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Willow Creek 3 HOA Newsletter

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Dear Willow Creek 3 Neighbors

As we prepare for spring, the season of renewal and warmer weather, it's the perfect time to remind everyone of a couple of important community guidelines. Whether you're enjoying your morning walk or tending to your yard, we appreciate your cooperation in keeping our neighborhood clean, safe, and welcoming.

Furry Friends

We would like to take a moment to kindly remind all pet owners and dog walkers to please remember to pick up after your pets while out and about in our community. Unfortunately, we have noticed an increasing amount of pet waste being left behind, which has become both unsightly and unpleasant for all. To ensure that Willow Creek remains a clean, pleasant, and welcoming environment for everyone, we kindly ask for your cooperation in cleaning up after your pets.

Please remember that waste bags are available throughout the community, and we encourage everyone to carry one with them during walks. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated in helping maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our shared spaces.

Common Areas

Unfortunately, we've seen an increase in incidents of vandalism specifically around the pool, tennis and basketball court areas. It's essential that we remain vigilant and look out for any suspicious activity. If you notice any unusual behavior or witness any damage to property, please report it to the local authorities immediately. A strong community relies on everyone's participation, and we greatly appreciate your efforts to protect our shared spaces.

Association Updates

The following is an update from the South Suburban Parks & Recreation Department regarding the dead trees and logs along the Willow Creek Trail: "Our Forestry staff will be out to assess the area and will continue to monitor tree conditions for trail and user safety. The District works with SEMSWA for tree care through the corridor and creek bed to ensure proper land management. Dead trees and logs are left in place in the open space to provide habitat for local wildlife and to enrich the soil through decaying."

Stay Connected

Don't forget to stay connected with the latest happenings in our community. The board strives to keep our community website updated. Your input and feedback at monthly board meetings are invaluable in shaping the future of Willow Creek 3.

Thank you for being wonderful neighbors and making Willow Creek 3 a fantastic place to live. Together, we can keep it safe, clean, and vibrant! If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to the HOA Board or the management company.

Food trucks are back!

Get ready to indulge in a feast of flavors starting April 16 in the Mineral Clubhouse Parking Lot, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendar and bring your appetite—it's going to be a deliciously fun time!

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

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

Dolphins Swim Team (Willow Creek 3 youth swim team)
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Organizes tennis activities for all 3 Willow Creek communities.

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

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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]:
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City of Centennial Animal Control: 303-325-8070

South Suburban Parks and Recreation: 303-798-5131

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High Gloss: High gloss paint has the most sheen, and will be the most durable. That durability is best suited for the kitchen, on surfaces like cabinets, door frames, and window trim.

Semi-Gloss: It's not as shiny as high gloss, but it's still great for kitchens and bathrooms, because the sheen protects from drips, splatters, and other moisture.

Satin: Satin has a velvet-like look, but is still a durable finish, and works best in high-traffic areas. Be careful when applying, because satin paint will reveal sloppy brush strokes.

Eggshell and flat: These finishes have the least amount of sheen, and are the least durable. They're great for hiding imperfections in your walls, but the low durability means they should be avoided if the room is subject to wear and tear from kids or pets. Use these paints in dining rooms, bedrooms, and other low traffic rooms low-traffic rooms.

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Your HOA Board and the ACC want to thank all the homeowners that take exceptional care of their properties. It not only keeps your home values high and that of your neighbors, it adds to the beautiful neighborhood we are all proud to call Willow Creek III.

This is a reminder that the ACC members do a Spring Walk every year, so if you see groups walking with clipboards, taking photos, having discussions in front of your property, this is done EVERY spring and all houses and townhomes are reviewed for any maintenance that needs attention.

Please remember that any changes to your property (residence or lot) need to be pre-approved by the ACC before work starts to make sure your changes are cohesive with the neighborhood. The ACC has 30 days to approve these requests (which can extend that date if we have incomplete requests, have questions or need clarification). We usually approve projects much faster when we have thorough requests.

If you receive a violation letter, it is **STRONGLY** worded. The wording was selected by the Colorado Legislature and WC3 cannot change that verbiage. It states you have 30 days to correct the issue (which **ALSO** means you have 30 days to **ACKNOWLEDGE** the issue). The best response to a violation letter is to contact RowCal through their online website (when possible) and **RESPOND** to the violation (getting bids, will complete by X, etc). When you acknowledge the violation, you have time to get the work done and you will not be fined. Violations with no response after 30 days will start receiving fines so please respond to avoid additional violation letters and multiple fines.

