once a month – Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday-(Each member about once a month)
- Blood Drive – March
- Working with Schools

If you're looking for hands-on service opportunities or want to meet active community members, join us! Details on upcoming projects and events are shared in our weekly newsletter—email info@[columbinekiwanis.org](mailto:info@columbinekiwanis.org) to subscribe. Visit columbinekiwanis.org or come for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting every Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs Restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. Or email me at KenSweet@gmail.com.

*If January is the month of change,
February is the month of lasting
change. January is for dreamers...
February is for doers.*

—Marc Parent

The Love Letter Project

December 26, 2025 to February 8, 2026

Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton

In partnership with ROX Arts Gallery

Now in its 6th year, the Love Letter Project invites you to help spread a little warmth where it matters most. We're asking our community to create and share handwritten Valentine's cards for neighbors served by Nourish Meals on Wheels and Meals on Wheels recipients across the Denver metro area.

These cards are delivered by hand before Valentine's Day, each one a small reminder that someone is thinking of them.

How to Take Part

- Make a card. Handmade cards are encouraged, but heartfelt words matter more than perfection.
- Drop it off at ROX Arts Gallery or in the mailbox right next to the gallery.
- No stamp needed. Cards are hand-delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers.
- Please do not seal your card.
- Write as many as you'd like. One card is lovely. Many are even better.

Why It Matters

Nourish Meals on Wheels serves homebound Littleton residents, and this project also reaches Meals on Wheels recipients throughout the Denver metro area. For many, your card may be the only Valentine's Day card they receive. A few kind words can turn an ordinary day into something quietly unforgettable.

For The LOVE Of Junk

A Pop-Up Valentine's Flea & Gift Market

Friday, February 13: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Inside Space 450 Aspen Grove

Vintage romance meets flea-market magic at For the LOVE of Junk, a Valentine's weekend pop-up celebrating all things old-school, one-of-a-kind, and delightfully unexpected.

Shop soulful finds, quirky treasures, nostalgic décor, and gifts with real personality. Add a bouquet from the Flower Bar, sip from a full bar that benefits the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley, and soak in the vibes.

- Live jazz music on Friday night
- DJ spinning tunes on Saturday
- Flower Bar for custom blooms
- Bar pouring adult beverages (and more) hosted by the Humane Society of the South Platte
- Interactive moments + Valentine fun

Whether you're shopping for your sweetheart, your best friend, or yourself (highly encouraged), this is your chance to find the kind of gift no one else will have.



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The deadline for news articles is the 10th of the month before the next month's issue. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

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Snow Removal From Your Private Property

Many local laws require residents to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowstorm to allow safe use by pedestrians. This is particularly important along school pedestrian routes to prevent children from having to walk in the street.

Owners must place snow from their sidewalks onto their front yard or other areas of their own property, and not into the street. This practice reduces the number of icy areas on streets and ensures proper drainage flow into the storm sewer once snow melts.

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Fun Indoor Activities For Long Winter Evenings

1. Cook an International Feast. Spice up your dinner routine by picking a country and cooking a meal inspired by its cuisine. Make sushi rolls for a Japanese night, prepare Italian pasta from scratch, or try Mexican tamales. Get the whole family involved in chopping, mixing, and tasting. Add an educational twist by looking up fun facts about the country while you cook.

2. Plan a Themed Movie Marathon. Nothing beats curling up for a movie night when it's frosty outside. Make it extra special by choosing a theme—holiday classics, adventure films, or animated favorites—and matching snacks to the theme. For example, hot cocoa for winter-themed movies or nachos for an action-packed flick.

3. Turn Game Night into a Tournament. Whether it's classic board games, card games, or trivia challenges, a family game night is a recipe for laughs and good-natured competition. Create a mini-tournament, complete with a scoreboard and small prizes for the winners. For added excitement, have everyone bring their "A game" with silly team names or costumes.

4. Bake Your Family Favorites. There's something about winter that calls for baking. From gooey chocolate chip cookies to warm banana bread, baking together is both fun and delicious. Let each family member choose a favorite recipe, or try something new each week. Don't forget to sample your creations fresh out of the oven with a glass of milk or a cup of tea!

5. Create a Family Vision Board. Gather old magazines, scissors, and glue for a night of dreaming and planning.

Encourage everyone to cut out pictures and words that represent their goals, hopes, and dreams for the year ahead. Share your boards with each other and talk about how you can support one another in reaching those aspirations.

6. Build a Blanket Fort and Have a Storytelling Session. Transform your living room into a magical hideaway by building a blanket fort. Pile it high with pillows, string up fairy lights, and settle in for an evening of storytelling. You could share memories, tell favorite family tales, or invent silly stories together. It's a nostalgic activity that's just as fun for adults as it is for kids.

7. Take a Virtual Adventure Together. Travel might not be on the agenda, but virtual adventures are just a click away. Explore online tours of famous landmarks, museums, or even space! Let each family member pick a "destination" and guide the group through a virtual journey. It's an educational and inspiring way to explore the world from your couch.

