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Willow Creek 3 HOA Newsletter May 2025

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Dear Willow Creek 3 Neighbors

As we welcome the blossoming month of May, it's time for our community update. We're looking forward to the warmer weather and the upcoming community activities. Here are some important reminders and updates:

Social Activities

As always, community volunteers are hard at work planning some fun & exciting activities for this spring. Come check out the Game Night Club, the Pick-up Pickleball Club and the session on Aging Gracefully. See the Willow Creek 3 website for details (<https://willowcreek3.com/>).

On the subject of websites, a reminder that HOA Meeting Minutes, once approved, can be found on the RowCal website under the Documents section (<https://rowcal.cincwebaxis.com/cinc/documents/>)

Noisy Neighbors

The Board is aware that some businesses across County Line Rd. have security systems that may have automated messages that can be heard from within the community. The Lone Tree Police Department has assigned a Community Partnership Sergeant who is experienced in mediating concerns of both businesses and residents and is actively working to find a compromise. They have suggested whomever is disturbed by this repeated message should call the Lone Tree police non emergency number (303-799-0533).

Motorized Vehicles on Greenbelts

Our greenbelts are a cherished part of our neighborhood, providing serene spaces for relaxation and recreation. To maintain their beauty and integrity, we kindly remind all residents that motorized vehicles are strictly prohibited on these green spaces (this includes golf carts). For those living along the greenbelts, this applies to contractors as well, before any work is done, please advise the contractors that they cannot drive trucks to the back of your property. By doing so, we can prevent costly damage to our landscaping and sprinkler systems.

Stay Informed

Stay connected with our community by visiting our Willow Creek 3 website. Here, you'll find newsletters, updates, and details about upcoming events. Remember, our collective efforts make Willow Creek 3 a wonderful place to call home. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to the HOA Board. We value your input and participation.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant community!

Warm regards,

Willow Creek 3 Board of Directors

Food Truck Lineup: May & June 2025

Location: Mineral Parking Lot, 8500 E. Mineral Drive | **Time:** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grab your chairs, bring your appetite, and join us for a fun night out!

What's Cooking?

May 7

Berliner Haus: Authentic German street food with bratwurst, grilled cheese, and the irresistible Mac n' Cheese Dog

Happy Cones: New Zealand-style ice cream swirls for dessert lovers

May 21

Pierogies Factory: Handmade pierogi, kielbasa sandwiches, and all your favorite Polish comfort foods

June 11 Bonus: We'll have live entertainment this night!

Spicy Kitchen: Gourmet tacos, tortas, burgers, and more—all made from scratch

HipPops: Artisan gelato and sorbet pops to cool you down

June 25

Mile High Tikka Express: Bold Indian fusion with tandoori, curries, and more

Sizzle: A fusion of American, Asian, and Latin flavors all in one truck

Happy Cones: Back with their fan-favorite cones and creamy treats

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

MPM Recreation 720-201-1758 | MPMrecreation.com

Brightview Landscape Services: 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,
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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
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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
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City of Centennial Animal Control: 303-325-8070

South Suburban Parks and Recreation: 303-798-5131

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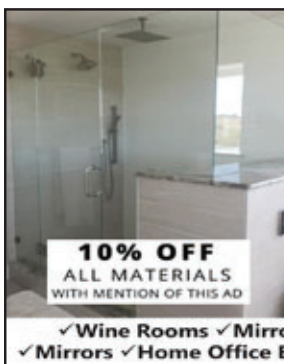
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Willow Creek Garden Tour 2025

Saturday, June 28th!

Please nominate your garden! Mark your calendars—Willow Creek Garden Tour is on Saturday, June 28th! This is a wonderful chance to stroll through the neighborhood, get inspired by the creativity of local gardeners, and connect with neighbors who share a love for all things green and growing.

Whether you're proud of your flower beds, veggie patch, pollinator haven, or even a charming container garden, we'd love to feature your space on the tour! No garden is too small—this event is all about celebrating the beauty and variety in our community.

Interested in putting your garden on the tour? Please contact Juhi Johnson homesbyjuhi@gmail.com or call 303-257-1905



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Spring Market Update – 2025

Spring has arrived in the Rockies, and with it comes one of the best times of year to buy or sell a home. The market is showing strong signs of activity—and opportunity.

- **Active Inventory:** 9,764 homes (up 67% YoY)
- **New Listings:** Up 25% year-to-date
- **Pending Sales:** Up 14% in March
- **Closed Sales:** Down 4% YoY, but momentum is building
- **Days on Market:** 54 (up 23% YoY)
- **Average Prices:**
 - Single-Family: \$777,905 (up 3%)
 - Condo/Townhome: \$444,510 (down 2.2%)
 - **Buyers:** Denver is now one of the top 15 buyer's markets in the country—making this a great time to find value.
 - **Sellers:** Today's buyers are patient, but they'll still compete for homes that are well-priced and move-in ready. Presentation and pricing matter more than ever.

