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Swim Team:

wc3dolphins.com | swim@wc3dolphins.com

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Waste Connections: 303-288-2100

Willow Creek Women's Club

willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com
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natisha.doherty@yahoo.com | 303-694-0798

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Willow Creek 3 HOA Newsletter- December 2024

A Look Back at this Year

As a community we've been able to achieve a lot this year! In addition to the wonderful events and activities put on throughout the year (thank you Social committee!), there were some major projects completed in 2024 including:

- Finishing the landscape walls around the Townhomes
- This spring our dedicated Pool Committee led the way on a renovation project for the pool bathrooms, which were finished in time for the summer pool season. There was new pool furniture and a pool shade to enjoy as well.
- The interior of the Club house was renovated and included new furniture & decor.
- This August we celebrated 50 years of Willow Creek at the signature Willowstock event
- Our fantastic Landscape Committee continued to improve the aesthetics and appeal of the community. Trees were a big focus this year, including preventative treatments against the Emerald Ash Borer beetle
- Landscaping projects at entrance ways & outside of the club house were completed
- The path through our longest greenbelt was replaced and the landscaping borders updated as well
- Finally, we continued the planned multi-year mill & overlay project to replace two of the Townhome alleys

Important Upcoming Business

2025 Budget Ratification Meeting

We are pleased to announce the 2025 Budget Ratification Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the WC3 Community Clubhouse.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to ratify the 2025 budget.

Stay Connected

Your engagement matters! We encourage all residents to:

- Attend monthly board meetings
- Share your ideas and concerns
- Consider volunteering for community committees
- Stay informed through our communication channels

Together, we make Willow Creek 3 a wonderful place to live!



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

Perfect Pools (WC3 pool management): 303-795-1191

hb@perfect-pools.com

JBK Landscape: Email the WC III community manager with questions:

careteam@rowcal.com

Waste Connections (trash and recycling) 303-288-2100

Dolphins Swim Team (Willow Creek 3 youth swim team) swim@wc3dolphins.com

Willow Creek Tennis Club: Stephanie Burt, Chair willowcreek123tennis@gmail.com | www.willowcreektennisclub.com Organizes tennis activities for all 3 Willow Creek communities.

Willow Creek Women's Club: willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com

Street Lights

City street repairs (not HOA alleyways)—if you see potholes in the city streets, please submit a request for repair using the City of Centennial website [no, it will not cost you to report it]:

https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Departments/Public-Works/Street-Maintenance.

Street Lights out – to get this fixed, report it on Xcel Energy's website [no, it will not cost you to report it]

https://www.xcelenergy.com/outages and emergencies/report outage

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Non-emergency: 303-795-4711

The ACSO provides police services under contract with the Centennial.

City of Centennial Information Line: 303-325-8000

www.centennialco.gov

Available 24/7 to answer questions and direct you where to go for help.

City of Centennial Animal Control: 303-325-8070

South Suburban Parks and Recreation: 303-798-5131

South Metro Safety Foundation: 303-805-0228 | 720-989-2260

Classes offered by this organization include: CPR, Driver Awareness, Teen Crash Avoidance, Super Sitting Babysitting. They also do child car seat inspections.

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Tennis Talk

Hello Neighbors! I am so excited to grow and support our tennis community as the new chair of the Willow Creek Tennis Club. My hope is to get our community out on the courts next summer through USTA leagues, socials and drills. Tennis is such a great way to meet new people, have fun and exercise! Please reach out to me if anyone has questions about tennis in Willow Creek, and keep an eye out for more information to come about playing in a league next spring or summer!

- Caitlin Buckingham





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How was 2024? What Do You Want to See in 2025?

Complete the Survey Today: https://bit.ly/WC3ss2024





Dear Neighbors and Friends,
Wishing you a joyful holiday season
filled with love, laughter, and time well
spent with family and friends. I'm truly
grateful for our wonderful community
and look forward to helping you in 2025.
Warm wishes and happy holidays!

