



Winners of Halloween Contest

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National Cocoa Day

December 13th ushers in a celebration worthy of the winter holidays with National Cocoa Day. What better way to warm up after a cold day outside?



HOA Williamsburg II HOA

@HOA-WilliamsburgIIHOA



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Meeting Minutes: November 16, 2023

Meet by zoom. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Board members present: Kathy, Sarah, Sara, Mark, Krista

Treasurer's report: ~\$275 in dues

Covenant Control: Follow up on letter about weeds on the corner

Media reports: New company name for newsletter

New business:

- Front entrance trees removal: Looking into ideas for removal since the trees are getting so big. Quote is in the works. Maybe something smaller on both sides.
- Christmas lights at front entrance.

Events:

- Halloween lighting contest: update
- Hayride: Dec 2nd starting at 5pm, fee is \$850, talking to grinch
- Christmas lighting contest: pick before the 16th.

Christmas Tree Cutting

Cutting down your own Christmas tree can be a memorable and festive experience for the whole family, but it's key to do this activity safely and legally. In Colorado, you typically need a permit to cut down a Christmas tree on public lands. Here are some spots where you can obtain a permit and some tips for doing this activity responsibly. All permits can be purchased online at recreation.gov.

- 1. Plan Ahead:** Contact the forest service or visit their website for more information on permit availability, cutting dates, regulations, and designated cutting areas.
- 2. Choose the Right Tools:** Bring a sharp saw for cutting and ropes or straps to secure the tree to your vehicle.
- 3. Select a Healthy Tree:** A healthy tree will have vibrant green needles (avoid trees with brown or dry needles).
- 4. Dispose of the Tree Properly:** Find a recycling program, chip the tree for mulch, or compost it.

–<https://www.coloradoparent.com/christmas-tree-cutting/>

Williamsburg II 2023 HOA Payment Coupon

Membership: \$35.00. All residents of Williamsburg II are encouraged to join! Please return this form and a check made payable to Williamsburg II HOA and mail to **Mark Hickman, 10588 W. Roxbury Avenue, Littleton, CO 80127**. Your dues pay for the maintenance of the front entrance, electricity for the lights, Board of Directors insurance and social events that promote community involvement. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you! **Pay in December 2023 and you will be entered to win a prize!**

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Trail of Lights Chatfield Farms

Now – Jan. 1, various evenings, 5-8:30 p.m. (closed Dec. 25). Tucked into the foothills under the dark sky, the glow of lights can be seen for miles. Just under a mile of walking trail, the illumination of cottonwoods, boxelders and pine trees line the pathway through the Green Farm, Crossroads, Deer Creek Discovery Children's Play Area and 1880s Hildebrand Ranch homestead. There is the option of an alternative path for those who want to take a shorter stroll.

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News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 12th of the month before the next month's issue. Please email news articles to the editor at sara.spillan@gmail.com. No endorsement of any product or service is implied or stated by its inclusion in the newsletter. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

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Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

You don't have to hit the slopes to have some cold, wintery fun. Check out these rinks to get your ice skating fix.

RINK AT BELMAR, LAKEWOOD

Admission (skate rental included): \$10 (\$8 for kids 12 and under; seniors and children two and under skate free) or \$6 if you bring your own skates. Park in the lot at Teller Street and West Virginia Avenue. Even in the daytime, the Rink at Belmar can get plenty of shade, so make sure you check the weather and bundle up. Extreme weather may close the rink, so check online or call ahead to make sure the rink is open as planned. Outdoor heaters and fire pits help friends or parents stay toasty.

SKATING IN THE SQUARE, ARVADA

Admission (skate rental included): \$10 (\$7 for kids 12 and under). Take the G Line to Olde Town Arvada, and you'll find a cozy little skating rink in the square on 57th Avenue, between the library and the pedestrian mall. Pick up your skates at the nearby shed and take to the (synthetic) ice.

PARKER ICE TRAIL, PARKER

Admission: \$9 (\$7 for kids 10 and under). **Skate rental:** \$4. The ice circles a center grassy area and is fenced in on both the inside and outside, offering more space for beginners to hold on as they get accustomed to the ice. Located at the edge of downtown Parker in Discovery Park (behind the library), the ice trail offers concessions, skating aids for new skaters, and a handful of fire pits and seating for spectators to keep warm.

DOWNTOWN DENVER RINK, DENVER

Admission: Free. **Skate rental:** \$11 (\$9 for kids 12 and under; fourth graders skate free). The downtown rink sits in Skyline Park, in the shadow of the Daniels & Fisher clocktower between the 16th Street Mall and 17th on Arapahoe Street. Open late on holidays and weekends, the rink offers concessions and locker storage for your belongings. Fourth graders skate free, and double-bladed skates are available in children sizes.

EVERGREEN LAKE, EVERGREEN

Admission: \$14 (children four and under skate free); \$20 with skate rental included. **Skate rental:** \$10. Winning the prize for best views while skating, Evergreen Lake is open throughout the winter as weather permits. Learn to Skate classes are available for children, and athletes can sign up for hockey and broomball online. Regulars or families can purchase 10-punch skate cards for \$120 (\$30 savings). Park at Evergreen Lake House or take the shuttle from Stagecoach Park lower parking lot on weekends and holidays.



