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Letter from the Board

Dear Willow Creek 3 Neighbors,

Spring has sprung in Willow Creek, and we're excited to bring you the latest updates and announcements from your Willow Creek 3 Homeowners Association.

Clubhouse Updates and Hourly Rentals:

We're pleased to inform you that several enhancements have been made to our beloved clubhouse! Thanks to the diligent work of our clubhouse committee, the clubhouse is undergoing various upgrades to enhance your experience. Whether you're hosting a community event, celebrating a special occasion, or simply looking for a space to unwind, the clubhouse will soon be better equipped to cater to your needs.

In conjunction with these updates, we're thrilled to announce that hourly clubhouse rentals are now available! This new option provides greater flexibility for residents to utilize the clubhouse for their gatherings and events. For further details and to book your rental slot, please visit our website or contact the HOA office.

As we continue to enjoy the amenities offered within our community, we kindly remind everyone to uphold the principles of cleanliness and responsibility. Keeping our shared spaces tidy not only enhances the overall aesthetic appeal but also preserves the value of our amenities for everyone to enjoy. Let's work together to ensure that each visit to the clubhouse, pool, or any other facility leaves a positive impression for all residents.

WillowStock 2024 - Celebrating 50 Years of Willow Creek:

Mark your calendars because WillowStock is making a triumphant return this year! Scheduled for August 17th, WillowStock will be a day filled with music, food, and community spirit as we come together to celebrate 50 years of Willow Creek. We can't wait to see you there!

As always, your feedback and participation are vital in making Willow Creek a vibrant and thriving community. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the HOA board.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Deputy Michael McKnight will be at the next Board meeting on April 11, 2024 to talk about crime in the neighborhood along with some other issues.

Spring is in the air and that means Food Trucks!

Our first food trucks of the season are April 17 from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Mineral Clubhouse Parking lot, 8500 E. Mineral Drive.

Peyote the Blue Deer serves street tacos, tortas and other Mexican dishes and Hip Pops will be there to satisfy your sweet tooth. A couple of reminders: please watch NextDoor for menus and updates. And the swimming pool will not be open, so bring something for trash. We will post the schedule for the remainder of the summer in May!

Willow Creek Women's Club: Bunco

Join us for Bunco! All Willow Creek Women's Club members are invited to attend.

Day: The first Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Willow Creek 3 Clubhouse

RSVP: To have your name added to the invite list, please email LoriInDenver@gmail.com.

Please bring:

- \$5 for Bunco
- An appetizer or beverage to share.
- An (optional) \$3 extra for LRC (Left Right Center)

Dates:

- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- August 6
- September 2
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3



Willow Creek 3 Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at 6 p.m.
the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The Architectural Control Committee meets at
6 p.m. the 1st Monday of each month.

Meetings are held at the Willow Creek III clubhouse:
8091 East Phillips Circle



Community Contacts

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Willow Creek Tennis Club: Stephanie Burt, Chair
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Willow Creek Women's Club: willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com

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City of Centennial Animal Control: 303-325-8070

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Willow Creek Women's Club

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Tagawa Gardens Field Trip

Wednesday, April 17 | 10:30 a.m.

Tagawa Gardens | 7711 S Parker Road

Willow Creek Women's Club is headed to Tagawa for our annual gardening event. Master gardener Luan Akin will give a presentation on Heat Loving Plants for Hot Spots in Your Garden. RSVPs are not required but will help us plan the refreshments. Email willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com.

Meet neighbors and friends, enjoy light refreshments, learn about gardening and purchase gift cards.

Rescheduled Ladies Night Out

Thursday, April 18 | 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Slattery's Irish Pub | 5364 Greenwood Plaza Blvd

Connect with friends in the neighborhood at the Slattery's Happy Hour. Get there early as Happy Hour pricing ends at 6 p.m. RSVP to Fiona at fiona_emeraldisle@yahoo.com to get a spot at the table.

May Events

Save the date: Pampered Nails Ladies Night Out

Thursday, May 9 | 6 p.m.

