

Trash Pickup For Fall and Winter Seasons

Waste Connections allows for additional trash collections over and above your weekly cart as follows:

• Leaf Season - October 1st through December 1st each year Waste Connections will take up to 15 bags at no additional cost per week for leaf and yard clean up season.

• Holiday Season – December 1st through January 15th Waste Connections will pick up any waste / trash associated with the holiday including holiday trees at no additional cost.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Waste Connections** at **303-288-2100**.

Woodbourne Annual Holiday Hayride

The next community event will be the Holiday Hay Ride on December 19, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Safety precautions have been put into place to safeguard the community. If these plans need to be changed due to changing circumstances, we will keep you updated on its status via email and on our social media pages.

In January, the Woodbourne HOA Board will be publishing a list of planned events on the HOA website as well as on the Facebook page. The Woodbourne HOA Board would like to thank the community for its patience during the past unique and ever-changing year. If there is an activity that you would like to propose for the community, please feel free to contact either our interim community manager, Natalie Herschberg, or any Board member with your ideas. The intent behind these events is to strengthen our sense of community. We look forward to seeing you on December 19th!

> Next Board Meeting Third Wednesday January 20th, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

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Notes from the Board

The November Board meeting was held on November 18, 2020. It was a combined meeting with the annual budget meeting.

Whether you're happy or disappointed with the outcome of the 2020 elections, Election Day has come and gone and yard signs should be removed and replaced with houses covered with holiday lights and yards full of inflatable holiday creatures. In the spirit of the season, and given the undue stress that COVID has placed upon every home, it is our hope that every homeowner



will help their neighbors and contribute to keeping Woodbourne the "hidden gem" that we all know it to be. Remember that those elected officials will only be around for a handful of years but good neighbors, and the friendships that come from them, can last a lifetime.

As I write this, Jefferson County is going "Red" with the threat of a purplish future. We have arranged to have the Annual Holiday Hayride on Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our vendor, Carriages of Colorado, has implemented several precautions to make the hayrides as safe as possible this year. For beginners, we have increased the number of carriages to three this year. Hayrides will be limited to family groups of up to eight.

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Recycle Your Christmas Tree Into Useful Mulch

As the holidays come to a close, and Christmas trees drop their needles, why not recycle your tree and help beautify the community as well? The City of Littleton will be offering free Christmas tree recycling at Cornerstone Park, 5150 South Windermere Street (corner of West Belleview Avenue and South Windermere Street) from December 26, 2020 through January 12, 2021. This location will only be open during daylight hours.

All decorations need to be removed from the tree, including lights, ornaments, garland, tinsel, and stands. If the tree is wrapped in a plastic bag, it must be removed at the drop off. Flocked or artificial trees and yard refuse will not be accepted. Many trash and waste removal companies either do not accept Christmas trees, or simply deposit them in landfills. So residents are encouraged to take advantage of this free program.

The trees will be mulched and used in landscaping throughout the City of Littleton. Residents can obtain some of this mulch for free throughout the year as long as the supply lasts. Call the City of Littleton at 303-795-3766 for more information.

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Carriages of Colorado has instituted a reservation system to help with scheduling and to keep the rides moving. Carriages will be wiped down between each 10-minute ride and hand sanitizer will be provided. As always, there will be some wait time for guests and we have secured five outdoor heaters to keep family groups warm while awaiting their carriage. We are also working on securing a food truck to be on site at the clubhouse during the havrides. All of these plans could change or be completely cancelled depending on the status of COVID cases in our county as we near the event date. We will keep you updated on the current status, reservation procedures, and any changes via email and our social media accounts.

Woodbourne's HOA is always looking for new Board members. If you'd like to contribute to the growth and direction of our community, we strongly encourage you to consider joining the Board. There are several Board member terms expiring in April of 2021 and our community needs strong inspirational leaders. Please don't hesitate to contact any current Board member, or CLA, with questions about volunteering and helping to build our community.

Food trucks will continue to come to Woodbourne every other week through December. Community feedback has been extremely positive and we are talking to the vendors about continuing throughout the winter. We will keep the community informed about this.

Homeowners can continue to visit the Woodbourne HOA website (woodbournehoa.org) for updates and sign up for email notifications and announcements if you're not currently receiving them. You can also follow Woodbourne on Facebook (Private Groups "Woodbourne HOA") and Nextdoor (Groups, "Woodbourne HOA") for announcements.