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Homemade Candy Canes

These homemade candy canes are SO much better than store-bought, and so fun to make! Just make sure you have a stick of butter handy to keep your hands buttered for pulling so it doesn't stick to you.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. peppermint extract
- 1 tsp. red food coloring



How To Make:

1. In heavy-bottomed large saucepan or small pot, combine first 4 ingredients and stir until sugar dissolves. Cook, without stirring to hard-ball stage. (265 degrees.)
2. Remove from heat and add peppermint extract. Divide into 2 portions, and add coloring to one part. Pour out onto buttered cookie sheets. (Pour half onto one sheet, then add coloring to the rest and then pour onto second sheet.) when it's cool enough to handle, start pulling each part separately. (Best done with 2 people, but if doing alone, go back and forth pulling each.)
3. When you feel like you just can't pull anymore, form into ropes and twist them together. Cut into 8" lengths, form into the shape of candy canes, and place on lightly buttered platter til fully hardened.

7 Ways To Make The Holidays Safer For Pets

Nothing can spoil holiday cheer like an emergency visit to a veterinary clinic. These seven tips can help prevent a holiday disaster with your pets.

1. Keep people food out of the reach of your pet, and ask your guests to do the same.
2. Make sure your pet doesn't have any access to treats, especially those containing chocolate, xylitol, grapes/raisins, onions or other toxic foods.
3. Don't leave your pet alone in the room with lit candles, a decorated tree or potpourri.
4. Keep holiday plants (especially holly, mistletoe and lillies) out of reach of pets.
5. Consider leaving the tinsel off your tree if you have a cat.
6. Secure your Christmas tree to keep it from falling over if your dog bumps it or your cat climbs it. Hanging lemon-scented car air fresheners in the tree may deter your cat from climbing it.
7. Provide a safe place for your pet to escape the excitement (such as a kennel, crate, perching place, scratching post shelf or hiding place) if you're entertaining guests. If your pet is excitable or scared, consider putting your pet in another room with some toys and a comfortable bed.

—<https://www.avma.org/resources>

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shovel a driveway; buy the next car's coffee;
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Denver Botanic Gardens Blossoms of Light

A stroll through the Denver Botanic Gardens is a delightful way to celebrate the holiday season. The Blossoms of Light extravaganza is a twinkling and breathtaking twist on the already beautiful gardens, especially on a December evening.

For over 30 years, lights have transformed this cultural pocket of Denver and become an annual tradition for many local families and friends. From Friday to Sunday, November 17th, 2023 to January 7th, 2024, enjoy warm drinks and holiday treats amongst the most festive lights, blossoms, and pathways in Colorado.

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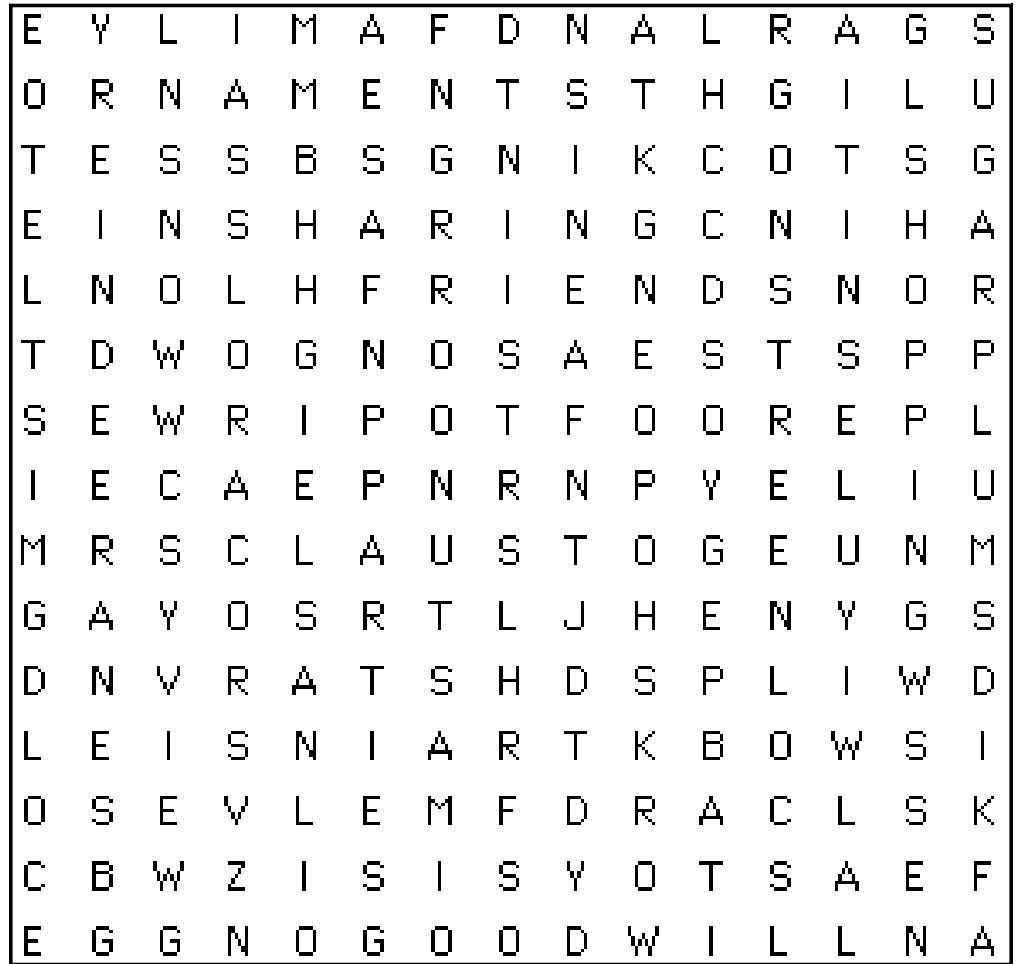
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