Final meeting and Brunch Bakeoff

Wednesday, May 15 | 9:15 a.m. | Mineral Clubhouse

Garden Tour

Calling all Willow Creek gardeners. We're hosting the annual garden tour Saturday, June 29 at 10 a.m. starting at Willow Way Clubhouse. We're looking for volunteers to show us your amazing gardens in Willow Creek and Willow West. Contact our sponsor, Juhi Johnson, RE/MAX Professionals at 303-257-1905 or homesbyjuhi@gmail.com



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Selling a home can feel overwhelming especially if you have lived in your home for a long time. Here are some simple tips to help you get started:

Step 1: Declutter
Start packing early and only keep items that are necessary or spark joy. Consider hosting a yard sale or donating unwanted items to charity.

Step 2: Make Repairs
Fix any small issues around the house, like leaky faucets or broken doorknobs. Even minor repairs can reassure potential buyers.

Step 3: Remove Personal Items
Pack away personal items like photo albums and framed pictures. This helps declutter the space and allows buyers to envision themselves in the home.

Step 4: Stage the House
Arrange furniture and decor to showcase each room's potential.

Step 5: Enhance Curb Appeal
Keep the yard tidy and add small touches like freshly planted flowers or a fresh coat of paint on the front door. First impressions matter!

Count on me! I'll be by your side, guiding you through every step of the process. From beginning to end, I've got you covered!

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Call today and volunteer your garden for the Garden Tour on 6/29



April 20, 2024
6:00 PM
Willow Creek 3
Clubhouse

WC3 residents - come have some fun, mingle and maybe even win some money!
Plus enjoy a selection of tasty beverages* and appetizers!

Participants can purchase **BINGO** cards @ \$2:00 each, with a max. of 5 cards per person.
 All proceeds (+other prizes) will be distributed to the lucky winners during the event!

IMPORTANT NOTES

- We can only accept payment in **CASH**.
- We will be providing *alcohol, therefore **you must be at least 21 years old to attend.**

HOW MUCH \$ SHOULD I BRING?

- **BINGO** = \$2.00 per card, up to \$10 max (5 cards)
- **Left Right Center** = \$3.00 (single bills preferred)
- **MAXIMUM** = \$13.00 for all games

BONUS FUN! – After the last round, we are hosting “**Left, Right Center**”.

This is a simple, fun dice game. Each participant must contribute **\$3.00 (single bills preferred)** to play, and the lucky winner of each group (~3 or 4) will take home ALL the winnings!



Willowstock 3 – *Celebrating 50 Years of Willow Creek*

Event Update

Submitted by Blair Zykan

Last month we announced the 3rd edition of the Willowstock Music Festival taking place on August 17th! A few updates on the event:

- Our music line up is complete with six great bands performing!
- We’ve got four food trucks already booked with something for everyone.

I want to thank our early sponsors for helping Willowstock happen. Our supporters now include all three HOAs along with these local businesses. Whitham Bros Construction, Nancy Greager Realtor, MyLocalLive.Com, Chris Justino Realtor, and Brent Hilvitz Realtor.

Sponsors receive multiple opportunities for exposure including t-shirts, hats, social media, newsletters, and various on-site options. If you’re interested in an affordable, impactful, and creative way to reach hundreds of potential local customers, contact Blair at the email or phone above.

In the meantime, keep your calendars marked for August 17th. See you there!

Willow Creek 3 2024 Social Calendar WC3 Residents – Let's get together!



One of the best things about Willow Creek is the people. Here are some great upcoming opportunities to get together. Mark your calendars!

April 20th	BINGO (ages 21+)
May TBD	Surprise event TBD
June 8th	Start of summer pool party
July 20th	Outdoor movie night
August 24th	End of summer pool party
October 5th	Surprise event TBD
November 9th	Wine tasting (ages 21+)
December 7th	Holiday happy hour (ages 21+)

We can always use your help - to volunteer, visit bit.ly/WC3HOAVolunteer.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year!



