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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, July 8: The Wizard of Oz
Monday, July 15: Deadpool
Monday, August 19: Mad Max: Fury Road

– <https://www.redrocksonline.com/film/>

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 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

Colorado Caves To Explore

Cave of the Winds: Named for the cool breezes that emanates from the cave’s entrance, Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs is perhaps one of the most popular and stunning attractions in the Pikes Peak and Colorado Springs area. The cave opened to tourists in 1881, and today you can see 15 massive and brightly lighted rooms within nearly a mile of underground limestone caverns. For those who want a peek into its haunting depths, they’ll turn out the lights

and you can explore by lantern-light tours (included a haunted option). The cave also offers two thrill rides: a zipline across a canyon to witness the grandeur of the area, and the Terror-Dactyl, which launches riders 200 feet into the canyon at nearly 100 miles per hour. You’ll also find attractions like the Bat-A-Pult — a seated zipline ride that soars 1,200 feet round-trip — as well as obstacle courses, climbing walls and gemstone panning.

After a journey into the center of the mountains, consider a stop at nearby Manitou Cliff Dwellings, where Ancestral Puebloan homes are tucked into the side of sheer walls.

Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park: Take an aerial tram to the top of a bluff in Glenwood Springs, where a tour of the stalactite- and stalagmite-rich Glenwood Caverns begins. The caves themselves are actually near the top of the mountain, rather than near the bottom as you might expect and require a ride to the top on a gondola that also offers amazing views of the surrounding Roaring Fork Valley. The cave’s wide-open, massive rooms are lined with otherworldly rock formations. If you’re feeling like you’ve got the hang of this caving thing, there are also tours of undeveloped portions of the caverns that include some crawling and squeezing to get in to.

After a tour deep underground, take the high-speed alpine slide to the bottom of the bluff or enjoy one of the rides found at the Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park near the cave’s entrance.

–<https://www.colorado.com/articles/colorado-cave-tours>

4th of July vs Independence Day

As many history buffs know, there’s some irony to rise of the phrase “Fourth of July” since the date itself has little significance. Congress approved a declaration of independence on July 2, 1776, and John Adams expected that to be the most important date in American history. The official Declaration, however, was approved two days later by a committee. The first printed copies read “In Congress, July 4, 1776.” Since that broadsheet was tacked up in cities all over the nation, the date stuck.

–<https://slate.com/>



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Red, White & You

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 in Clement Park

Red, White & You is a FREE patriotic, community event focusing on fun for the whole family! Red, White & You is the largest free community event in South Jefferson County. Geared toward all ages and designed to bring the community together, attendance is estimated at 35,000+ annually. The event includes kids' activities, live entertainment, food concessions, community business booths, beer & wine garden, and a fireworks display. Event runs rain or shine.

National Dimples Day

On July 9 we admire those who have an adorable natural indentation known as the dimple on National Dimples Day.

Dimples are often associated with cute babies and good looking adults. Only 20-30% of the entire world population has dimples. Although most people possess two dimples, a rare few produce only one when smiling.

Dimples are considered a genetic trait. Normally, if one person in a family has dimples, it's likely another family member will. Some scientists believe we inherit dimples. However, other scientists believe dimples are a random trait people have. Until more research is available, no one knows which genes produce dimples. In fact, there is very little scientific research available to make a determination.

Summer Concert Series

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to be able to welcome you and your families back to the museum front lawn for the 2024 Summer Concert Series. The concert series is free, with open lawn seating on a first come, first serve basis. Concerts take place on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m

- The ThreadBarons, Wednesday, July 10, 2024
- Chris Thompson & Friends, Wednesday, July 17, 2024
- Delta Sonics Wednesday, July 24, 2024
- Dakota Blonde, Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Food Truck: Mike's Coney's: Food truck serving Michigan-style coney dogs. Guests are welcome to bring their own food as well.

Shade: Please don't bring large pop-up tents. If you bring an umbrella for shade, please sit toward the back so you don't block the view of others.

Pets: Well-controlled pets on short leashes are welcome.

Kids' Dance Zone: The Kids' Dance Zone is to the left of the stage (as you face the stage). It's a great spot to get those wiggles out and for kids to dance with their tall grown-ups without blocking views of the stage.

Bad Weather: The show goes on in the rain. In the event of extreme temperatures, strong wind, downpours, severe weather warnings, and/or close lightning the Museum may cancel or delay a show for a short time. If a show is canceled, the Museum will post an announcement on the Museum's Facebook page immediately. If there's no post on Facebook, the show is still on!

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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of children and families in our community. We are serving our community with volunteer hours on some fifty active projects and making philanthropic gifts to over twenty different organizations throughout the year. GREAT NEWS – Columbine Kiwanis will be putting on a Pancake Breakfast this year at the Summerset Festival at Clement Park in September! All are welcome to help on any of our projects or attend any of our social events anytime. You do not need to join the club to participate. We have fun, meet new people, and do a lot of good things for our community.

We do a lot of volunteer work with and for kids in our local schools throughout the year. This summer we are doing the Jeffco Reads Food Distribution program at Shaffer Elementary. During the school year we do tutoring at Columbine Hills Elementary, work in the Library at Governor’s Ranch and Leewood Elementary, and Terrific Readers and Writers at Field Elementary. We run a Student of the Month program at Powell Middle and Arapahoe High school and we sponsor Student Leadership Programs at all of the Littleton and South Jeffco High schools as well as Ken Caryl Middle school. We also conduct Junior Achievement programs in a number of elementary and high schools in the metro area. If you want to work with kids we can use your help!

