

# Willow Works

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## Letter from the Board

As 2016 winds down, it's important to recognize how many individuals, committees and professionals it took to guide Willow Creek III through the challenges and successes it faced this past year.

### Some of those include:

- The volunteers who served on the Architectural Control Committee and the Budget Committee and did the demanding work that is critical to the core of Willow Creek III.
- The Dolphins Swim Team, the Willow Creek Tennis Club, the Willow Creek Women's Club, and the Social Committee. The events they worked so hard on provided exceptional fun, energy and vitality to the community.
- The individual residents who came to meetings or contacted board members with suggestions that helped guide decisions made by the board.
- Those who maintained our greenbelts, managed the clubhouse, or communicated news to our residents.
- Our paid professionals who delivered their expertise and guidance on an ongoing basis. Among those are Spectrum Commercial Real Estate Solutions, JBK Landscape, Moeller Graf P.C. and Perfect Pools.

Listing the individual names of all those who gave their time for the community in 2016 would likely fill this page and still require more space. So the board takes this opportunity to extend its deepest appreciation to everyone who pitched in to help make this community the place we all enjoy. And we look forward to a great 2017.

**Happy Holidays And All The Best In 2017 From Your  
Willow Creek III Board Of Directors!**



## Willow Creek Women's Club Holiday Tea

The Annual Willow Creek Women's Club Holiday Tea is Wed., December 14, 2016 at the Jamison CH at 9:15 a.m. See page 2 for more information.

Online reservations can be made at willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com.

**December 2016**

# Centennial News Update

Submitted by Andrea Suhaka and District 3



## Fiber Master Plan Moving Forward

In 2013, Centennial voters overwhelmingly supported the City's intention to create a new fiber broadband infrastructure for the City. In March 2016, the Centennial City Council approved a Fiber Master Plan and allocated \$5.7 million for its implementation. Today, that plan is taking shape and includes the build-out of approximately 50 miles of new backbone fiber. Construction is expected to start before the end of 2016; with an estimated 18-24 months until the entire City's fiber backbone build is complete.

The City is continuing discussions with our community anchor institutions, such as fire districts, the Sheriff's Office, the school districts, and Southeast Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA), among others, who will have the option to use City backbone fiber as the project moves forward. Access to high capacity, affordable Internet is considered a key economic driver in today's economy and a necessity for business productivity, attraction and retention. It can also result in better public services such as traffic management, enhanced public safety and telehealth opportunities.

Creating this fiber backbone will enhance the connectivity of our community; meaning that any interested party can connect to our fiber backbone via a non-exclusive lease arrangement in order to provide high-speed Internet and telecom services to its customers.

This opportunity has already generated the interest of a provider called Ting, which announced in October plans to consider Centennial as its next market for "crazy fast Internet." Their products include fiber-based Internet services to homes and businesses. Ting expects this exploration phase, which includes assessing the demand for their service, to be complete in early 2017. The decision of where Ting would invest and build to offer Internet services is entirely theirs. Let Ting know you are interested in their service by pre-ordering. Visit [ting.com/centennial](http://ting.com/centennial).



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## Willow Creek Women's Club



### Ladies Night Out!

Thursday, December 8th at 5:30 pm

Bar Louie

Please Save the Date for the Willow Creek Women's Club December Ladies Night Out! Join us for Holiday cocktails on Thursday, December 8th from 5.30-7.30 p.m. at Bar Louie, Denver Tech Center, 8000 E. Belview Ave., Greenwood Village, CO 80111. The Happy Hour menu applies until 7.00 p.m. Learn more at <http://www.barlouie.com>. We hope you can join us for this festive gathering!



Please Join Willow Creek Women Holiday High Tea  
Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 a.m.  
WC1 Jamison Clubhouse

Reservations are required as seating is limited. No charge for members. A member may bring one guest for \$10.

[willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com)

**Not a member, no problem!** Email Membership Coordinator, Michele Sage, a [twillowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:twillowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com) to join or for more information.

*Willow Creek Women's Club meets monthly, September through May, usually on the third Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. For additional information, please check our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/willowcreekwomensclub/home>*



# Willow Creek's #1 Real Estate Team



## Gina's Cookie Corner

### **Caramel – Cashew Thumbprints**

#### FOR THE COOKIES —

1 stick unsalted butter, softened  
2/3 cup packed light brown sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
1/8 tsp. table salt  
1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 egg white  
1 tsp. water  
1 1/2 cups chopped, roasted cashews

#### FOR THE FILLING —

16 caramels  
3 Tbsp. heavy cream

#### FOR THE DRIZZLE —

3 oz. white chocolate  
1 tsp. shortening

Cream butter and sugar on medium speed until mixture is light and fluffy, about 5 minutes.

Add egg, vanilla, and salt to creamed mixture, and mix on low speed until well blended. Add flour and mix until all ingredients are combined. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and chill for 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Heat caramel with cream on low heat until melted, about 5 minutes, remove from heat.

Beat together egg white and water in a small bowl. Place cashews in a separate bowl.

Shape cookie dough into 1" balls and dip in egg white.

Then roll into cashews to coat. Transfer to prepared baking sheets 2" apart. Using a 1 tsp measure or your thumb, make an indentation in each cookie.

Bake until edges are set, 12-13 minutes. Transfer to cooling rack. Spoon caramel filling into indentations. Allow to cool.

Heat chocolate and shortening in the microwave until melted, about 1 minute. Drizzle on cookies, chill until set.

2016 was filled with activity! - from politics to record-breaking weather to real estate. Here at The Gilbert Group we have been receiving a lot of questions about the potential effects to the real estate market. Here are some of the most popular questions:

### **Are interest rates going up or down?**

We hear this question a lot, particularly from buyers looking to time the market right. Here's what we know -- interest rates have been amazingly low throughout this year and that has allowed buyers to benefit from increased purchasing power. We've seen a slight increase post-election. Most economists are predicting an increase in interest rates, although the size and timing of this increase are unknown.

### **Is it wise to list my house during the holidays?**

Many people assume that the ideal time to put their home on the market is during the warmer months and for certain homes and sellers this may be true. However, there are multiple benefits to listing your home during the Winter/Holiday Season -- 1. decorations can beautifully showcase the interior of your home, 2. less competition, and 3. Winter buyers are serious and need to buy now.

### **When are home prices going drop?**

Home inventory is low and as the temperatures cool, we have seen some price decreases. However, as traffic illustrates, people are continuing to relocate to the Denver Metro Area, keeping the demand for homes high and prices strong. For home prices to drop, the inventory of homes for sale would need to increase astronomically, the number of people moving to Denver would need to decrease dramatically, or we would need to see a large interest rate increase and market reaction. For now, it looks like home prices will remain steady and waiting could cost a prospective buyer both time and money.

If you have questions about the market, including selling, buying or investing in real estate, we're always here and willing to help. Give our team a call at (720) 440-2805.

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# ACC CORNER

December 2016



One of these days it will snow and when it does it would be helpful if no cars were parked at the end of the town home alleys. This is one area where snow is piled and easy access for the plow saves the community money as we pay

by the hour for these services. Alleys are plowed when four inches or more of snow has fallen and the common sidewalks are shoveled when two inches of snow or more have fallen. The clubhouse parking lot is also plowed, and again cars parked in the lot hinder these efforts.

Townhomes that have a garage facing south are prone to ice buildup. The sun melts the snow on the garage roofs and then the runoff freezes in the alleys. This is unavoidable. Several home owners use Ice Melt to mitigate the dangers of ice. Also putting in a side entry way in to the garage allows for safer access and egress. Something Writer, the developer, did not design for all garages.



