

# The Ridge Reporter

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## Downtown Littleton Pumpkin Poles

Halloween begins with the creation of Pumpkin Poles by the downtown merchants. They will be on display in early October through Halloween (depending on the condition of the pumpkins). Located throughout downtown on Main, Alamo and Prince Streets, visit early in the month. You don't want to miss these one-of-a-kind creations.

## Littleton Craft Fair

Mark your calendars for the Littleton Craft Fair on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the scenic grounds of Ketring Park.

Since 1971, shoppers have browsed over 250 booths of hand-crafted items and purchased snacks from the nonprofits running food concession stands.

Due to high attendance, shoppers are asked to observe all parking signs and directions. Littleton Craft Fair parking is prohibited in the Bemis Public Library lot as spaces are needed for Library patrons. The Littleton Museum parking lot is used for Museum visitors, staff, and as accessible parking for shoppers.

Proceeds from booth fees are used by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum organization to sponsor programs at the Littleton Museum and Bemis Public Library.

—<https://www.museum.littletonco.gov/Events-Programs/>

*October is the month of painted leaves.  
Their rich glow now flashes round the  
world. As fruits and leaves and the day  
itself acquire a bright tint just before they  
fall, so the year near its setting.*

*October is its sunset sky;  
November the later twilight.*

—Henry David Thoreau

## Fall Landscape Ideas For A Gorgeous Autumn Garden

### ADD FALL CONTAINER PLANTS

Lean into container plants featuring late-blooming flowers and succulents, like mums and stonecrop, as temperatures start to drop this fall. They'll add so much color and interest to your porch, plus you can repot and move them inside when it gets too cold in the winter!

### PLANT TREES AND SHRUBS

Surprisingly, fall is a great time to plant evergreen and ornamental trees in your yard! In autumn, the weather and soil conditions can help trees develop a strong root system before the summer heat kicks in. If you're looking for evergreens, go for boxwood, spruce, and pine trees. On the other hand, if you want to add stunning autumn hues to your yard, plant sugar maple, Japanese maple, dogwood, or redbud trees.



### CREATE A FALL COMPOST PILE

There's no better time than fall to start a compost pile, especially with all that fallen foliage! Instead of throwing away those big piles of fall leaves after raking them, add them to a compost pile along with vegetal food scraps and twigs. By spring, you'll have a nutrient-rich additive for your garden beds that'll improve your soil quality!

### REFRESH YOUR YARD

Spring cleaning may be the norm, but fall is also a great time to refresh your yard or garden! The cooler months following summer are great for tidying up your yard before spring rolls around again. To start, get rid of unruly weeds and wilting annuals. Then, start patching up bare spots in your lawn with overseeding and fertilizer.

### START A POLLINATOR GARDEN

It's never a bad time to plant flowers and shrubs to support the pollinator population in your yard. Add perennials that extend the season for bees and butterflies, such as black-eyed Susan, autumn-blooming sedums, asters, and Shasta daisies.

### CREATE AN OUTDOOR DINING SPACE

If you never got around to it during the hot summer months, autumn is a great time to create an outdoor oasis. A small table and chairs are all you need for evening meals al fresco.

### ADD DECORATIVE ACCENTS

A simple obelisk or trellis can be a focal point in the garden, long after the first frost. Place it where it's visible from indoors so you have something of interest to see in the winter garden. Bonus: Add lights to it for the holidays!

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## This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

### Advertise in this Newsletter!

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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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and sunny spots may be lighted on,  
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as now in October.*

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## Fall Landscape Ideas, *continued from front page*

### CREATE COZY SEATING AREAS

Fall is a great time to sit and enjoy the cooler weather and the stunning panorama of colors. Create a cozy seating area by placing Adirondack chairs or a simple wicker chair where you can soak up nature's beauty. Oh, and don't forget the cozy blanket!

### DECORATE WITH PUMPKINS

This might seem obvious, but decorating with pumpkins is one of the easiest ways to get your home ready for fall. Add different color pumpkins, including orange, white, and green, throughout the yard and on the front porch.

### PLANT BULBS FOR SPRING

It might seem like an exercise in delayed gratification (and it is!), but it's a good idea to start planting spring-blooming bulbs right now. Many flowers such as daffodils, tulips, and hyacinths must be planted in the fall for blooms next spring. Trust us: You'll be so happy and grateful when you see your flowers pop up after a long winter.

### ADD EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Adding a few outdoor lighting options will make the long, dark days of winter a little brighter. Update exterior lights and add lighting along walkways. Even a solar-powered LED lantern or string lights on the patio can make a seating area feel more intimate and special during fall gatherings.

### BRING IN COLD-SENSITIVE PLANTS

There's no point in allowing all your plants to die back in the first frost. Bring in plants that can be enjoyed as houseplants (dig them up and put them in pots). Plants to consider include rosemary, begonias, hibiscus, and succulents. Also, in cold climates, don't forget to dig up tender bulbs such as dahlias and gladioli after the first frost to save for planting next spring.

## Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Coming up: We can use help with Meals on Wheels, Sheridan Food, Bank, Action Center Clothes Sorting, blood drive, ushering at the Jeffco Symphony, donating toys to local hospital, and others. We will need a lot of help in December with our Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, we will ring for about 2 weeks at two King Soopers stores.

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The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is a group of volunteers (70 members) 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. All are welcome to help with any of our projects or attend any of our social events. 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.



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## Harvest Festival

**Saturday, October 11, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The annual Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the living history farms of the Littleton Museum. Buy your Halloween pumpkins and enjoy wagon rides, 1890s carnival games, historical demonstrations, and other fun family-friendly activities.

Admission is free! Come and enjoy photo opportunities, a musical performance in the pumpkin patch, and historical demonstrations at no cost.

Please note: While entry to the event is free, the snacks, wagon rides, and playing carnival games do require payment.

Purchase snack/ride/game tickets for 50 cents each with cash or check at the ticket stations and use those tickets to quickly and conveniently pay for snacks, wagon rides, and carnival gameplay throughout the event.

You can also purchase snack/ride/game tickets online before the event and pick them up at Will Call.

Snack/ride/game tickets cannot be used for purchase of pumpkins or at the on-site concessionaire. Purchase pumpkins and concessions with cash or check. ATM available onsite.

### FREE ACTIVITIES

- **Musical performance in the pumpkin field** (11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
- **Photo Opportunities** with pumpkin patch, historical wagons, and buildings.
- **Toddler Hay Bale Maze**
- **Free Historical Demonstrations**
- **Dr. Tan's Medicine Show:** Medicine shows used to travel the country selling "miracle cures" to the crowd.

Part sales pitch, part performance art, a medicine show promised to sell products that could heal various ailments with secret formulas, appealing to settlers seeking relief in a time before widespread medical care.

- **Curio Tent:** The Harvest Festival's carnival area is inspired by the traveling carnivals that were popularized by the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. A typical feature of these late 1890s traveling fairs was displays of "oddities" or "curiosities." These were unusual natural artifacts, with creative labeling. Come and see our Curio Tent, with its Two-Headed Bat, Fiji Mermaid, Genuine Unicorn Horn, and more!
- **Pig Roast:** In the 1800s, a pig roast was a community event where a whole pig was slow-cooked over an open fire for several hours. Neighbors and families gathered to share a hearty meal, often with cornbread and seasonal vegetables. They would enjoy music, storytelling, and celebration, marking special occasions like holidays or harvests. (This pig was not raised on the Museum's farms).
- **Ginger Beer:** A popular drink from 18th-century England, made by fermenting ginger, sugar, water, and sometimes lemon juice. This drink was originally mildly alcoholic, although the current form tends to be non-alcoholic. Sorry, no samples.
- **Roping dummies:** Lassoing was an important skill for managing livestock on 19th-century farms. Animal wrangling was a vital skill for a fall "round-up." Can you get your loop over the wooden critters?

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## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month on the National Day Calendar. The entire month is a reminder that there is a gruesome disease that effects 1 in 8 women and 1 in 1000 men in the United States. We are reminding people to be proactive about fighting this invasive disease and not to forget to support those who are suffering from breast cancer.

Breast cancer is a terrible disease that will develop into invasive breast cancer over the course of a lifetime for millions of men and women. Being proactive in this fight is crucial. During the month of October, there are reminders everywhere saying "hey, don't forget to examine your breasts, get your doctor to check them out too, and schedule your mammogram."

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## REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

### SEPTEMBER 2025

#### This Fall Market is Full of Opportunity!

Now that we are past the Labor Day Holiday, and the Summer Real Estate Market is behind us, the term Fall has greater meaning this year than at anytime over the last decade! Let me explain further, as many have mentioned that Market Updates are a little boring or maybe redundant with little change from month to month. We agree that sometimes months feel like weeks, and these come at us very quickly, with little change month over month! This is one Market Update that you will want to pay attention to as we call it a Fall Market, and historically has been the second busiest and active time in the Denver Real Estate Market! The term Fall this year has extra meaning as Home Prices have continued to fall this year, and to be honest some of the best values on most real estate is right now! But wait, there is more as Interest Rates have fallen dramatically over the last couple of weeks with the Average 30 year fixed rate mortgage in the low 6% range, and most of the Government Insured Loans like FHA and VA in the high 5% range.

Buyers, this is your time of year to engage if you have been on the sidelines for a while, as you will find the best pricing, lowest interest rates and the best values and affordability we have seen all year! Sellers, the market has been hit hard with standing Inventory putting downward pressure on pricing, so this is the time to make your home show the best it possibly can and price it correctly! The Denver Market still has over 13,000 Active Listings, which is approximately 22% above this time last year!

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