8. Have a DIY Karaoke Night. Unleash your inner superstar with a karaoke session at home. Use a karaoke app or find instrumental versions of your favorite songs online. Whether you're belting out classics, crooning to love songs, or having a dance-off, the energy and laughter are guaranteed to warm up any winter night.

9. Have a Puzzle Marathon. There's nothing more satisfying than finishing a big jigsaw puzzle as a family. Set up a cozy puzzle station, make some hot chocolate, and spend the evening working together to fit the pieces. For an extra challenge, try a puzzle with a winter scene or a holiday theme.

—By Kari Owens

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Winter Movies To Watch When It's Too Cold To Go Outside

Coming to America (1988)

Coming to America goes from the fictional country of Zamunda to the snowy streets of N.Y.C., as Prince Akeem (Eddie Murphy) travels to Queens to find his queen (pun absolutely intended). These days, it's not just a throwback; it's also peak New York winter in the '80s.

Cool Runnings(1993)

Feel the rhythm, feel the rhyme...Yes, this is the movie about the Jamaican bobsled team, and what's even better is that it's based on truth. When a Jamaican sprinter (Leon Robinson) is disqualified from the Olympic Games, he and a disgraced coach (John Candy) work together to form the first Jamaican Olympic Bobsled Team.

Knives Out (2019)

There's not much cozier in the colder months than curling up on the couch with a good whodunit. Not only does Knives Out offer a particularly twisty mystery, but it also features plenty of enviable knitwear that'll inspire your winter wardrobe. Chris Evans's character especially gives a masterclass on cold-weather layering.

Force Majeure (2014)

Telling the story of familial tension after the patriarch attempts to abandon them during an avalanche, this film hits hard. For good reason, of course. Watch this Swedish film solo (and not with a partner you've been fighting with).

Frozen (2013)

Let it go, let it goooooo...this is the animated film that birthed the earworm of a century. Frozen is a force, producing spin-offs and a Broadway musical, but the OG is always a great choice. Watch this one with the youngest members of your family and ask them, "Do you want to build a snowman?"

Groundhog Day (1993)

Groundhog Day is one of those film concepts that takes an idea—inexplicably living the same day over again—and shows you what its real-life application would be like. Note: It wouldn't be fun. Bill Murray is at his comedic best, the plot is universally acclaimed, and honestly? The message at the end makes the movie. This one is meant to be enjoyed with a nice cup of tea, and without worry that Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow.

Planes, Trains & Automobiles (1987)

Steve Martin? John Candy? A road trip comedy? Perfection. What's the movie about, you ask? Steve Martin plays Neal Page, an advertising executive on a trip to New York, trying to return to Chicago to be with his family on Thanksgiving. He meets Del Griffith (Candy), a traveling salesman, when Griffith steals his cab, and the two wind up on the same plane to Chicago, which is diverted to Wichita. They decide to try to get to Chicago by train, but that doesn't work out either. What's the last choice, you wonder?

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Winter Movies, *continued from page 4*


Anatomy of a Fall (2023)

A cold drama (in more ways than one!), this award-winning film centers around the mysterious death of a man (Samuel Theis) who's found lying in the snow underneath his office window. Much of the drama takes place in a courtroom, where the man's wife (Sandra Hüller) is on trial for his murder, and where their visually impaired son (Milo Machado-Graner) must serve as the case's main witness.

The Chronicles of Narnia:

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (2005)

Sometimes it can feel like winter weather will never end, but, in The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, four children travel to a magical land where it is literally always winter (but, tragically, never Christmas), thanks to a curse from the villainous White Witch. Watch this if you need some family-friendly fantasy for your winter movie night.



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REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

END OF YEAR 2025

The Denver Metro Real Estate Market in 2025 continued the stabilization pattern we have observed since 2023. Since the crazy markets of the Pandemic Era from 2020-2022, the Denver real estate market has been consistently recalibrating into new normals where affordability, ownership costs and mortgage rates dominated buyers' decision making. Sellers navigated this adjusting market with price adjustments, longer time on the market and meeting the buyers needs through concessions and rate buy-downs as well as cosmetic improvements to create a more turnkey transaction. Active Listings at the end of the year are just above 7,600 which is 10.4% higher than 2024. New Listings in 2025 were 59,671 and that is 6.8% higher than 2024. Closed Homes ended the year at 42,268 and that is down slightly from 2024 but almost identical to 2024 and 2023. Keep in mind our high for Closed homes was 64,119 in 2021 so last years market was down over 34% from just a short 4 years ago for numbers of homes sold. The Average Price of a Single Family Home in 2025 was \$787,452 and that is just 1% higher than 2024. The Average Price of an Attached Home (Condo or Townhome) in 2025 was \$441,145 and that is 3.4% lower than 2024. The Average Days in MLS for all homes increased by 24% to 47 days. Due to increased inventory and longer time on the market, many homeowners took a break from selling by removing their homes from the market last year with plans to return to the market in early 2026. Combined with the traditional increase in Active inventory in the first quarter and the Spring Market, we may see an increase in supply that could result in a Buyer's Market and a slight cool down on prices to continue.



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