



Next Board Meeting

The February board meeting is scheduled for February 27th at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Please check TownSq for the link.

Social Calendar

We're looking to fill out a neighborhood social calendar! If you are interested in sponsoring a neighborhood event, please email wgmboardmember5@gmail.com with your interest.

South Platte Park Rentals

Open Feb. 12th, 2024

South Platte Park is an 880-acre natural area along the South Platte river with five lakes open to fishing, 2.5 miles of the Mary Carter Greenway Trail, and more than four miles of natural surge walking trails in forested wildlife habitat. The Carson Nature Center serves as an information center with naturalists on duty, and as the primary meeting point for programs and field trips.

Online rental requests open Feb. 12, 2024. Visit the website below for a list of the available rentals.

—<https://register.ssprd.org/>

3 Facts About President's Day

1. Presidents Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February, thanks to the 1968 Uniform Monday Holiday Act.
2. It was established in 1885 in honor of President George Washington's birthday.
3. Washington's birthday was actually on February 22, 1732 (this would be his 282nd birthday!)

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Dues Increasing In 2024

After much deliberation, and approval at November's annual meeting, 2024 dues are set to go up in January. Monthly dues will now be \$60.64. Coupon books will not be sent out this year unless specifically requested. To do so, please email Donna Nicholas at donna.nicholas@associacolorado.com or call 303-292-9200. Books will cost \$13.80.

If you are set up for bill pay through your bank, you must notify your bank of the change. If you're set up for payment through TownSq, you need to check your payment settings to determine if you should update the information. If you have selected "Fixed Amount" or "Recurring Charges" in TownSq, you will need to update the monthly payment amount. If you have selected "Open Account Balance", the full balance due will pull and you won't need to update anything.

If you're set up for ACH through Associa, you don't need to take any action.



Valentine's Bazaar

Valentine's BAZAAR is popping up for the first time ever in Littleton at Aspen Grove Center on February 9 and 10 for the love of all things local!

Friday, February 9th, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – includes FREE horse-drawn carriage rides.

Saturday, February 10th, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – includes a special Pet photo with Cupid to benefit the Colorado Pet Pantry.

This indoor market will feature 60+ carefully curated vendors with a focus on jewelry, confections, art, fashion, and other Giftables, along with tastings, live music and craft cocktails.

- General Admission | FREE Entry, All Ages!
- Friday Night Happy Hour: Friday 4 - 6 p.m. | \$25
Two hours of bottomless beer and wine from 4-6 p.m. on Friday. Includes a Denver BAZAAR commemorative cup, and your choice of holiday shopping bag or lip balm.
- Bottomless Mimosas: Saturday 11 - 1 p.m. | \$20
Includes two hours of Bottomless Mimosas, Denver BAZAAR commemorative cup, and choice of holiday shopping bag or lip balm.
- Drink Token Package | \$35
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Includes 5 Drink Tokens redeemable for any beer, cocktail or wine.

—<https://aspengrovecenter.com/>

National Love Your Pet Day

February 20th: National Love Your Pet Day is a day to show extra love and appreciation for your pets. It's a reminder to take some time to play with them, show affection, and do something special for them.

Groundhog Day

February 2nd is Groundhog Day, on which the emergence of the groundhog (woodchuck) from its burrow is said to foretell the weather for the following six weeks.

Since 1887 an animal in Punxsutawney has been the center of a staged appearance each February 2. In what has become a media event, a groundhog designated Punxsutawney Phil is the center of attention of television weathermen and newspaper photographers. Although promoters of the local festival surrounding Punxsutawney Phil claim that the animals have never been wrong, an examination of the records indicates a correlation of less than 40 percent. (Whether a groundhog does or does not emerge is thought to be related to the amount of fat it was able to store before going into hibernation.)

—<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Groundhog-Day>



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Board Meeting Schedule

4th Tuesday of each month

6:00 p.m. at the Cabana, 11656 W. Cross Ave., Littleton or via Zoom

News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 15th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to the editor at: wgmboardmember5@gmail.com. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

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Fun Things To Do On Valentines Day To Celebrate

Watch Your Wedding Video Together: Watch your wedding video together and reminisce about the big day. Nothing gets you in the romantic Valentine's Day mood more than looking back on the momentous day that you said, "I do!"

Dinner with Friends: You can always plan a romantic dinner for two, or you can get your friends in on the fun and host a group dinner. Make it a potluck to cut prep work in half and have everyone bring a dish they absolutely love.

Visit a Bookstore: The perfect date for bookworms. Spend the day exploring new reads together, grabbing a cup of coffee in a local café and then enjoying all the new books you bought. In tune with the day dedicated to love, check out our favorite romance picks we think should be at the top of your list!