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Tennis Talk

Submitted by Stephanie Burt, WCTCC Chair
Willowcreek123tennis@gmail.com

Our tennis season officially starts in April with the Trio league. Trio league can often be challenging due to weather conditions and numerous reschedules. If you must reschedule a league match it is up to the players to arrange a time and location, including reserving a court. Players should only reserve courts in their own HOAs. On that note, we are wishing you a warm and dry Trio season!

There has been some recent interest in creating a W 55+ league in Willow Creek. If you are interested in this league, please contact us at willowcreek123tennis@gmail.com

We are very excited for our summer season. Keep your eyes open for socials and volunteer opportunities.

Willow Creek 3 Clubhouse Renovation

The Willow Creek 3 Clubhouse is being remodeled. Starting March 19 the only furniture available for use in the clubhouse will be folding metal chairs and folding white plastic tables. We are excited to see the new paint, carpeting and furniture. We anticipate this project will be completed by Memorial Day.



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Summer Catalog: Online Registration Opens April 9

The South Suburban Summer 2024 Catalog will go live online on April 9, and the printed version will hit homes starting the third week of April. From summer camp adventures to all your fitness favorites, view and register for all summer programs at register.ssprd.org.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration for club camps is open now. Don't delay, secure your spot for this summer! View and register for all summer camps at register.ssprd.org.

Hiring for Summer/Seasonal Positions

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Splash Pass

Dive into summer with a Splash Pass! Enjoy unlimited admission to Harlow, Holly, Franklin and Cook Creek pools all summer long for an affordable price. Passes are available for purchase starting May 1 at any South Suburban pools and recreation centers, or at ssprd.org/splash.

Emergency Notification Alerts

How Emergency Alerts Work: When the county issues a message about a potential safety hazard or concern, messages will be sent to all standard voice and text communication devices (land line, mobile, email, instant messaging, text messaging, PDA, alpha or numeric pager, etc.) that you have registered in the system. The system will continue trying to contact you on these devices until it receives a confirmation from you that the message has been received.

Please note that this system will not be used for weather alerts because the timeliness or accuracy of such alerts cannot be guaranteed. There are a variety of other media outlets (TV and radio stations, and weather-related websites and alerts) that can provide this service in a more timely manner.

How to Sign Up for Emergency Alerts: Residents and businesses with land line phones are already listed in Arapahoe County's 9-1-1 database, and are therefore automatically included in the notification system. You may sign up to register additional mobile devices here: <https://ace911.colorado.gov/arapalert>. Your information will be kept strictly confidential.

Upcoming Events

Rockin' on the River 5K

Sunday, April 21, 9 am

Dust off your well-loved t-shirts and show 'em off at the Rockin' on the River 5K! Pre- and post-race music and entertainment for all. Race course starts and finishes in front of Hudson Gardens.

Active Adult Healthy Living Expo

Wednesday, May 1, 9-11 am

Take advantage of free interactive demos and learn about local resources at the Active Adult Healthy Living Expo. Come to Buck Recreation Center to engage with over 40 top-notch resources that offer a variety of support and services. This event is free and open to the public. Event sponsored by McGill Insurance.

Annual War Memorial Rose Garden Pruning Workshop

Saturday, April 27, 8 am-12 pm

Gardeners of all experience levels are invited to join South Suburban for the annual Rose Pruning Workshop! The workshop will be held at the War Memorial Rose Garden at 5804 S. Bemis Street. The event is free, but registration is required.

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(Behind Del Taco & Carpet Exchange – 1 block East of Parker Road)
- **All Boomers & Friends Welcome!**
- **Tuesday, April 2nd (4 - 7 PM)**
- Happy Hour appetizers & drink specials
- Listen & dance to music and socialize to make new friends
- Dance (Rock-N-Roll, Country Western, Pop, & Classic Rock)
- **Special Guest - Kerry Edwards performing from 3:30 – 4:30 PM**
- Followed by Boomer Themed Trivia (7-8 PM) & Karaoke (8 PM - ???)
- 1st Tuesday of the month (*except if it falls on or close to a national holiday, then it will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month*)
- Hosted by – Linda
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Willow Creek 3 Recycling Pick-Up Dates

Trash day is every Friday (excluding holidays).
Recycling pickup takes place every second Friday.

