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## Woodbourne Annual Holiday Hayride

The next community event will be the Holiday Hayride on December 18, 2021, at the clubhouse. We are in the process of finalizing plans and hope that residents enjoy it as they have in the past. The Woodbourne HOA Board would like to thank the community for a wonderful year of events. If there is an activity that you would like to propose for the community please feel free to contact the Board with your ideas. We hope to see you on December 18.

## Dues Increase for 2022

After much discussion and deliberation the Board decided that HOA dues will need to be increased to \$65.00 per month effective January 1, 2022. 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 or a third party's bill pay system, you will need to update with the new amount.

## Please Shovel Your Snow

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.

## Board Meeting

December 15th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
At the Clubhouse

## Notes From the Board

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Don't forget to save the date for this year's Annual Woodbourne Holiday Hayride on Dec 18, 2021. We will be holding an Annual Holiday Lighting competition this year with prizes for the top three finishers. Judging will be the week of December 20th so get your decorations up and remember they have to be removed within fifteen days following the holidays.

The Board is seeking a group of homeowners that are interested in brainstorming possible improvements for the Clubhouse. Please contact Celeste Terrell at CLA ([celeste.terrell@claconnect.com](mailto:celeste.terrell@claconnect.com)) if you would be interested in participating.

As we all know, the costs of goods and services have increased substantially recently. The Board struggled with trying to keep next year's budget within the amount of our current dues. However, given all the post COVID price increases, new contracts for trash, landscaping, and all the necessary common area asset maintenance required in our aging neighborhood, we are forced to raise dues this year. Effective January 1, 2022, monthly HOA dues will be \$65. Please remember to update that new amount if you pay your monthly dues through your bank or third party's bill pay system.

I would like to address the fact that we have not put out the survey that I said months ago would be forthcoming. I was premature in promising that. As I have since learned, putting together surveys can be a tricky proposition. What I

thought would be good questions have turned out to be confusing in test cases and would not likely result in useful feedback for the Board. Needless to say, this task has been put on the back burner for the time being, maybe longer. We'll see.

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## 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**.

## From The Board, *continued from front page*

I would also like to share the recent tree trimming chain of events. The Board approved a tree-trimming proposal that had been initiated by the previous Board even though we were not fully aware of everything that it entailed. The proposal only addressed the Ash trees in the neighborhood and identified several for removal based on the arborist's evaluation that these trees would not survive the Emerald Ash Borer beetle infestation that may be coming to the area in the next year or so. After removal started, neighbors fortunately contacted the Board when it appeared healthy trees began to be removed. Due to this prompt notification, we were able to stop the accidental removal of healthy trees. Unfortunately, three trees had already been removed and one of them was a primary shade tree for a resident's backyard. The Board feels awful about this and wishes we could go back and see to it that this error did not occur. When the removal portion of the work was stopped, Bailey Tree continued with the pruning that was identified in the work order but, understandably, that did not include the trees that had been slated for removal. That is why dead branches still remain on some trees after the completed work. Since the work order did not include trimming any trees other than Ash trees, we are now working on a plan to have all of the other trees in the common areas trimmed before the spring.

The next Board meeting will be held Dec 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. No virtual option will be available. Please contact Celeste Terrell of CLA at 303-265-7875 with any questions.

—Jeff Hoffman, President



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### Clubhouse Reservations

The long awaited re-opening of the clubhouse is here! The Woodbourne clubhouse and pool are now open for reservations. For now, reservations can be made through the reservations portal on the [woodbournehoa.com](http://woodbournehoa.com) website. Under the Amenities & Services tab is the Clubhouse Reservation Calendar and the Clubhouse Reservations Form. If you want to reserve the pool as well, please coordinate directly with Perfect Pools at 303-795-1191.

*Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.*

—Lucille Ball

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree Into Useful Mulch

It is always such a shame to see Christmas trees lying in the street on trash collection days. 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, 2021 to January 10, 2022. Access to the site is off of Windermere Street just south of Belleview, with the drop site in the parking lot adjacent to the soccer fields. The site is open from sunrise to sunset.

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 chipped into mulch. Residents can obtain some of this mulch for free throughout the year as long as the supply lasts. You can call the City of Littleton at **303-795-3766** for more information.

*When all the dust is settled, and all the crowds are gone,  
the things that matter are faith, family, and friends.*

—**Barbara Bush**

## ‘Tis the Season

Holiday lights and decorations are a tradition that brings joy and a little warmth to the community. This has especially been the case during these trying times. We ask that you display your decorations in a safe and attractive manner that does not interfere with neighbors, pedestrians, or traffic. Be sure to secure everything well to prevent items from blowing away. When using spotlights and directional lights, be respectful of your neighbors and make sure that they are not pointed in their direction. If your display is abundant, make sure it does not overflow onto sidewalks so as to prevent safe passage. Also, remember that holiday decorations must be removed fifteen days after the holiday.



## 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 2021, barring any health regulation modifications. The Board is excited about them and we hope you are too.

- **Holiday Hayride – December 18, 2021**

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





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# Denver Area Holiday Lights

## Cherry Creek North Winter Wonderland:

**Cherry Creek North.** *When: Nov. 18–Dec. 31, 2021*

Wander the 16-block Cherry Creek North neighborhood — bedecked with more than a half-million twinkling lights wrapping 600+ trees – in search of eight musical trees elaborately decorated with long hanging strands of lights in motion. New this year is an interactive art installation, “Domino Effect” by Creos, which will feature 120 brightly colored dominos, each with its own sound profile. And during Saturday night lights (Dec. 4, 11 and 18) stroll beneath 600 illuminated trees while enjoying free festive treats and entertainment.

