

The Ridge Reporter

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Clement Park 2026 Concerts

*All concerts start at 7 p.m.
and are held on select Thursdays.*

- June 4: Dakota Blonde. Original music, folk, bluegrass & rock
June 11: The Man Cubs. Rock Disney covers
June 18: Chili Powder. Red Hot Chili Peppers cover band
June 25: Ryan Chrys & The Rough Cuts. Outlaw country, rock & roll
July 9: Trash Pandas. Pop, country, rock covers
July 16 : Little Moses Jones. R&B, hip hop
July 23: Hand Turkey. Soul, pop
July 30: Ninety2k. '90s and '00s rock
August 6: Cass Clayton Band. Rock, soul, funk
August 13 : Dr. Lunch. Funk jazz

Venue Information

and Concert Reminders:

- Concerts run rain or shine with the exception of the threat of severe weather.
- Seating is on a natural, sloped lawn.
- Weather cancellations and rescheduled dates will be updated on this page as soon as possible.
- Parking is free. Parking available for people with disabilities.
- Please do NOT park at the Columbine Library.

What To Bring:

- Blankets or lawn chairs
- Glass containers prohibited
- Dogs on leash only

Amenities Near The Grant Amphitheater:

- Restrooms, playgrounds, walking paths and picnic shelters
- Picnic Shelter rentals are available online in advance. If shelters are not rented, they are available on a first come, first served basis.

Plant Jack-o'-Lanterns

Do a little garden math with your pumpkins. Pumpkins take 85 to 125 days to mature. Check your seed packet, then count backward from Halloween to pick the best time to plant.

Ways To Keep Your Kids Entertained This Summer

Summer's in full swing, the kids are on vacation and looking for things to do. Before you give in to the unrealistic notion that your children need to be entertained on a regular basis when they're not in school, remember that it's summer – a time for even the most active kids to take a break from organized activities and find ways to entertain themselves. This list of practical (and fun) ideas for things kid can do on their own, or with a parent or caregiver, should help you survive until the school bus rolls into the neighborhood again.

1. **Pick your own... whatever.** Find a farm with blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, flowers, etc., and get picking.
2. **Camp out.** First-timers, try backyard camping.
3. **Camp in.** Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.
4. **Rearrange the furniture.** Give the kids graph paper and have them draw out a plan first.
5. **Invite friends over for a game day.** Have a kids' games table and an adult one too. Candyland, chess, Monopoly, Clue – let the kids pick their favorites.
6. **Make your own pizza.**
7. **Talk to the animals.** Go to a zoo. If there isn't one nearby, take a virtual zoo tour online.
8. **Get wet.** Break out the kiddie pools, hoses, and sprinklers. Or if the budget permits, spend the day at a waterpark.
9. **Have a puzzle race.** Stock up on 100-piece puzzles and see who finishes first. For older kids, skip the race and challenge

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them to complete a mega-piece puzzle. Set up a spot where everyone can join in working on the puzzle.

10. **Play (or learn) card games.** Amazing how much fun you can have with a single pack of playing cards. Little ones can learn crazy eights or Old Maid. Teach the older kids rummy or poker, or discover new games to master.
11. **Make good use of nearby parks.** Go to your local park's website, print the schedule of activities and tape it to the refrigerator.
12. **Pack a picnic.** And plop down to eat it just about anywhere, at a free concert, in a state park or in your own backyard. Rainy day? Have an Indoors Picnic! Spread a blanket on the living room floor where there are no bugs or rain to contend with and the children will love it!
13. **Join (or create) a summer reading club.** Most local libraries have a summer reading program that awards prizes for the most books read. If your library doesn't, create your own. Pick a day of the week to be library day. You take back the read books and pick up new ones. Create categories and award prizes to whoever read the most books in those categories. If you have three children, have three categories. Make sure every child gets a prize.

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14. **Experiment with new hairdos.** Let the kids try out not-permanent colors or braids. Or maybe a spiked look.
15. **Set a goal and complete a home project.** Spare room need cleaning out? Fences need painting? Kitchen cabinets in need of organizing? Find ways to let the kids help.
16. **Let the kids cook dinner.** In fact, make a tradition of it.
17. **Host a sleepover.** And the maybe your kids will be invited next – giving you a free evening.

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Downtown Littleton Block Party

SAVE THE DATE! The FREE Night of Magic, Music and Mayhem Returns Saturday, June 13, 2026, 5pm - 10 pm

Dazzling performances, live music, fiery spectacles, and a fireworks finale. Join us for an unforgettable night under the stars! This isn't your average street fair. We've curated a lineup of performers who defy gravity, logic, and the ordinary. Wander between four stages and discover:

- Live Music:** Rock, country, and indie acts to keep you dancing.
- Street Spectacles:** Contortionists, magicians and performers.
- Fireworks Finale at 9pm:** A sky-high explosion of color at the end of the evening!

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News Articles

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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Go Fishing Day

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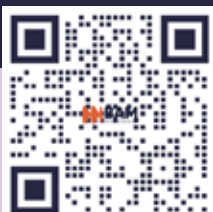


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Make Your Own Sidewalk Chalk

Sidewalk chalk is pretty darn easy to make, and by doing it at home, you can save money, create your own designs and colors, and have fun with the whole family.

Step 1: Materials. You can get everything you need for this project from a craft or art supply store and around the house.

You'll need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Water
- Powdered Tempera Paint
- Mixing Bowl
- Molds

You can use some fun molds that came with a plaster of Paris kit, and some of the neat ice tube trays from IKEA. They even make tube-shaped ones if you want traditional chalk shapes.