Waste Connections: 303-288-2100

Reminder: Trash containers are not permitted to be placed on the curb prior to 5 p.m. the night before pickup. Empty containers must be retrieved by 8 p.m. the day of pickup.

Mother's Day
May 12, 2024



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Violation fine change - EFFECTIVE January 1, 2024

The way we calculate fines for violations for large maintenance items (painting and fencing) is changing. Fines we are allowed to charge will be assessed over a 3 month period rather than a year for non compliance.

- House/townhouse paint or fence violation, no response after 30 days = \$50 fine
- House/townhouse paint or fence violation, no response additional 30 days = \$150 fine
- House/townhouse paint or fence violation, no response additional 30 days = \$300 fine
- All other violations, no response \$50.

Fines will not accelerate but will continue to be charged at 30 day intervals until the violation is cured. As always, if you receive a violation, please communicate with RowCal so we know you are working on the issue to avoid fines.

In 2024 you have 6 months to paint your house or townhouse. Townhouses require an Architectural Control Committee Request Form be submitted to make sure you have the correct color paint for your row. Single family homes require a Single Family Home Paint Request Form be filled out and sent to the Paint Coordinator to get your colors approved.

Please refer to <https://willowcreek3.com/painting-roofing/> for detailed painting information.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Willow Creek III attractive and well maintained.

The Willow Creek Homeowners Association No. 3

Board of Directors Draft Meeting Minutes / March 14, 2024

Meeting held at the Willow Creek 3 Clubhouse

Call to order/roll call

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm
- b. All board members were in attendance
- c. Tanya Valis attended for the management committee

II. Vendor Reports

- a. No vendors were in attendance
- b. A representative for WillowStock presented the plans for 2024 and requested a contribution from the WC3 HOA (along with the other Willow Creek HOA's)
- c. Illumi Lighting was not present, but a note was read to present the idea of a community wide lighting update and budget approval for one specific problem area

III. Homeowner Forum

- a. Several homeowners were on the call, but none requested to speak

IV. Committee Reports

a. Pool Committee

- i. No members were present

b. Grounds Committee

- i. A proposal was provided by the grounds committee to review multiple areas which are in need of attention
- ii. A request was made for board guidance on large priorities for the coming year

c. Social Committee

- i. Several previously planned events will be shifted by one month
- ii. Bingo is scheduled for April 20th

d. Clubhouse Committee

- i. Discussed removal of current furniture
 1. Furniture will be donated to a local high school to eliminate disposal costs
- ii. Flooring was discussed
 1. Current carpet panels are beyond cleaning at this point.
 2. Extending 'wood' flooring throughout the entire clubhouse was decided against due to cost and concerns over sound levels without any carpeted surfaces

e. ACC

- i. The committee approved various items throughout the month
- ii. One ACC member has resigned and will be replaced with another community member
- iii. The ACC has been working with Sherwin Williams on paint selections and color

consistency (which varies based on paint type)

f. Communication/Website

- i. No material updates

g. Tennis Committee

- i. No members were present

h. Swim Team

- i. The meet schedule was formalized, the swim team utilizes the HOA pool per the MOU signed in 2023

1. Home meets are scheduled for

- a. 6/15 and 6/22 (until 2pm)

- b. Prelims: 7/9 (2pm on)

2. A year-end party will be held on July 14th, with the pool closed from 5-6

3. Practices will be from

- a. 4:30-6pm the week of May 20th (prior to the pool opening)

- b. 7-11am from May 28 - July 19

V. Financial Reports

a. Financials Review

- i. Rowcal and the board continue to work on the financial statements
- ii. Expenses are trending in-line with the current budget

b. Investment Review

- i. Several short term investments matured at the end of February, the board is assessing the timing of future capital expenditures in order to appropriately invest available funds

VI. Management Report

- a. Updates were provided in the board packet

VII. Association Business

- a. Property Lines around Townhomes

- i. The board discussed potential options in order to establish for formal policy relating to land around the townhomes

- ii. The board is moving forward with having the HOA attorney draft a policy addendum (vs. a rewrite of the covenants) to adequately outline owner responsibilities. The formal draft will be reviewed for approval at a future meeting

- b. Ratification of previously approved (via email) clubhouse furniture replacement (Clubhouse Furniture) – Eric proposed/Diane seconded – all others approved.