**Zoo Lights: Denver Zoo.** *When: Nov. 22, 2021-Jan. 2, 2022*

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.

## Trail Of Lights: Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

*When: Nov. 26, 2021-Jan. 2, 2022*

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.

## Blossoms Of Light: Denver Botanic Gardens

*When: Nov. 19, 2021-Jan. 8, 2022*  
*(Closed Nov. 25 & Dec. 25, 2021)*



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 are required.

## Grand Illumination—Merry & Bright Lights Show—Santa Visits: Denver Union Station

*When: Nov. 26; 5-8 p.m. (Grand Illumination);*  
*Nov. 26-Dec. 27; 5-10 p.m. (Merry & Bright Lights Show)*

The annual grand illumination event will feature performances of classic holiday hits by the denver dolls, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the grand highlight of the evening—the lighting of the station’s outdoor 40-foot-tall Christmas tree that features more than 7,000 holiday lights. Also, the grand illumination kicks off the Merry & Bright lights show, which will once again transform the exterior façade of Denver’s landmark train station into a spectacular canvas spreading holiday cheer. You can see it each night of the season. Miracle at Union Station, a whimsical pop-up cocktail bar, will open on Nov. 24. Meanwhile, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making regular appearances at the station from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Nov. 28; and Dec. 5, 12 and 19.

## 2021 Light The Lights: City & County of Denver Building

*When: Nov. 25, 2021-Jan. 23, 2022;*  
*5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. each night*  
*(Kickoff on Nov. 24, between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m.)*

Each night, at 5:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m., an interactive holiday show will occur for about 8 minutes, and then goes to a static holiday look until 10:45 p.m. Denver mayor Michael B. Hancock will kick it off on Nov. 24 by throwing a giant light switch between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. The light and music shows will not play on Mondays and there will not be any lights on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

## The Mile High Tree, Brought To You By Presenting Sponsor Modelo® USA: 16th Street Mall at Welton Street

*When: Nov. 19, 2021-Jan. 1, 2022*

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.

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## Holiday Lights, *continued from page 4*

**Luminova Holidays: Elitch Gardens Theme & Water Park**  
*When: Nov. 24, 2021-Jan. 2, 2022*

Making its Colorado debut, this family-friendly event brings larger-than-life holiday displays and immersive experiences for all to enjoy.



*Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth,  
for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire:  
it is the time for home.*

—Edith Sitwell

**9news Parade Of Lights: Throughout Downtown Denver**  
*When: Dec. 4, 2021; 6 p.m.*

The 9news Parade of Lights is the signature event of the holiday season in downtown Denver. This free holiday spectacular throughout downtown features more than 40 units, including extravagantly illuminated floats, giant helium-filled character balloons, magnificent marching bands, traditional equestrian units and vibrant cultural displays. And of course, a special appearance by Major Waddles the penguin and Santa! If you miss the parade, the floats will be displayed until Dec. 26 on various plazas like Denver Union Station and Denver Pavilions.

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## When Is The Geminid Meteor Shower?

The Geminids occur every year from about December 4 to 16, peaking the night of December 13 into the morning of December 14. This is the shower's "maximum"—the time when the most meteors fall per hour. Given that the Geminid meteor shower is the most active shower of the year, expect to see an average of 75 meteors per hour during the Geminids' peak! The show typically starts as early as 9 p.m., peaks around 2 a.m., and lasts into the morning hours of the next day.

In 2021, a full moon happens on December 18, which means that the Geminids' peak on December 13-14 will be washed out to some extent by a waxing gibbous moon. Fortunately, the moon drops below the horizon in the early hours of December 14, so there will be a few hours before dawn on the 14th when the Geminids won't be competing with the moon's light.



## A Hudson Christmas

Select nights now through December 31. Ticket sales start November 16. A Hudson Christmas is back after two long years, and they're turning up the dazzlemeter. Families and friends will be enchanted by even more towering trees draped in thousands of colorful lights. A grove of dancing Christmas trees, a multi-colored forest inhabited by giant snowmen, the holiday light tunnel, and glowing reindeer will light up Hudson Gardens into an extravaganza of holiday cheer. Tickets can be redeemed anytime from 5 to 9 p.m. Lights out at 9:30 p.m.

—<https://www.hudsongardens.org/enjoy/christmas-lights/>

## The Myths Of Mistletoe

Kissing under the mistletoe is a custom that has spawned any number of popular songs, love affairs, and slaps across the faces of unwanted suitors. The origins of the tradition are unknown. Here's one story:

In Viking mythology, the god Baldr was killed through the trickery of Loki, who caused Baldr's blind brother to shoot him with a poisoned dart made of mistletoe. Baldr's mother Frigga, the goddess of love, was stricken with grief. When her tears fell on a mistletoe plant, the berries turned from red to white (mistletoe has both red and white berries), and this brought her son back from the dead. Because Frigga was so grateful to have her son restored, she kissed everyone who walked beneath the mistletoe.

The berries are important to the tradition: According to etiquette, a man who kisses a woman under the mistletoe is supposed to remove one berry for each kiss. When the berries are gone, no more kisses are allowed.

## Safe Toys & Gifts Month

Accidents will always happen, but Safe Toys and Gifts Month is the perfect opportunity to review some basic safety advice and brush up on your knowledge about buying safe, appropriate toys and knowing what to do should you discover a potential hazard.

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