

# The Ridge Reporter

The monthly homeowners association newsletter for the residents of Summit Ridge

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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.

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- **July 10 – Blue 88s Big Band** – big band jazz
- **July 17 – Michael Friedman Band** – R&B, funk, jazz
- **July 24 – Julia Kirkwood** – alternative pop, rock
- **July 31 – Blessing Bled Chimanga** – African jazz and dance music
- **August 7 – Austin Zimmerman** – folk, bluegrass, rock and roll
- **August 14 – Grunge Lite** – 90s alternative rock and pop covers

## 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.

## 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.

**Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum, Denver:** See dozens of historic airplanes, space vehicles and interactive exhibits. The collection includes a rare B-18A Bolo—one of only five remaining WWII-era bombers—five Century-Series fighters.

**Fort Collins Museum of Discovery:** Kids love the blend of science, history and culture at this hands-on experience in Fort Collins.

**The Wild Animal Sanctuary,** about 45 minutes from Denver in Keenesburg, amazes visitors with its Mile Into the Wild walkway that lets you observe lions, wolves, grizzlies and other rescued exotic and endangered species from above.

**Mineral-rich fun, Idaho Springs:** Play in the mineral-water swimming pool at Indian Hot Springs or pan for gold at Argo Mill & Tunnel.

**Colorado Model Railroad Museum:** In Greeley, examine intricate model railroad layouts, a wooden caboose from the Colorado and Southern Railroad and more than 1,000 railroad artifacts. See actual trains come and go on nearby tracks.

**Trout Haven Ranch Trout Pond, Estes Park:** Cast your line in Trout Haven's stocked pond — a perfect first-time fishing experience.

**Water World, Federal Heights:** Cool off at one of the biggest and best water parks in the nation.

**Dinosaur Ridge, Morrison:** Encounter more than 100 fossilized dinosaur tracks and informative signs.

—<https://www.colorado.com>

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## Denver Chalk Art Festival

A little bit of Italy comes to The Mile High City every summer, thanks to the annual Denver Chalk Art Festival in the Golden Triangle Creative District. See hundreds of artists create vivid artworks on the streets, June 7–8, 2025.

The art you'll encounter during the Denver Chalk Art Festival isn't in galleries — it's on the pavement! The event features more than 200 professional and amateur artists who will spend hours on their creations over the course of two days. Their efforts transform the streets into a bright and colorful street museum, adorned in vivid pastel chalks.

Area schools and youth groups will have the chance to compete for cash prizes that will go to their respective school or youth group's visual arts departments. This is truly a unique way to show school spirit, team build and fundraise for school arts programs!

Creating these amazing works of art requires more than just scribbling on the sidewalk. First, the artist must draw an outline of the original painting in proper proportion using a pencil or a charcoal pastel. Then they begin to lay the base of colors. Using a number of colored pastels, the artist layers the chalk, blending the colors to create shadow, contrast and depth. The art may not last long, but that's sort of the point. The fun in this kind of art is in the performance aspect. Visitors to the Denver Chalk Art Festival are given the rare opportunity to watch as an artist transforms a spot of blank asphalt into a beautifully expressive painting.

Of course, that's not all that attendees can expect at the festival. There will be live music and a kids' corner where your young ones will get a chance to make some chalk art of their own!

—<https://www.denver.org/things-to-do>

## Faith On The Fairway Golf Tournament

FRIDAY-AUGUST 29, 2025:

Interested in supporting a local school and a great cause? Whether you're playing, sponsoring, or cheering from the sidelines, there's a place for everyone on the fairway to help support Athletics at Front Range Christian School! The tournament will be held on August 29, 2025 at Fox Hollow Golf Course. Registration deadline is August 15, 2025. Foursomes (\$700) and Twosomes (\$400) available. Registration includes greens fees, golf cart, range balls, breakfast burrito, lunch, and prizes. Check out the website to register and to get more information.

—<https://www.frcs.org/faith-on-the-fairway/>

## Red, White & You

Thursday, July 3, 2025 in Clement Park  
(7306 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton 80123).

Event runs rain or shine. 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.

## Cherry Blossom Festival

June 21, 2025, FREE


20th and Lawrence Streets, Denver, CO 80202

Fans of taiko drumming, teriyaki chicken, sake and Japanese artwork and wares won't want to miss this year's Cherry Blossom Festival — "Sakura Matsuri" in Japanese. The Annual Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the Japanese heritage and culture through live entertainment, food and drink, a marketplace and informative exhibits and demonstrations.

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## 25 Summer Activities For Kids

Summer is upon us! Create a bucket list of all the best summer activities for kids! A lot of them are naturally inspired by all the memories we can still recall fondly from our own childhoods. Now head outside and have some fun this summer!

1. Have a Picnic.
2. Water Balloon Fight.
3. Star Gazing.
4. Tell Stories Around a Fire.
5. Camp Out.
6. Build a Fort.
7. Make a Lemonade/Flower/Fruit Stand.
8. Have a Backyard Concert or Play.
9. Create Your Own Backyard Summer Camp.
10. Play Flashlight Tag.
11. Watch a Sunrise.
12. Create your own Parade.
13. Draw with Sidewalk Chalk.
14. Play Capture the Flag.
15. Go Hiking
16. Ride Bikes.
17. Build an Obstacle Course.
18. Go Fishing.
19. Have an Insect Hunt.
20. Watch a Sunset.
21. Fly a Kite.
22. Tie Dye T-Shirts.
23. Go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt.
24. Paint with Mud.
25. Make a Fairy Garden.



## Weed Your Garden Day

National Weed Your Garden Day on June 13th each year serves as a reminder to all gardeners to take an extra 5 or 10 minutes while weeding their gardens.

One of the best gardening tips is to stay in control of your garden. Unfortunately, weeds grow fast, very fast. With inattention, they can soon become overwhelming. Giving daily attention to your garden makes it easier to maintain. Weeding 5 or 10 minutes each day will make the job seem bearable. It might even be enjoyable. This way you will be in control, and the weeds will not!

## National Movie Night

Pop some popcorn, grab a blanket and your favorite buddy, put away the cell phones and tablets, and then queue up a string of movies for a fun night of entertainment. National Movie Night on the second Friday in June encourages us to start (or restart) a tradition of movie nights with friends and family.

Movies have been bringing people together for over 100 years. The stars, the stories entertain us, connect us and help us create memories. As technology evolves, so does how we enjoy our movie nights. From the theater to reel-to-reel home movies, the VCR, DVD, and streaming, we've been enjoying movies on big and small screens. Drive-in movies invited us to enjoy films from the comfort of our cars. Today, our video library is as large as we want it to be thanks to streaming services. We can even enjoy movies in our own backyards projected onto screens under the stars.

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