If you have a paint violation the rules are based on single family home vs townhome.

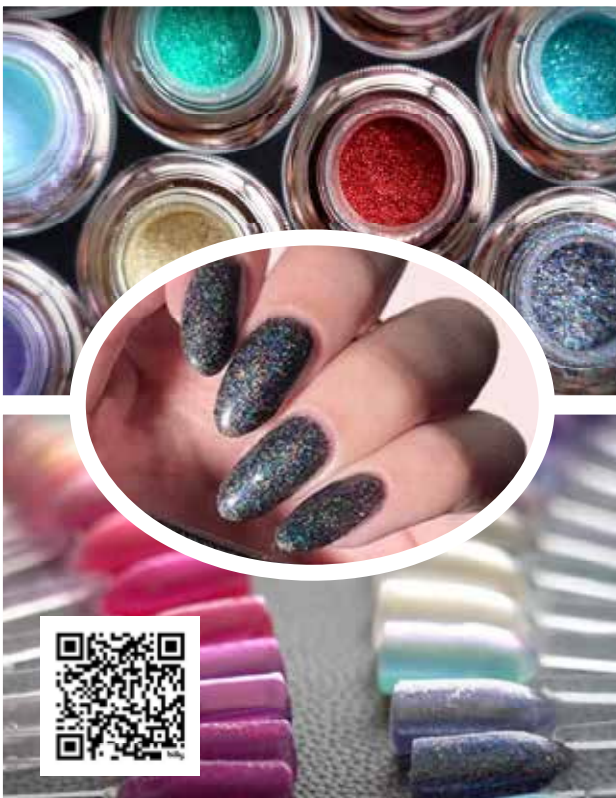
- **Single Family Home** - Details on paint colors and approval procedures are on the WC3 website. You **MUST** first contact the paint coordinator at willowcreek3paint@gmail.com. The Single Family Home paint request form is available on the website for you to fill out and attach to that initial email so we know what colors you would like approved.
- **Townhome** - Go to the Sherwin Williams store, 7580 Park Meadows Dr, Lone Tree and give them your address. Based on the location of your townhome, they will provide you with the appropriate colors (they have a WC3 townhome binder with our specific formulas programmed into their computer). A complete list of colors is also available on the WC3 website. You must fill out an ACC request to paint your townhouse, stating the colors you will be using so we know you have selected the correct colors for your row. RowCal will approve your request. **Please be aware that the Sherwin Williams store in Lone Tree tweaked our townhouse colors in 2024 to remove multiple versions and to ensure that the different levels of paint are the same shade. This is why we strongly suggest you use their store.**

All homes/townhomes have 6 months to complete your paint project from the date of your violation. If you are painting without a violation (thank you!), you have the same 6 months after you have been approved. Partial painting is NOT allowed, you must paint your entire residence and garage, including trim.

Thank you!

Architectural Control Committee

WILLOW CREEK MANI MONDAYS!



Tired of spending \$\$\$+ for a manicure?
Let's get together, share tips & have fun!

- RSVP** Visit <https://bit.ly/WCmaniMonday> or scan QR code.
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*2025 Dates = 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2, 6/16, 6/30, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15.

Willow Creek Women's Club

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Submitted by Anne Bonelli McMahon

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the recent discussion on the future of WCWC. Your input and enthusiasm are deeply appreciated. While there is strong interest in keeping the club active, as I've previously shared, the majority of our board members will not be returning. Maintaining our organization under the current bylaws is a challenge without filling key leadership positions.

Interim Plan:

The current board has discussed the best approach for the 2025/2026 period, or until a new board is formed. As president, I will continue working with our treasurer to oversee the funds until the new board is in place.

Our goal is to maintain the signature events listed below, but each event will need a volunteer leader to proceed. If you would like to step forward to lead one of the following events, please reach out. If an event leader does not emerge, that event will unfortunately not go forward.