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• **Don't leave your mail or parcels unattended—especially overnight.**

• **Be a buddy—help a neighbor in need.** If you have a stay-at-home neighbor, enlist their help or put a hold on your mail at the Post Office.

• **Consider an alternate shipping address.** Some employers will allow you to ship small amounts of personal items to your work location. Inquire whether your employer will allow you to do so, and plan your shipment accordingly.

• **It's 3 p.m.; do you know where your package is?** The United States Postal Service provides real-time tracking for a wide-range of products. UPS and Fedex also offer similar features.

• **Customize your delivery.** Fedex, UPS, and The United States Postal Service all offer options to require a signature upon delivery, change the time and location of a delivery, or hold a package until you are able to receive it. USPS even allows you to redirect most packages while in transit. There is a fee associated with some of these services.

• **Install security cameras on your residence.** Surveillance video and images help law enforcement catch mail thieves and bring them to justice, but most thieves know to stay away from homes with visible security cameras.

Please also remember to report suspicious activity immediately. If you notice an unfamiliar vehicle following behind the USPS truck or unknown persons hovering around mailboxes, report the activity to your local police department and local office of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (1-877-876-2455) immediately. Similarly, UPS and Fedex encourage you to contact them if you notice something amiss.

## Crime Stats

Interested in knowing the crime statistics for our community? Check out RAIDSONline, a crime mapping service. Visit [www.raidsonline.com](http://www.raidsonline.com). You can buffer an address or simply scroll/zoom to where you are interested.

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# Cherry Creek Schools News

## December 2016

### VOTERS APPROVE 3A AND 3B FOR INNOVATION AND COLLEGE/CAREER READINESS

The majority of voters in the Cherry Creek School District have voted their support for ballot issues 3A and 3B, measures that will give the district critical funds needed to provide students with the innovative opportunities needed to be successful in college and careers.

Issue 3A, the budget override for operating expenses, will allow the district:

- To protect class sizes consistent with educational programs,
- To recruit and retain a quality teaching staff for students,
- To provide new instructional materials and support to implement Colorado Academic Standards,
- To prepare students for "College and Career Post-Secondary Success,"
- To provide instructional innovation with computers and other technology,
- To provide safe transportation for students to/from school.

The passage of 3B authorizes the district to sell \$250 million in bonds for renovations and new school construction, including:

- Every elementary school will receive \$500,000, and every middle school will receive \$750,000 to work collaboratively with their community to renovate space to support 21st-century teaching and learning.

- A stand-alone, central facility will be constructed and available to all Cherry Creek 11th- and 12th-grade students to ensure preparation for college and career in the 21st century. Potential areas of study are aligned with the Colorado Workforce Development Council and include: Automotive, Construction, Health, Hospitality, Energy, Advanced Manufacturing, Aviation/Aerospace, and Computer Science.

- Information Systems upgrades will include: wireless network, web filtering and firewall systems and data center upgrades.

- Classroom projection refresh, technology asset management/ timekeeping software.

- A new elementary school will be constructed to alleviate overcrowding at Pine Ridge, Coyote Hills, and Black Forest Hills.

- A new middle school will be constructed to alleviate overcrowding at Fox Ridge.

Major renovations include: A new special education Transition Center, a new gym at Cherry Creek Academy, Stutler Bowl track and turf replacement, Belleview Elementary/Campus Middle/Cherry Creek High traffic redesign, Horizon breezeway and upgrades to identified cafeterias.



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## Board Meetings

- Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- ACC meets every 1st Monday of the month.

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the

Willow Creek Clubhouse III  
8091 East Phillips Circle.