Details about our upcoming projects and social events are in our weekly newsletter, contact news@columbinekiwanis.org to get added to our newsletter email distribution. To learn more visit our website at columbinekiwanis.org, or join us for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting any Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. We usually have a bimonthly meeting at Columbine library on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. For more information email kensweet@gmail.com.

Did You Know...

- Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.
- Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on Independence Day, July 4, 1826.
- In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a federal legal holiday.
- The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it. Later that year, five more signed separately, and one added his name in a later year. Thomas McKean was the last to sign in January 1777.
- The origin of Uncle Sam probably began in 1812, when Samuel Wilson was a meat packer who provided meat to the US Army. The meat shipments were stamped with the initials, U.S. Someone joked that the initials stood for “Uncle Sam.” This joke eventually led to the idea of Uncle Sam symbolizing the United States government.
- Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson served on the committee that picked the eagle for the national seal. Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey!

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National 7-Eleven Day

On July 11th, one convenience chain celebrates with specials on National 7-Eleven Day! Conveniently scheduled on 7-11 of each year, the day often features one of their signature items, the Slurpee.

The day focuses on franchise customers. The chain offers discounts and often free Slurpees in their many flavors. Since July is known for its summer heat, the icy cold beverage is a popular choice for cooling off all summer long.

National Be Someone Day

On July 21st, 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.



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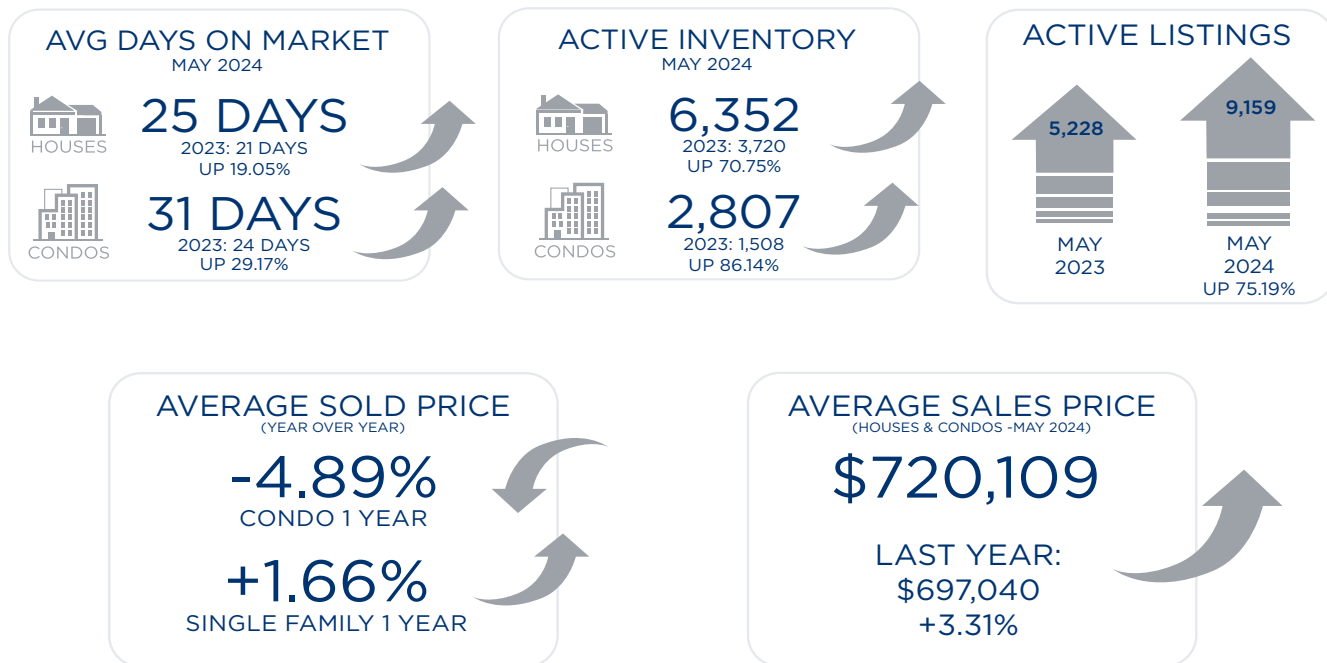
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JUNE 2024

Inventory! Inventory! Inventory! As we assess the real estate activity from May and begin the hot summer selling season in June, there are a couple of factors and opportunities showing up for Buyers and Sellers! The year began with the feeling that most Sellers would only enter the market during a "need to move" category. However, the numbers are telling a different story as it seems that many Sellers have jumped into the market with both feet! In an historic move the Denver Real Estate Market has over 9,100 active listings, which is 31% higher than April and the highest jump we have ever seen from April to May and active listings are now 75% higher than this time last year! Homes going under contract and closed are holding a close pace to last year, so we have an active market with growing supply and good demand from Buyers. The normalization of housing inventory is creating some excellent opportunities for Buyers, as we track the activity over the last 7 days with just over 2,100 new listings, but also over 2,100 price reductions by Sellers. This has created many more choices for Buyers and much better affordability. Sellers this is a great time to plan and prepare your home for sale with correct pricing during a very active market. Buyers your patience and persistence will pay off as you have more to choose from, and great opportunities to negotiate a good price on a great home. Now, just like summer this season moves quickly so please call us today for the best and most experienced real estate advice!



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