Juhi Johnson

7861 S. ULSTER STREET

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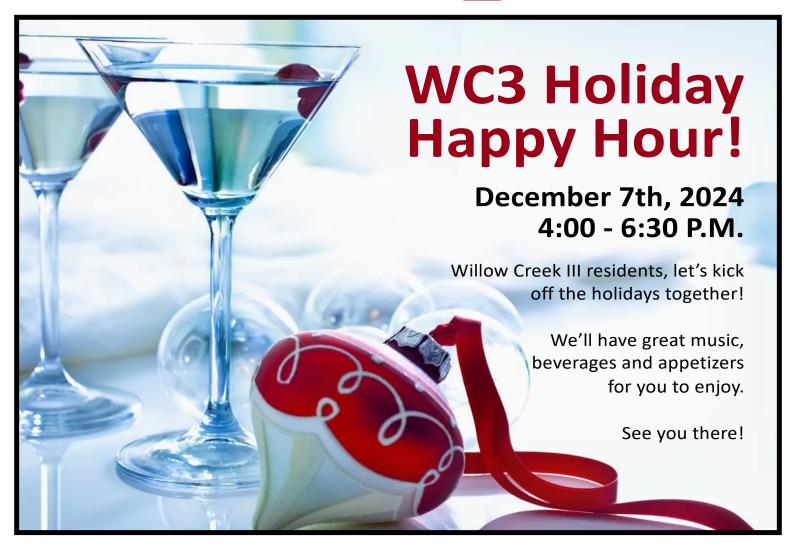
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South Suburban Named 2024 Grand Plaque National Gold Medal Award Recipient: The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), awarded South Suburban Parks and Recreation District the 2024 Grand Plaque National Gold Medal Award! This is the highest recognition a parks and recreation organization can achieve and is awarded to only one agency in the country per population size division. Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of community members, staff members and elected officials.

Winter Break Camps: Kids can learn, play and stay active during school breaks at South Suburban camps! Activities at full-day camps include games, crafts, swimming and more. Campers can also discover new interests at one of our specialty sports, arts or enrichment camps. Visit register.ssprd.org to view a full list of camps and secure your spot.

Hudson Holidays: Hudson Holidays is back and brighter than ever! Experience sparkling trees, warm beverages, selfies with Santa and more. The festivities kick off on Friday, Nov. 29 with shows running on select nights through Jan. 12, 2025. Visit hudsongardens.org/holidays to learn more and purchase tickets.

Winter Sale at South Suburban Recreation Centers: Save on your favorite fitness amenities, personal training sessions and more during our Winter Sale! Purchase Winter Sale deals as gifts or for yourself and ring in the new year with an affordable fitness routine. Discounted annual passes, punch cards, personal training sessions and Pilates Reformer sessions will be available for purchase online at register.ssprd. org or at any of South Suburban's recreation centers from Dec.2-Jan. 3.

Now Hiring Fitness Instructors: Flexible Hours and Great Perks: We are hiring fitness instructors with morning and daytime availability to lead our drop-in classes. Our fitness instructors enjoy substantial employee discounts at South Suburban facilities across the District. Learn more: careers.ssprd.org.

Holiday Nature Walk | **Jan. 1:** Start a new family tradition this holiday season! Join a naturalist at South Platte Park on guided walks on New Year's Day to enjoy the beauty of the natural environment.

Cocoa and Donuts with Santa | **Dec. 7:** Santa is visiting Buck Recreation Center to share goodies and holiday cheer! This event is sponsored by the Littleton Rotary, and includes snacks, cocoa and photos with Santa. Learn more and register at register.ssprd.org.

37th Annual Craft Fair | **Dec. 7:** Shop for one-of-a-kind gifts and browse work from local artists at Goodson Recreation Center! A variety of handmade items will be featured, including pottery, jewelry, holiday items and more from Colorado artisans. Admission is free.

Santa's Workshop at South Platte Park | **Various Dates:** Visit with Santa, make a nature-themed craft, play games and enjoy refreshments at South Platte Park's cozy winter workshop!