- c. Ratification of previously approved (via email) February Landscape Proposal – Eric proposed/Diane seconded – all others

approved

- d. Ratification of previously approved (via email) selection of Davey Tree for Ash Tree treatment – Eric proposed/Diane seconded – all others approved

- e. Audit 2023 – the board recommended continuing use of the current accounting firm – Tanya (RowCal) will get a bid

f. Clubhouse Hourly Rentals

- i. A discussion was held regarding declining clubhouse rentals, and ways to improve usage of this community asset.

- ii. The board approved an hourly rental rate set at \$13 per hour (with a \$65 daily maximum) - Eric proposed/Diane seconded – all others approved

- iii. There was a discussion about how to monitor clubhouse usage and the condition that the clubhouse is left in following events – the likely plan will be to divvy up months among board members or interested residents with the potential for a paid clubhouse manager if usage increases.

g. Clubhouse For-Profit Rentals

- i. Pricing for clubhouse rentals was discussed, we appear to be lower than other Willow Creek clubhouses

- ii. No changes to for-profit (by WC3 owners) rentals were made

h. Discussion on having a police officer speak on safety issues.

- i. A community member reached out to propose this, we will attempt to schedule that for next month

- i. Clubhouse Carpet – quote for replacement – Diane proposed /Beverly seconded – all were in favor

- j. Clubhouse Paint – quote for replacement – Diane proposed /Beverly seconded – all were in favor

k. Landscaping – Draining Area Cleanup

- i. A bid for cleaning the drainage areas was approved

- l. Priority for a Landscaping project was discussed – the consensus was to focus on the clubhouse area (with smaller remediation being done in other areas

- m. WillowStock - \$500 contribution – Steve proposed /Justin seconded – All in favor

VIII. Exec Session (to discuss ACC items specific to individual residents)

IX. Meeting Adjourned – 8:14 pm



The Emerald Ash Borer has been confirmed in Arapahoe County

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was first discovered in 2013 in Boulder County and has since been confirmed all along the front range in Fort Collins, Broomfield, Larimer and Adams County, Erie and Thorton. More recently EAB has been identified and confirmed in a small area within the City of Littleton, close to Littleton High school, and by Chatfield Reservoir.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that infests and kills all North American true ash species (*Fraxinus* spp.) including green and white ash, and their cultivars such as "autumn purple ash," a popular white ash variety in Colorado.

The larval stage of EAB feeds under the bark of trees, cutting off the flow of water and nutrients. Infested trees gradually die over a period of approximately three to five years.

Eventually, all ash trees will need to be treated for EAB with insecticides or the trees will need to be removed.

If you have an Ash tree on your property you will be impacted at some point. Many factors play into the decision to remove or treat your ash tree.

Consider the benefits that your ash tree(s) provide to your property:

- Do they shade your house?
- Are they large, healthy trees?
- Do the benefits of treating the ash tree long term outweigh the costs?
- Or should the ash tree be removed and replaced?

Learn more about treatment option at <https://extension.colostate.edu>

Signs that an Ash Tree is infected with the Emerald Ash Borer

Determining an EAB presence is often difficult for the untrained eye. It's always best to have a professional assess the tree.

Advanced stage symptoms include:

- Sparse leaves or branches in the upper part of the tree
- Vertical splits in bark possibly showing S-shaped galleries underneath.
- Increased woodpecker activity
- Miniature leaves at the tips of branches late in the summer



Vertical splits in the bark
Photo: Joseph O'Brien
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Sparse leaves
Photo: David Cappaert
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S-shaped emerald ash borer galleries under the bark
Photo: David Cappaert
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Learn more about ash tree identification and the signs and symptoms of EAB at www.arapahogov.com/2376/Emerald-Ash-Borer-EAB

What is Willow Creek III doing to protect ash trees on community property?