Make Fondue: Calling all foodies. Have some fun with food by making cheese or chocolate fondue and see what combos pair perfectly with whatever you serve up.

Workout Together: If you and your partner (or friends!) enjoy getting your sweat on, go to the gym or on a run together. You can even sign up for a class together and then go get coffee after.

Take a Scenic Drive: Put together a road trip-worthy playlist and hit the pavement, even just for a spin around town. There's something about driving that gets conversation flowing, especially if you're just tooling around looking out the window.

Hold a Game Night: For those with a competitive streak (or who just like some good, old-fashioned fun), an exciting night of board games will make Valentine's Day memorable. Up the ante with a friendly wager or two.

Make Some Crafts: Get creative and enjoy a special Valentine's Day craft night complete with your favorite beverages, snacks and plenty of fun. You can make each other a DIY Valentine's Day gift, or even compete to see who can make the most creative craft!

Plan a Movie Marathon: For some quality relaxation time with your S.O., get cozy on the couch and marathon watch all your favorite rom-coms. It's the perfect way to set the mood for some Valentine's night romance.

Have an Indoor Picnic: The winter weather doesn't have to stop you from planning the most romantic date of all — a picnic meal. Break out a checkered tablecloth and your best Valentine's Day recipes for a sweet indoor picnic date your sweetheart won't forget.

Paint Together: If you'd rather be making your own masterpiece, channel your inner Bob Ross and take up a paint brush. Follow along with YouTube videos at home if you're a beginner, or take a Paint and Sip class for some IRL guided instruction.

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Winter Fun: Tubing!

ECHO MOUNTAIN

We'll kick off the list with the closest tubing hill to Denver at Echo Mountain Resort. Located less than an hour from the Mile High City, the Echo Mountain Tubing Hill is a convenient place to get your thrills seven days a week. The tubing hill is open to those 36" and taller, no one can ride in someone's lap here. Online reservations are required.

Race your pals or link up amongst your group and create a tube chain. The covered conveyor lift will bring you back to the top of the 6-lane tubing hill.



COPPER MOUNTAIN TUBING HILL

The Copper Tubing Hill consists of four lanes of varying speeds and slopes. There is a magic carpet lift system to get you up the hill, so there's no worry about having to hike.

To ensure an adventurous time, the staff will give you a push or spin if you're up for it. One of the runs even has a jump. Double tubes are available for those looking to ride together. The tubing hill is located behind Copper Station in East Village. Look for the Super Bee chairlift.

Tubing sessions last for 1 hour and you should arrive 15-30 minutes prior to your start time. The Tubing Hill at Copper can sell out, so you may want to book in advance. Discounts are available if you pre-purchase on Copper's website at least 1 day prior. Riders must be 36" tall.

KEYSTONE ADVENTURE POINT TUBING HILL

Endless snow tubing fun awaits you at Keystone Ski Resort. Home to two of Colorado's tubing hills: Mountaintop and a family-friendly option at the Nordic Center.

Mountaintop Snow Tubing at Keystone: Keystone's tubing hill is perched on the summit of Dercum Mountain. Check-in for your reservation at the Adventure Point Tubing Hut at the bottom of the gondola. From there, take the River Run Gondola up to the village. It will drop you off next to Adventure Point, where the tubing hill is.

Nordic Center Snow Tubing: If you don't want to make the trek to the top of Dercum on the gondola, check out the Nordic Center tubing hill. Located between Dillon Lake and the ski resort, the Nordic Center is a calmer alternative to the busy mountain.

FRISCO ADVENTURE PARK TUBING HILL

Frisco Adventure Park features a 1200-foot tubing hill with lift service, operating day and night. It's located about a mile from downtown Frisco in Summit County, within the Peninsula Recreation Area.

The tubing hill usually opens for the season around Thanksgiving weekend in November, conditions permitting. It's then open seven days per week through the winter season. Reservations are required for snow tubing. There are several lanes of varying pitches, so some will be gentler and others steeper for more thrilling rides. A surface lift returns you and your tube to the top of the hill for another descent.

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Why Does Leap Year Exist?

Leap Year exists because of the time it takes the Earth to orbit the Sun. There are 365 days in most calendar years, but in the time it takes for the Earth to go around the sun once, our planet actually spins 365 and nearly a quarter times. The reason we care about that extra quarter is because the Earth has seasons.

If we didn't account for this extra time, the seasons would begin to drift. This would be annoying if not devastating, because over a period of about 700 years our summers, which we've come to expect in June in the northern hemisphere, would begin to occur in December!

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a four-week-long celebration during which we shine a light on—and seek to learn more about—the people, events, experiences, and contributions of Black America throughout the past 400-plus years.



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