Key Events & Current Leaders:

- **Home Tour – Co-leaders:** Juhi Johnson & Natisha Doherty
- **Holiday Tea:** Jean Wagner
- **Santa Day:** Leader Needed
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Juhi Johnson
- **Tagawa Event:** Leader Needed
- **Community Events:** Diaper Drive, Clothes to Kids Clothing Drive and Toy Drive – Leader Needed or Several Leaders

Volunteer Role: Event Leader Responsibilities

If you decide to lead an event, here's what you'll be responsible for:

- ✓ Promoting the event on Facebook and Nextdoor
- ✓ Managing food purchases within the club's budget
- ✓ Overseeing event setup and clubhouse cleanup
- ✓ Returning the clubhouse keys

If you're interested in serving as an Event Leader, please let us know!

Activity Groups:

Activity groups will continue as planned.

Additional Clubhouse Events:

Can continue with a volunteer event leader.

Ladies Nights Out:

Can continue with a volunteer event leader.

Membership Dues:

In lieu of membership dues for 2025/26, each event will be charged a minimum fee to attend.

While we remain hopeful that new board members will step forward, we want to ensure continuity in the absence of a formal board and the board determined that this would be the best path forward.

Thank you for your support.



March and April Events

Ladies Night Out March 13 at 6 p.m.

Slattery's Irish Pub (5364 Greenwood Plaza Blvd. Greenwood Village, 80111)

RSVP to fiona_emeraldisle@yahoo.com.

Daytime Event: April 16 – Tagawa Gardens Event

Evening Event: April 24 – Home Organization

Easter Egg Hunt: April 19

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)

Upcoming Dates:

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

Grounds Committee News

The WC3 HOA will be submitting a grant proposal to the City of Centennial to secure funds to help cover a portion of the cost of re-landscaping the median on Mineral Dr. The plan is to xeriscape the median closest to the intersection of Mineral Dr., Phillips Cir, and Quince Way. The design will complement the median closest to Quebec St. that was re-landscaped in 2012. The re-landscaping of the median will update the entrance to Willow Creek and add beauty to the community as well as saving money on water and weekly maintenance.

Please go to the WC3 website to view the landscape plans. You can also swing by the clubhouse where the plans are located on the front door. Information on the grant program is on the City of Centennial website.

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2025 Matching Gifts Program: Each year, South Suburban's Matching Gifts Program helps individuals, neighborhoods, homeowner associations, sports groups, businesses and other organizations turn their ideas into reality. Applications for 2025 projects open March 1! Submit an application to share your ideas for improvements across the District.

2025 Art on Loan Applications: Deadline Approaching: Show off your work and bring art to community spaces with South Suburban's Art on Loan program. Local artists are invited to apply for the 2025 program by March 17, 2025. Selected sculptures will be displayed at Goodson Recreation Center or Hudson Gardens for a year, and artists will receive a \$500 honorarium for their display. The sculptures are selected by the South Suburban Public Art Committee through a competitive process and approved by the South Suburban Board of Directors.

Summer Camp Registration: Registration for specialty camps and full weeks at licensed summer camps is open now, and single day registration starts on April 1. Register in person or by contacting the Registration Office. Sign up for 10 full weeks by Feb. 21 to receive one week free! Discounts also apply for each full-week booked.

2025 South Suburban Board Election: The next regular election of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District is on May 6, 2025. This will be a polling place election, with the option of obtaining an absentee ballot. Three board positions will be filled, each to serve a four-year term. Find all the information about the upcoming election at ssprd.org/Elections.

Upcoming Events

Back to Pool Party: Saturday, March 22

Make a splash at our Back to Pool Party at Lone Tree Recreation Center! Join us for a morning of activities for kids ages 3-12. Children 3-5 will enjoy games in the zero-depth part of the pool and on the pool deck, while kids ages 6-12 can participate in activities in our lazy river and lap lanes. Every child will go home with a goodie bag and fun memories. Children ages 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult in the water at all times. Find more information and register at register.ssprd.org.

Hudson Gardens Wedding Showcase: Sunday, March 30

This is the perfect opportunity for couples to explore a wide array of wedding services and inspiration, as well as those hosting all types of events from corporate gatherings and non-profit functions to birthday celebrations and memorial services. The showcase will be held from 11 am- 2 pm, and registration is required. Please visit hudsongardens.org for more information.

Trivia Tuesdays at South Suburban Golf Courses: Tuesdays

Test your smarts during Trivia Tuesday events at South Suburban golf courses! Rally your team and plan to join us to enjoy food and drink specials while you compete for prizes in trivia events on the first, second, and third Tuesdays each month.