Holidays on Ice | **Dec.13-15**: Experience holiday magic with ice events at South Suburban Sports Complex and Family Sports Center. Glide on the ice with Santa and his elves at these free Skate with Santa events. Find more information and open skate schedules at ssprd.org



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.

Thinking of Advertising with Porchlink?



Classified advertising through Porchlink has been pleasant and productive for our small business. We've received a great deal of business in the targeted areas the newsletter reaches.

Valerie Petersen

Petersen Custom Glass, LLC

Please see classified ad rates and information on page 7 of this newsletter.

Winter Watering

Don't forget to water trees at least once a month so they will be healthy and happy this spring.

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Willow Works Classified Advertising

ADVERTISE FOR LESS: Email your classified ad to kerri@porchlink.com \$35 for 25 words. Deadline is the 20th of the preceding month.

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How do I place a classified ad?







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Try classified advertising-It's easy, affordable and EFFECTIVE!

Our classified advertising option has been a great success for small, local businesses interested in marketing in an **EFFECTIVE & AFFORDABLE** way!

And it's EASY to do-simply email kerri@porchlink.com with the text for your ad (base pricing for 25 words, \$.50 per additional word) and let us know which newsletters you would like to advertise in.

Best of all- new advertisers can try classified advertising in and receive the same ad **FREE** in The following month's issue! **Our deadline is always the 20th of the preceding month.**

There is **no long term commitment**, you are welcome to advertise on a monthly basis depending on your needs. **However, most of our classified advertisers stick with us month after month... for years!**

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Saddle Rock North	663	\$25				
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ALL OF Aurora	11,123 HOMES	\$165				
Willow Creek 1, 2, and 3	1,629	\$35				
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Colliers Hill (Erie)	1,545	1,545 \$25				

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Willow Creek 3 Recycling Pick-Up Dates

<u>Trash day</u> is every Friday (excluding holidays) | <u>Recycling pickup</u> takes place every second Friday.





Waste Connections: 303-288-2100

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.

December 2024								
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Garden Bones

What do holiday turkeys and gardens have in common? They both have bones. And just as skeletons support flesh, giving shape and support to soft tissues, so too do a garden's foundational structures.

In horticultural parlance, "garden bones" typically refers to those visual elements of a landscape that persist through all four seasons and influence how the garden is seen or interacted with. Similar to a turkey, after Thanksgiving is a great time to get a good look at your garden's bones. Identifying structural gaps in a landscape is more easily done without the enfleshment of flowers, leaves, and fluttering butterflies of spring and summer; you might be surprised what changes in structural elements can do for you. Contrary to what you might think, the smaller the area, the more important well-planned garden bones become to maximize beauty and function.

Proportion in a landscape is determined by the garden bones. A house often dominates a residential landscape and the planting beds need to cooperate with it to keep everything in proportion. The shapes and sizes of planting beds relate to the scale of the site, and the size of plants relate to the size of the patterns on the ground. Most houses are designed with proportion in mind; you can use the strongest features of the house (a window, entryway, etc.) to continue this proportion into the landscape with evergreen plants, walls, and pathways. Consider repeating shapes and patterns that call out other landscape features or architecture.

Shrubs and trees, an important part of garden bones, are often used as **screens** for neighbors or unfavorable views. The most common screening technique, planting a row of tall trees, shrubs, or grasses along the edge of the property requiring screening, is often one of the least effective if used by itself. A planting bed in proportion to the house and filled with several layers of shrubs and trees not only is an effective screen, it provides ample interest and is resilient to damage. I will never forget the hedge of columnar junipers that, having just become the sought-after screen for the neighbor's house, was taken out by a heavy wet snow! If at all possible, don't put your eggs in one basket, and don't plant your screen in one row.





Winter Ornament, also known as winter interest, relies on garden bones in our part of the world. In keeping with the advice given about screens, considering trees and shrubs as masses rather than as isolated individuals will help the garden to seem calmer and weightier. Isolated shrubs placed without regard to the proportion of the area can create a "restless" effect. Mix colors and textures together for contrast. Many conifers are an obvious and good choice for much of the region, but don't forget to consider broad-leaved evergreens like creeping grape holly (Berberis repens) and manzanita (Arctostaphylos varieties) along with groundcovers.

