



## Dates To Remember

Recycle: 12-7 & 12-21  
Christmas Eve: 12-24  
Christmas Day: 12-25  
New Year's Eve: 12-31  
Dues Increase: 1-1-2024



## Stock Up For Winter

Living in a region with cold, snowy winters, taking the time now to stock up on winter gear and supplies will mean less stress when that first big storm hits.

- Check snow shovels and ice scrapers; replace as needed.
- If you use a fireplace or wood stove, order firewood.
- Pick up a bag of pet- and plant-safe ice melt.
- Restock emergency kits for car and home.
- If you use a snow blower, have it serviced and purchase fuel.
- If your home has an emergency power generator, review safety standards (the American Red Cross has helpful tips) and check that it's working properly.

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## Letter From The President

Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Thank you to all the volunteers! It took three dumpsters to pick up leaves on Saturday, November 18th. The first dumpster of leaves was 2.56 tons, the second dumpster was 2.24 tons and the third was 1.39 tons! That's a lot of leaves! This was definitely team work in the community!

We had our monthly board meeting on November 21st and the budget for 2024 was ratified. We will be raising the HOA dues for 2024 from \$55.00 to \$60.00 per month due to the rising costs of the services in the community.

I just wanted to say thank you to the board members that served this year and for your volunteer hours, meetings and community events!

Also, would like to thank Tom Sine, head of our ACC committee, and everyone on his committee for all of their hard work throughout the year.

Woodbury Hills HOA would like to welcome all the new residents that have moved into our community in 2023! Hope you are enjoying your new community. Please read the newsletters and emails to keep up with everything that is going on in your neighborhood.

We have not had much snow fall yet but please remember that sidewalks need to be shoveled within 24 hours of the snowfall. Please also remember that all outside projects for the spring will need to have an ACC request submitted and approved by the ACC committee. Please send the requests KC& Associates and they will be passed along to the ACC.

Hope you have a happy and healthy 2024!

— Mary Allen, President, [marybethallen@hotmail.com](mailto:marybethallen@hotmail.com)

## Dumpster Day Photos



# 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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## This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services

## An Extravaganza of Lights at Hudson Gardens

Now-Dec. 31, 2023 Walk through a winter wonderland of thousands of outdoor lights in Littleton. Explore the trails, where bursts of light and color wrap around trees and shimmer on bodies of water.

# 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.

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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.

## Holiday's Evening

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum and the Littleton Museum present Holiday's Evening Sunday, December 10, 2023 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Littleton Museum.

Bring your family and friends to this popular outdoor evening event on the grounds of the living history farms. Be transported back to the winter holidays of the 1800s by costumed interpreters who bring the past to life by demonstrating what life was like in early Littleton.

Enjoy a wagon ride, snack on cornbread and cookies, enjoy live music, and look up at the stars as you sip hot cider. Dress warmly - it could be quite chilly! All activities and refreshments are included in the ticket cost.

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