Due to the holidays and our new bi-monthly schedule, our next Board meeting will be held on January 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy the holidays! -Justin Sasso, President

Please Shovel Your Snow

We have already experienced a bit of snow this fall. Please be a thoughtful neighbor and remove snow from the sidewalks as soon as possible. Remember that we have a lot of children in

the neighborhood that walk to school and a lot of neighbors that enjoy walking the neighborhood. If snow is left to sit, it causes icy conditions that can quickly become very dangerous. If you need assistance with snow removal, consider contacting one of the neighborhood youth listed in the back of this newsletter offering such a service. Thanks for your help in keeping our sidewalks safe.



I think family is key, and if you have love for family, then you have love for others – and you have unity as a people. -Marlon Wayans

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<u>News Articles</u>

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 woodbourne.editor@hotmail.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.

Advertising

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th.

To place an ad, call Colorado Lasertype, 303-979-7499. Email: getinfo@coloradolasertype.com

To find ad rates and discounts, go to www.ColoradoLasertype.com and click on the "Advertising Rates" link.

Clubhouse Reservations

Are you planning a party or considering reserving the clubhouse? Woodbourne's website has a new Reservation System and Calendar. You may use it to view available dates and even place a reservation request any time, day or night. The request process is very simple, so please log on to Woodbourne's website at www.woodbournehoa.com to take a look. On the home page, scroll down to Homeowner Information and find the Clubhouse Reservations tab. Click on the tab and you will find the Clubhouse Reservation form, the pool rules, and the Clubhouse Reservation Calendar. To request a reservation, fill out the on-line form, sign in the signature block, and submit. You can also download the Clubhouse Reservation form and mail it in, if you prefer. Please give them a call at 303-439-6058 for additional assistance or to speak directly to your Reservation Specialist. Of course, if you ever need help you can also contact any Board member.

Dues Increase for 2021

Remember that the Board decided that HOA dues will be increased to \$63.00 per month effective January 1, 2021. The last time that the HOA dues were increased was in 2019. If you pay your monthly dues through an auto-deduct/ach from CLA, you do not need to do anything. If you pay through your bank's or a third party's bill pay system, you will need to update with the new amount.

Special Events

Special events are a vital part of bringing the Woodbourne community together. This year we had a great group of volunteers and sponsors who helped us, and we look forward to your volunteerism and sponsorship next year. We cannot do it without your help. Here is a list of upcoming events for 2020. The Board is excited about them and we hope you are too.



Holiday Hayride - December 19, 2020

These events have been great in the past, and we look forward to them being awesome in the future.

-Justin Sasso, President



'Tis The Season: What We're Celebrating This Month

December is a month of holiday celebrations crossing different cultures and nationalities. Here's a quick snapshot of what people celebrate, and why:

- Hanukkah. An eight-day Jewish holiday beginning this year at sundown the day before Dec.10, Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after the Jewish victory over the Maccabees in 165 BCE. Each night, families light one candle on the menorah, observing the traditional story of how the one-day supply of oil for the temple's eternal flame burned for eight days.
- Christmas. This Christian holiday, observed on Dec. 25, celebrates the birth of Jesus between the years 7 and 2 BCE. The date may have been chosen to correspond with the winter solstice, or to coincide with a Roman holiday honoring the sun during the same period. Christmas became a federal holiday in the United States in 1870.
- Kwanzaa. A seven-day celebration of African heritage and culture, Kwanzaa is observed from Dec. 26 to Jan.
 Activist Ron Karenga created Kwanzaa in 1966 to emphasize African-Americans' shared history and experience. The name Kwanzaa is derived from "matunda ya kwanza," a Swahili phrase meaning "first fruits."

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Holiday Lights — MILE HIGH TREE

- WHEN: Nov. 20, 2020–Jan. 2, 2021 (5-9:30 p.m. on most Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays; and 5-8 p.m. on some Sundays)
 WHERE: 16th Street Mall at Welton Street
- Join in the free festivities at this festive holiday attraction, the Mile

High Tree. It's a brilliantly lit, 110-foot-tall immersive art installation that provides a dazzling lights-and-music show.

BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT

- WHEN: Nov. 20, 2020–Jan. 16, 2021 (closed Nov. 26 and Dec. 25)
- WHERE: Denver Botanic Gardens

Denver Botanic Gardens is proud to host Blossoms of Light, an annual family-friendly event that has become a tradition for people across Colorado. Come interact with incredible light displays — a large field of sound-reactive, animated LED lights — plus sip warm drinks and nibble on tasty treats as you stroll. Pre-purchased timed tickets and masks covering the face and nose are required.

ZOO LIGHTS

- WHEN: Dec. 4–Dec. 31, 2020
- WHERE: Denver Zoo

It's official: Zoo Lights has been making magic, memories, and even marriages for 30 amazing years! Presented by Your Hometown Toyota Stores, this illuminating annual event transforms Denver Zoo into Colorado's WILDEST winter wonderland. Don't miss this year's historic celebration, with more than a million lights sparkling over 80 acres—plus a host of special measures to keep your family safe and healthy.

PARADE OF LIGHTS

- WHEN: Nov. 27–Dec. 31, 2020
- WHERE: Throughout downtown Denver

The Downtown Denver Partnership is transforming the community tradition, 9News Parade of Lights, in 2020! We are thrilled to announce that this year's Parade will be a multi-week, socially safe extravaganza of activities across downtown. The floats you know and love will be displayed throughout downtown, from Denver Pavilions to Denver Union Station, offering multiple chances for our community to relish in the charm and excitement of the holiday season again and again.

TRAIL OF LIGHTS

- WHEN: Nov. 27, 2020–Jan. 3, 2021 (closed Dec. 25)
- WHERE: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

Stroll through the Colorado countryside along a winding path glistening with lights. Features this year include a three-sided light tunnel, illuminated antique and model tractors, a children's play area and warm holiday food and drink. Visitors must purchase a ticket online for a specific day and time.

All events subject to change due to Covid restrictions.



Trickle Effects of COVID-19 -

Posted on November 6, 2020 at 1:33 PM by Renie Dugwyler This has been a very challenging year that I think is aptly depicted by a truck rollover accident that occurred during the morning rush hour on Thursday, August 27. A semi rolled on the ramp from I-70 West to C470, spilling its contents on the roadway and the surrounding landscape. Unfortunately, its contents were manure. Specifically, chicken coop poop.

This year, we have experienced similar unpleasantness in the form of COVID-19, civil unrest, and the most contentious election of my lifetime. Any one of these would take a toll on an individual, community, and a country, but combined, they have caused unprecedented tensions, quick tempers and unrivaled divisions. As we all struggle to stay healthy, adapt to

change, and keep the peace, the Sheriff's Office has also had to take some undesirable measures to maintain a safe environment for our inmates and employees in the jail.

Since this time last year, jail capacity has been reduced from 1392 beds to 760 beds currently. In January, a multi-million dollar budget cut required us to significantly reduce detention staff and close one floor of the jail, among many other cost saving measures. This reduced the jail's operational capacity to 1148 beds at the beginning of the year. Then in March COVID hit and we followed CDC and public health guidance to quickly and drastically reduce the jail population to fewer than 600 inmates, in an effort to protect them and our employees from exposure to the potentially fatal disease.

To attain this lower inmate population, we implemented early release protocols, worked with the District Attorney's

Office and the judiciary to adjust bonds and review sentences, and enacted enhanced arrest standards that restrict offenders we book into the jail to certain types of crimes. I have worked my entire career to put criminals behind bars so it was very difficult to have to make decisions regarding which criminals to put behind bars.

As the sheriff, I am responsible for management of the jail, but because the detention facility is a shared resource for multiple stakeholders, I sought feedback from many residents, citizen groups, Jefferson County police chiefs, the Board of County Commissioners and other local leaders when developing the enhanced arrest standards. These standards, implemented on March 31st due to COVID, limited jail bookings to

Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 Felonies, as well as any crime for which the Victims' Rights Act applies and certain crimes with other specified extenuating circumstances. On September 2nd, we expanded our jail capacity to 760 beds and I amended the arrest standards to include Class 4 Felonies.