## Time to Shovel!

Be heart-healthy and back-friendly while shoveling this winter with these tips:

- If you are inactive and have a history of heart trouble, talk to your doctor before you begin shoveling.
- Avoid caffeine or nicotine before beginning the job. These are stimulants, which may increase your heart rate and cause your blood vessels to constrict. This places extra stress on the heart.
- Drink plenty of water. Dehydration is just as big an issue in cold winter months as in the summer.
- Dress in several layers, so you can remove a layer as needed.
- Warm up your muscles before shoveling by walking for a few minutes or marching in place. Stretch the muscles in the arms and legs, because warm muscles will work more efficiently and be less likely to be injured.
- Pick the right shovel for you. A smaller blade will require you to lift less snow, putting less strain on your body.
- Protect your back from injury by lifting correctly.
- Stand with your feet about hip-width for balance, and keep the shovel close to your body. Bend from the knees (not the back) and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow. If you need to move the snow to one side, reposition your feet to face the direction the snow will be going.
- Most importantly - listen to your body. Stop if you feel pain!

## Willow Creek Walkers & Runners

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**FREE Equipment Orientation:** Attend a general orientation session with a personal trainer in a group setting to learn safe and proper use of a variety of cardiovascular and weight machines.

**Who:** Ages 10 and up (ages 10 – 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult)

**When and Where:** 9 - 10:15 am (Fri, Dec 09), Goodson Rec Center

**Price:** Free

**Additional times:** 11:30 am -12:45 pm (Fri, Dec 2); 9 – 10:15 am (Sat, Dec 10) Lone Tree Rec Center

**Holiday Jewelry Making Workshop:** Create beautiful jewelry pieces for holiday presents or gifts for yourself! Students take home everything they make! 2 sessions.

**Who:** Ages 8 - 15

**When and Where:** 10 am - 12 pm (Sat. Dec 10, 17), Goodson Rec Center

**Price:** \$24 Resident (\$12 R per session)

**South Suburban's Holiday Ice Shows and Skate with Santa programs:** The ice shows and skate with Santa programs include skaters of all ages and abilities.

**Who:** All Ages

**When:** See hours below by facility (Fri – Sun, Dec 16, 17, 18)

**Where:** South Suburban Ice Arena will host a free Holiday Ice Show on Friday, Dec. 16 at 6 pm, followed by a Skate with Santa (during public skate) at 7 pm. Enjoy another Skate with Santa (during public skate) on Saturday Dec. 17 at 2:15 pm followed by the free Holiday Ice Show at 3:15 pm.

**Family Sports Ice Arena** will feature Skate with Santa (during public skate) on Saturday Dec. 17 and Sunday Dec. 18 from 2:15 - 3 pm. On Sunday Dec. 18 enjoy the Holiday Ice Show at 3:15 pm.

**Price:** Free. In lieu of admission, please bring non-perishable food donations to benefit the Food Bank of the Rockies. The Skate with Santa programs are held during public skating sessions, and those who pay admission for public skating can participate.

**Hip Hop in a Day:** Come try hip hop in this introductory class!

**Who:** Ages 7 - 12 **Price:** \$16 Resident

**When and Where:** 4 - 6 pm (Fri, Dec 23), Lone Tree Recreation Center

**Gift Wrapping Workshop:** Come learn how to wrap like a pro! Students will make a gift, and then will learn wrapping techniques. We encourage students to bring gifts to be wrapped. Bring your own wrapping paper or decorations or use the materials provided.

**Who:** Ages 6 - 12 **Price:** \$20 Resident

**When and Where:** 1 - 4 pm (Fri, Dec 23), Goodson Recreation Center

**Free Christmas Tree Recycling:** District residents can drop off their tree 7 days a week. 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 drop off. Flocked or artificial trees and yard refuse will not be accepted.

**Who:** Ages 18 and up **Price:** Free

**When:** Dec 26, 2016 – Jan 16, 2017

**Where:** Willow Spring Service Center - in the designated enclosure by the front gate

**Learn more:** The trees will be mulched and used in landscaping throughout the District and residents can obtain free mulch beginning Dec. 30. The mulch will be available weekdays, 7:30 am until 3 pm at the Willow Spring site.



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