- First Tuesdays: Littleton Golf and Tennis from 6-9 pm
- Second Tuesdays: South Suburban Golf Course from 6-8:30 pm
- Third Tuesdays: Lone Tree Golf Club & Hotel from 6-9 pm

Live Music at South Suburban Golf Course: Fridays

You're invited to Music at the Grill on Fridays from 6-9 pm at the South Suburban Golf Course Bar and Grill! Enjoy music from local bands along with weekly food and beverage specials. These events are free, but space is limited. Tables will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

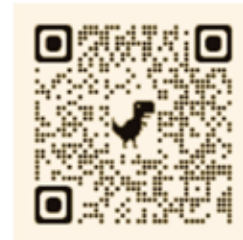


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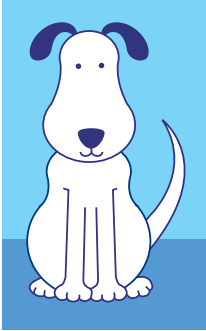
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Community News & Information



No Parking in the Townhouse Alleyways

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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.
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.

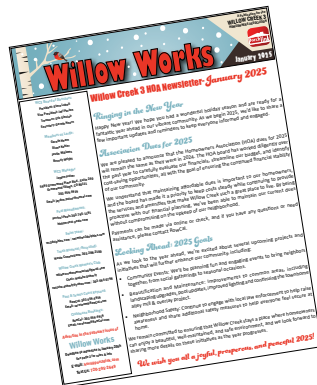
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Trash containers are not permitted to be placed on the curb prior to 5 p.m. the night before pickup. Empty containers must be retrieved by 8 p.m. the day of pickup.



Irish Stew

Recipe: <https://www.dinneratthezoo.com> | Author: Sara Welch

This Irish stew is a blend of tender meat, carrots, and potatoes – all simmered to perfection in a savory and complex beer broth. It's the perfect comfort food meal for a cold night!

Prep Time: 20 minutes | Cook Time: 3 hours | Total Time: 3 hours 20 minutes

Servings: 8 | Calories: 387 kcal

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 pounds beef stew meat
- 1 cup onion coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup Irish stout beer
- 4 cups beef broth
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 2 pounds small yellow potatoes halved
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 2 cups carrots peeled, halved and cut into 1-inch pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Season the beef generously with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Add half the beef cubes to the pot in a single layer. Cook for 3-4 minutes per side or until browned. Remove the beef from the pot and repeat with remaining meat. Remove all the browned meat from the pot.
4. Add the onions to the pot and cook for 5-6 minutes or until tender. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds.
5. Return the meat to the pot. Add the flour and stir to coat the meat and onions.
6. Add the beer, beef broth, tomato paste, potatoes, thyme, and carrots to the pot. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Stir to combine and bring the pot to a simmer.
7. Cover the pot. Place it in the oven and bake for 2 1/2-3 hours or until meat and vegetables are tender. Sprinkle with parsley, then serve.



Note: This recipe can easily be adapted for use in the slow cooker. Brown the meat, onions, and garlic, then place all of the ingredients in a crock pot except for the parsley. Cook on low for 6-8 hours. Add the parsley, then serve.

Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? Let us know at kerri@porchlink.com.



Luck of the Irish

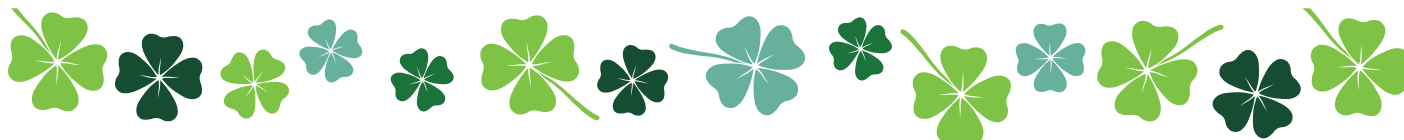
One of the most frequently visited sites in Ireland is the Blarney Stone. Thousands of tourists a year visit Blarney Castle for a chance to get the “Gift of the Gab” by kissing the Blarney Stone. Although the exact origin of this custom is unknown, the history of the castle itself is well documented.