In addition to the detention facility, the Sheriff's Office is also responsible for law enforcement services for 200,000 residents in unincorporated Jefferson County. Over recent months, we have noticed an increase in certain types of crime that may not meet the current arrest standards, namely motor vehicle trespasses and motor vehicle theft. These common crimes have been a focus of ours since I became sheriff and continue to be a high priority for patrol deputies as well as local law enforcement agencies. On November 3, I met with Jefferson County police continued on page 6

> Thalia Peletis has been bringing her four-legged family members, including Bode, to Deer Creek Animal Hospital.

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chiefs to discuss the enhanced arrest standards and how we can ensure criminal activity is still being appropriately deterred and disrupted while jail capacity remains limited. Toward that end, we are initiating a comprehensive countywide crime trend analysis to determine how the arrest standards may be impacting crime rates in our communities.

Which brings me full circle to the August 27th truck rollover and its authentic portrayal of 2020. We may not be able to celebrate Thanksgiving the way we want or normally would, but we can still be thankful this stinky year is coming to an end.

> —Sincerely, Jeff Shrader, Sheriff, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (Condensed for reprint by Colorado Lasetype)

Online Shopping Frustrating

Online shopping isn't new, and it's growing in use due to the coronavirus pandemic. Still, it's not a snap for everyone. The Retail Dive website reports that 40% of shoppers struggle with simple tasks on retail websites, and 52% of those who have difficulty abandon their shopping carts before checkout. Instead of contacting customer service, most frustrated shoppers—52%— simply go to another site. Only 26% seek assistance from the original site.

Who's having the most trouble? Surprisingly, it seems to be the younger generation. Forty-six percent of Gen Z consumers have struggled with shopping online, followed by millennials (41%), Gen Xers (40%), and baby boomers (33%).



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Two Steps To Alleviate Depression

It's easy to be depressed these days—even during the holiday season. You don't have to let it overcome your every waking moment, though. In a TED talk, health care activist and writer Jessica Gimeno explains how to cope with depression in your life:

- Plan for depression. Take a proactive approach. Have a plan for the next time you feel depressed. Pay attention to your symptoms—sleeplessness, anxiety, changes in appetite and energy and prepare some responses, like reading, meditation, listening to music, or anything else that shifts your mood.
- Focus on priorities. Make a list of what you have to do today and stick to it. Start with the easiest tasks first, like taking a shower or eating breakfast. Then move on to the more challenging ones, crossing off each item as you accomplish it. A sense of achievement will help you get through the day without falling prey to negative feelings.



Follow These Habits To Success

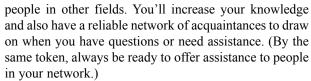
We all know people whose success we'd like to emulate. What do they do? The answer is in their personal habits. The Ladders website explains the daily routine of

highly successful people:

• Exercise. Staying healthy through good exercise improves your energy, tamina, and brain activity. It reduces stress and offers challenges which can boost your self-confidence.



- Eat breakfast. It may be tempting to skip breakfast if you're busy, but you need sustenance to get through your morning. A mix of protein, carbs, and some fruits or vegetables will give you energy and help you prepare to tackle your day.
- Reflect. Take some time every day to meditate or just think about what you're doing, without making plans or worrying about the future. Clear your mind and let your thoughts go wherever they want to. You'll feel refreshed and more creative overall.
- Focus. Plan your time so you can work productively without distractions or needless interruptions. When you're working, work. Don't waste time on the internet or your phone. Breaks are important, but the key to getting things done is to concentrate on the task at hand.
- Connect. Make an effort to get to know people in your workplace and industry—not just your immediate co-workers, but people in different departments, and not just peers in your own industry but knowledgeable



• Stay up to date. Don't bury your head in the sand. Keep up on what's happening in your industry and the world at large. Follow reliable news sources so you don't fall for scams or hoaxes. Talk to people about current events. The more you know about what's going on, the better equipped you are to respond to it.

More Attention to Health During Outbreak

The COVID-19 outbreak has Americans paying more attention to their health, according to a study by Rally Health, Inc. Its survey found that 43% say the outbreak has motivated them to focus on their overall health more than before. Forty-nine percent are more aware of their physical health, and 44% are paying more attention to their mental health.

Many people are striving to take more control of their health these days as a result. Twenty-four percent are eating more healthfully, 21% are exercising on a more regular basis, and 21% are paying closer attention to their mental health—depression, stress, and the like.





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