Willow Creek III has an estimated 126 ash trees maintained by the association on common property. Chris Tonelli, a certified arborist with Town and Country Trees walked the neighborhood to help determine which trees were good candidates for trunk injections. In 2024 WC3 will treat approximately 30 trees that are in fair to good condition. In 2025 WC3 will treat approximately 30 more trees. This cycle will occur every three years for the life of the trees. The remaining Ash trees will be removed over the next several years once they show signs of being affected by the EAB. The estimated cost of trunk injections is approximately \$300 per tree.

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1. **Overall health:** Are the trees in fair to good condition, are they free of disease, insect damage and trunk wounds
2. **Location:** Are there multiple trees in that location, trees in a valuable location, such as along the streetscape
3. **Canopy:** Does the tree have a healthy and full canopy
4. **Structure:** Does the tree have a good overall structure

Through monitoring our neighborhood trees, we hope to preserve the most valuable trees in the neighborhood.

How to identify an Ash tree



Ash tree leaves are oblong and Sharply pointed serrated edges



Ash tree bark has a diamond shaped furrow and a rough texture

Learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer, ash tree identification, signs and symptoms of EAB and treatment options at the following sites:

<http://arapahogov.com/2376/Emerald-Ash-Borer-EAB>

<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>

<http://www.eabcolorado.com/>

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<http://www.coloradotrees.org/PDFs/TreeRecommendationList>

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More facts about the ship and its fate:
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ABOUT THE DOLPHINS...

Willow Creek III has a summer swim team!

It is a must for all of the kids in the neighborhood and surrounding areas. You don't have to be a Willow Creek resident to join!

It is a great place to practice what the kids may already know, learn more and learn other strokes and generally be more comfortable and proficient around the water. And they usually have a lot of fun while they're at it! Plus hanging out with their friends or meeting new friends!

Our team is for all abilities and levels with an emphasis on learning to swim better. There are a handful of year-round swimmers, but the big majority of the team is kids having fun for the first part of the summer. Many swimmers have little or no experience when they start, and it's our job to introduce them to the sport of swimming.

Summer Swim Team Details: Willow Creek III Dolphin Swim Team is open to kids age 4-18. Season starts mid-May and ends mid-July. Our swim team is open to resident and non-resident swimmers. Registration normally opens mid-March.

Website: www.wc3dolphins.com

Dolphin Mission Statement: *We exist to provide a fun, safe, supportive environment for swimmers of all ages and abilities. Our goal is to bring out the best in all of our swimmers by helping to build up their swim skills, as well as promote self-confidence, discipline, leadership and teamwork.*

Being a Dolphin is FUN! The goal of the Dolphin Swim Team, coaches, and volunteer swim board is to make swimming and competing as a Dolphin an enjoyable, recreational activity for swimmers and their families.

Regardless of ability, all swimmers are on the same team; they are Dolphins! We encourage sportsmanship amongst our own swimmers, and between our swimmers and their competitors on other teams. It is heartwarming to see the older teens interact with the younger swimmers. We try to make swimming fulfilling, as well as fun, and hope our Dolphins will make swimming a lifetime activity.

About the Willow Creek 3 Swim Team: The Willow Creek III Swim Team is a 501(c)(3) non-profit origination based in Centennial, Colorado. We are a summer swim team that is a must for all of the kids in the neighborhood as well as their friends outside of Willow Creek. Our swim team has been a staple in the neighborhood for over 25 years. The Willow Creek III Dolphin Swim Team is in Division D of the Mountain Hi Swim League.



Planting Trees in Spring

By Will Heikes, Colorado Master Gardener

Did you know that spring is a great time to plant trees? That's right! When the weather is cooler, the ground is warming, and it's not too hot outside, is the perfect time to get your trees started.