To make your own stick molds, try using toilet paper rolls. To make them thinner, just cut a seam, overlap the edges, and tape together.



Step 4: Clean-up! Clean up is very important - and you don't want to rinse this stuff down your sink. See how it's setting up in those molds? It's going to do the same in your pipes!

Take a container like a small waste bin, and line it with a plastic bag. Pour in some water, and use this as a sink to rinse everything – all materials, your hands, everything! Let the plaster set up in the bottom, and the water will rise to the top. Once it's settled, you can pour off the water from the top, leaving the plaster undisturbed. Dispose of the bag.

Step 5: Check Out That Chalk! Drying time will vary, depending on size of the molds you use. It's pretty easy to tell by look and feel when the chalk will be ready to de-mold. Even if you pop it out and it's not set yet, you can let it air dry a bit more without worrying about it losing its shape.

–<https://www.instructables.com/Make-Your-Own-Sidewalk-Chalk/>

*Let it be June, bring the summer beach back,
and let our life be simple again.*

– *Unknown*

Step 2: Mix It Up. For every cup of plaster of Paris, use 3/4 cup of water. Add in as much powdered tempera as you like, and stir, stir, stir!

Step 3: Molds. Pour the mixture into your molds. For fun, mix up a few different colors, and swirl them together!

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Cliff Dwellings And Ruins

Colorado is home to several sites which include cliff dwellings and ruins. Take a car trip this summer to view some of these historic places.

Canyon Pintado National Historic District resides in western Colorado. In this district, you'll find rock art and homestead ruins from as early as 1200 AD, much of which is viewable from your car, perfect for those who would rather forego a hike.

Chimney Rock National Monument and Park in Pagosa Springs is a great place to spot ancient Puebloan ruins that date back thousands of years, including kivas, a pit house, and multi-family dwellings.

Hovenweep National Monument is located near Cortez in the southwest corner of the state, and it extends into Utah, where you can find the visitor center. Hovenweep is an ideal spot for camping and ruins-viewing, as you can even see the ruins of Hovenweep Castle and towers built by the Ancestral Puebloan people.

Mesa Verde National Park is the perfect place to view ancient cliff dwellings, as there are over 600 well-preserved dwellings plus 4,000 ruins in this notable archaeological site. Be sure to stop by Canyons of the Ancients if you have the time since it's not far away.

Ute Mountain Tribal Park offers guided tours of cliff dwellings and villages from the Ancestral Pueblo people. You can choose between an easier hike or a more active one, but both are packed with information.

—<https://www.uncovercolorado.com/archaeological-sites/>

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

"Improving the world one child and one community at a time."

Ongoing projects that you can join. You can consider them one and done, help once and see if they fit your needs.

- **Sheridan Food Bank** – Every Thursday preparing and distributing food. Serving about 150 families each week.
- **Project Cure** – once a month – June 1 and June 29 (kid friendly) Sorting Medical Supplies
- **Meals on Wheels** – Every Weekday (Each member drives about once a month)
- **Blood Drive** – June 8
- **Working with Schools** – every week (Library and tutoring)
- **The Action Center** – Sorting Clothing – date pending
- **Meetings with breakfast, project updates, and a timely speaker.**
- **And more...**

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a volunteer-led organization of 63 members dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through more than fifty active projects and support for over twenty community organizations each year. All are welcome—no membership required to participate. Join us for service, friendship, and fun as we make a positive impact together. Regular meetings every Wed 6:45AM at 4Gs restaurant, Platte Canyon and Bowles. Other meetings for late risers. For information check our web site columbinekiwanis.org or email ken at KenSweet@gmail.com Or send me an email and just say hi.




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Yoga On The Rocks

Yogis of all levels can begin their day by flowing in the serene and beautiful outdoor setting of the iconic Red Rock Amphitheatre. Every Saturday morning from June to August, excluding the weekend of the 4th of July, get a vital workout led by world-class instructors. It's a great way to bring peace and a sense of groundedness to your busy summer days. Just pop out of bed, grab your mat, and join the many early risers for a workout with a view that starts at 7 am, but you can claim a spot as early as 6 am. Classes will be held on Saturdays from late May to early August. You can choose between purchasing just a session ticket or a season pass, but tickets must be purchased in advance online.

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REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

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The 2026 Denver Real Estate Market has become less seasonal with the Spring and Summer peaks and valleys. Actually, the Denver Metro Market is settling into something much more consistent and far less dramatic. We saw such an aggressive market from 2017 through the Pandemic boom with Median prices going from \$473,000 in early 2021 to over \$616,000 in April 2022. Now, it truly has felt like a slow and steady groundhog year again as the Median price has been nearly identical at \$602,000 in April 2024, and \$604,000 in April 2025 and we ended April 2026 at \$605,000. General household needs are creating a much more consistent real estate market versus the human behavior of the Seasons. This also shows the resiliency of the market with the Global economic uncertainty and the rise in Mortgage rates this year! Supply and Demand continue to support the foundation as the Active Inventory rose substantially from last month to 11,539 up over 17%, while Pending's and Closed homes stayed almost identical to the month before! Sellers: we are seeing a clear pattern where homes that are prepared and show well and priced correctly will sell in the first 7-10 days, otherwise they tend to fall closer to the Average days on the market which is currently 40. Buyers, you have a great supply of homes to preview and compare and finally a little time to think about your purchase, compare and negotiate. Prices are staying fairly consistent this year, but be careful not to rely on the wait and see approach too much as you see the next home for you, please make a decision quickly before you have to work with competing offers! This market isn't unpredictable like it seemed the past few years - it's becoming reliable and steady! Right now, reliable and steady is a good place to be!



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