Finally, you can expand the range of plants and garden styles available by using your garden bones to create **microclimates.** Plants and structures alike can provide extra protection from temperature swings, or shade to help slow lie long on the ground, making more comfortable habitat for woodland plants. Alternatively, a protected south-facing alcove with gravel mulch or ample garden stones will rarely remain snow-covered for long, providing opportunities for comfortable outdoor recreation year-round.

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Willow Creek Women's Club

Sponsored by Willow Creek Women's Club
Submitted by Anne Bonelli McMahon

Seeking Volunteers to Shape WCWC's Future

As we approach our 50th anniversary, the Willow Creek Women's Club (WCWC) celebrates a remarkable legacy of community, support and service. This milestone is a powerful reminder of the incredible impact we've had—and the potential for even greater achievements in the years ahead.

However, as we look to the future, we are at a pivotal moment. With our current leadership planning to transition at the end of May, we are seeking passionate, committed individuals to step forward and help guide WCWC into its next chapter.

For the past few years, we've been operating with a very small, dedicated team of volunteers, but we now face the pressing need for new leadership. Without new volunteers stepping into key roles, we are concerned about the future of the club.

We need your help.

We are looking for individuals to fill important volunteer positions, including President, Secretary, and Membership Chair, who can bring vision, energy and enthusiasm to keep WCWC thriving for another 50 years and beyond.

If you or someone you know feels inspired to make a difference and take on a leadership role, or if you would like to contribute in another capacity, we encourage you to reach out.

For more information or to express interest, please contact us at willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that WCWC remains a vibrant, impactful organization for generations to come.

Warm regards,

Anne Bonelli McMahon

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2025 Events

No January events

February Antiques Roadshow

February 12 - PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

9:15 a.m. | Mineral Clubhouse

WCWC is thrilled to partner with the Antiques Club for an exciting **Antiques Roadshow** event! Whether you have a family heirloom, a curious find, or a piece you've always wondered about, this is your chance to uncover its story and value. Bring one item to be appraised.

Ladies Night Out

February 20 | 7 p.m.

Epic Pickleball- 1980 East County Line Road

Join us for **Ladies Night Out** and discover the fun of pickleball! Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, this is the perfect opportunity to connect, laugh, and learn.

RSVP: Please RSVP so we can reserve the right number of courts! Send an email to willowcreekwomensclub@gmail.com

Come ready to play, or just watch and enjoy the company—it's all about having a great time together. We hope to see you there!



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:

December 3

Centennial YMCA Center of Generations

Have you visited the Center of Generations at the Streets of Southglenn yet? This intergenerational community space is a partnership between the City of Centennial and the YMCA of Metro Denver.

The Center serves Older Adults between 10 AM and 3 PM. Teens come in after school. Both groups enjoy many activities. The Older Adults enjoy a variety of fitness classes, including Tai Chi and Silver Sneakers. Clubs include Knitting & Crocheting, Spanish and Art. Mahjong, Scrabble and Mexican Train also are very popular.

Teens enjoy Esports, Nerf Gun wars, Stem Projects, and cooking classes. Also available are leadership classes, and study halls.

Each month there are special activities. For example, in October there are lectures about Medicare, Colorado Ghost Stories and the Power of Words, by Eleanor Roosevelt. There will also be a Halloween Party with lots of games and treats.

This is such a great resource for Centennial residents and YMCA members. Be sure to visit our website and see the many activities and mark your calendar for a visit.

https://denverymca.org/centennial-center-generations 6972 S Vine Street, #366 | 720-918-6425

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Community News & Information



No Parking in the Townhouse Alleyways

The townhouse alleyways are not for parking. Please do not park any vehicle or have any contractor park their vehicle in the alleyways at any time. The only exception is for short term loading and unloading.



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.
- 4. Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.





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