Blarney Castle was built in 1446 with walls 18 feet thick in places. The stone itself is situated high up in the battlements of the castle, and is reached by following one of several long, stone spiral staircases up to the top. The stone is believed to be half of the Stone of Scone, which originally be-longed to Scotland, and over which Scottish kings were crowned. Cormac MacCarthy obtained the stone in 1314 from Robert the Bruce, and eventually it was placed in Blarney Castle. Legend has it that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had

saved her from drowning. The king kissed the stone and was given the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly, the “Gift of the Gab.”

More likely though, the basis for the legend of the Blarney Stone comes from the dealings of Queen Elizabeth I with Ireland’s chiefs. Cormac MacCarthy was a diplomatic negotiator, with an ability to delay the queen’s requests. Elizabeth proclaimed that MacCarthy was giving her “a lot of Blarney,” and thus the legend was born.


Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence. But it comes at a price—the stone is in a difficult to reach place. In order to reach the stone, the kisser must lie on his back and bend backward and downward, holding iron bars for support. But those willing to go to these lengths are truly able to say they have the “luck of the Irish.”



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Shamrock or Clover – What is the Difference?

The month of March often brings to mind all things green - the first shoots of spring bulbs and leaves starting to emerge, leprechauns, green beer, and shamrocks. You may already be familiar with the shamrock because of its connections to St. Patrick's Day, and mistake it for a lucky four-leaf clover.

The shamrock of Irish lore hails from its connection to the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. Legend has it that during his attempts to convert the Irish to Christianity, he used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity of Christianity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It has become the most commonly recognized symbol of Ireland.

Shamrocks and clover are often confused as being the same thing due to their similar appearance and leaf formations. Although the name Shamrock comes from the Irish word “seamrog” and literally means “young clover,” the plants you’ll see in stores this time of years labeled as shamrocks are actually not clovers at all! They are a member of the Oxalis genus and come from the wood-sorrel family of plants. They are not even close relatives of clover. Oxalis grow from small bulbs or tubers and have a shallow root system. Over 500 different varieties are available, but most spring Oxalis has delicate white blooms and distinctive 3-part triangular or heart-shaped leaves, sporting rich shades of color – from intense greens to saturated maroons to some variegated varieties. You will also rarely find types with an extra leaf just like the lucky four-leaf clover.

True clovers can have leaves divided in two, three or sometimes four leaflets. Clover leaves are somewhat oval-shaped and have small “teeth” along the edges. And while finding a four-leaf clover usually means good luck, finding a plethora of clover in your lawn can mean quite another thing – or not.

Many homeowners dread the sight of clover in their otherwise weed-free lawn, and consider it a nuisance. However, countless others love clover and plant it on purpose, with the intent of saving on fertilizer costs, helping pollinators, or both. One thing clover won't do is save water—it has the same water requirements as typical lawn grasses like Kentucky Bluegrass.

Clovers are perennials of the genus Trifolium (Latin for three leaves!) which includes over 300 species. They are members of the legume/pea family. The most common variety we see in lawns is the white clover. It has true green leaves, sometimes with a faint pattern on top, and blooms with compact flower heads that can range from white to pink in color. This hardy, low-growing species can spread quickly. White clover mixes well with Kentucky bluegrass, fescues, and perennial ryegrass, making it a perfect companion for your lawn if you choose to combine them.

Although they are perennials in their native ranges, shamrocks are much more well known and grown here in the US as beautiful houseplants. These cheery blooming plants can easily be grown at home. As a bonus, the leaves of shamrock plants perform their own daily “dance.” The leaves fully open when the sun is present, but react to the absence of sunlight by closing at night or when it is overcast. In daylight, you will also often see the stalks stretch toward the sun or the leaves move to face as much sunlight as they can.

A deep purple variety of this plant is sometimes available as well, often referred to as “false shamrock,” or “butterfly plant” due to its leaf shape mimicking butterfly wings. Its striking appearance and color make it a popular choice as a houseplant or to include in an indoor .

Although shamrocks and clover have some definite differences, we can all appreciate their similarities and the attractive features of these two green harbingers of spring!

Willow Creek Elementary Carnival May 23rd!

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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.

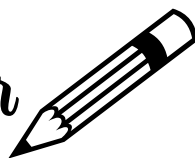
Each month there are special activities. For example, in October there are lectures about Medicare, Colorado Ghost Stories and the Power of Words, by Eleanor Roosevelt. There will also be a Halloween Party with lots of games and treats.

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.

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