What Kind of Tree Should I Plant?

You may have heard that in Colorado, fall is the best time to plant trees, and in many cases that's right. However, that doesn't mean that spring isn't still a good time to plant a tree! The trick is to plant the tree when it's ready to grow in the soil in your area and to make sure it doesn't dry out in what is often a long, hot summer. Choose locally grown trees when possible, to ensure they're best acclimated to our climate. Many trees are shipped here from the southern USA, and these will need plenty of babying before they're ready to perform for you in our dry air and intense sunshine.

How to Plant Your Tree

Planting trees may sound as easy as digging a hole and plopping your tree in. You can do that, but you wouldn't be setting your tree up for success! Planting your tree comes down to three key steps. First, dig yourself a hole, but not just any kind of hole. Dig out a dish shape that extends about 2-3 feet from

the "root ball" of your tree. The dish should be about 1 inch shallower than the height of your root ball. Make sure the root flare, where the trunk begins to widen as it meets the soil, is visible—this should rest an inch above the final grade. The hole should slope downward toward the center, and finish up with what we call a "donut." This donut is a ring of soil directly in the center on which you can place the root ball of your tree. This type of hole allows your tree to grow long-extending roots, rather than circling roots that can be promoted by a narrow hole.

Second, place your tree on the donut in the center of your hole, and fill the hole with soil. There's no need to amend the soil in the hole; in fact, this can hurt the tree's growth in the long run. Don't forget to cover the soil with mulch. Mulch is great for keeping unwanted weeds and other pests from bothering your tree as it gets established and for keeping the root ball moist. Make sure to leave at least a three-inch space between your mulch and the tree trunk. A layer of mulch four inches deep will suppress weeds.

Last, water! When you're working to get a tree established, water is essential. I usually recommend watering your trees every other day, and even more during hot periods. Getting a tree established is a long process, but it's worth it! If the soil in the top inch or so of the root ball of the tree is dry, water it!

When I was growing up, my family bought over 20 small pine trees to water across our yard, and we didn't do any of these things! We planted in the middle of summer, didn't dig the hole properly, planted on the sides of a hill, and didn't use any mulch. Guess how many survived? Two. Make sure you don't treat your trees the way that we did, and set your trees up for a long healthy life!

For more information about tree-planting, including detailed instructions, be sure to check out: "The Science of Planting Trees" <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/Gardennotes/633.pdf>

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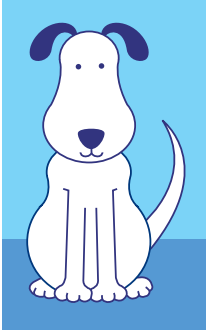
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Willow Creek Pets

Dogs must be leashed when they are out and about in our community. Both the city and our HOA require it. City of Centennial Animal Control patrols Willow Creek and will issue warnings and tickets to offenders. There have been serious incidents in the past where unleashed dogs have injured other pets and/or caused residents to be concerned for their safety.

Don't forget to clean up after your pet when dog walking. The city of Centennial (municipal code 7-7-320) as well as Willow Creek 3 policies, require that pet owners remove and dispose of pet waste on any property other than that of the owner or keeper. In other words, when you are out and about with your dog, don't leave a mess. City fines start at \$50 and can include a Municipal Court appearance. And if you see someone not following the rules, please let them know. Also, both Willow Creek 3 and the city require that dogs be leashed and under control when out in the community.

Did you know?

1. Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.
2. Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial underwater grasses, wildlife and fish.
3. Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and other animals by ingesting contaminated water.
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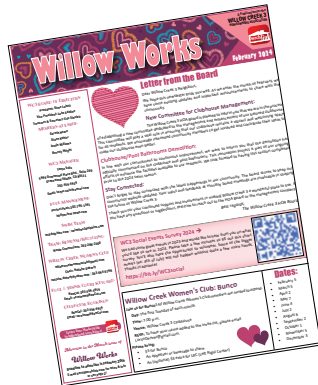
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