There is real opportunity this season, and I'm excited to share my professional experience to assist with all of your Real Estate needs!

Tennis Update:

Submitted by Caitlin Buckingham

We have 19 teams registered for these first few leagues of summer and I've seen the courts full on the weekend with people playing preseason matches and doing drills with a coach! It's always fun to see the community come together, get some exercise and get to know each other better through tennis.



Mark your calendars for June 13 at 5:30 PM for our first WCTC tennis social at the Mineral Courts. These are open to all levels and we provide free food and drinks. Our neighborhood pro, Ryan Freeman will be running games with another coach and it is always a good time!

Speaking of Ryan, if you are interested in signing up your kids for Junior Tennis or doing lessons with him, contact him via his website, Ryanfreemantennis.com.

Finally, if you have any tennis related questions, ideas or comments please email me at willowcreek123tennis@gmail.com or contact us via our website at www.willowcreektennisclub.com

Have a great season!

Our first social will be on Friday, May 30 at 5:30 PM at the Mineral Courts. Open to all residents and players!



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WILLOW CREEK HOA #3 SWIMMING POOL RULES

Residents must use key card to unlock gates for admission to the pool. Sign in at the lifeguard hut is required of each resident.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Guest may be admitted only if accompanied by a current resident. The resident is responsible for all conduct of their guests.

Conduct that infringes upon the safety or comfort of patrons, as determined by the lifeguard staff, pool management and pool committee, is prohibited and may result in immediate ejection from the facilities with no refund of any fees paid.

Repeated failure may result in forfeiture of facility use.

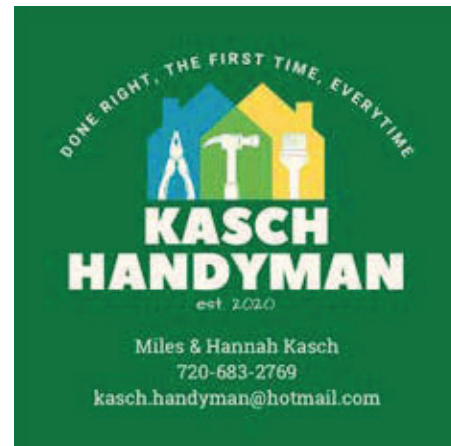
- Children 12 and under **MUST** be accompanied by an adult or supervised by a person 16 years or older. If the lifeguard staff or pool committee determines that the child is not being supervised satisfactorily for safety issues or misconduct of comfort of other patrons, both will be asked to leave.
- NO glass containers within the facilities.
- NO smoking/or tobacco products or vaping in pool area.
- NO pets are allowed within the pool area OR tethered unattended at any time.
- NO bicycles, skateboards, scooters etc. in the pool area.
- NO persons having an infectious disease or communicable disease or open wound is permitted in the pool.
- NO running, roughhousing, rowdiness, pushing or dunking in the pool or around the pool deck.
- Foul, abusive or excessively loud language will not be permitted.
- Proper swimming attire is required.
- Radios or music must be played so as not be offensive to others.
- Small floating toys, rafts, rings, tubes or boards are allowed in the shallow end **ONLY**. ANY INFANT, TODDLER OR CHILD UNABLE TO SWIM MUST BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH AN ADULT IN THE WATER WHEN USING FLOATATION DEVICES.

- Swim diapers are required for children not toilet trained.
- Large rafts, boats etc. are **NOT ALLOWED** in the pool.
- Hard balls are prohibited in the pool area.
- Diving in the shallow end is prohibited.
- NO hanging on the swim lanes
- DIVING BOARD RULES: Only 1 person on the diving board at a time and only 1 person on the ladder at a time. No running on the diving board. No double bouncing on the diving board. Divers must go straight off the front of the diving board- no jumping off the side. No hanging on the diving board. Diving area must be clear before diving. No swimming under the diving board.
- WADING/BABY POOL RULES: ADULT SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED-the wading/baby pool is NOT supervised by the lifeguards. Only children under 5 may use the wading/baby pool. Swim diapers are required for non-toilet trained children.
- ADULT SWIM RULES: Every hour the pool will be cleared for 15 minutes. Adults 18 years or older **ONLY** will be permitted to swim. No roughhousing or disruptive jumping off the diving board to swimmers during adult swim. Lifeguard staff or pool committee may determine removal from pool during adult swim if patrons in the pool are being disturbed.
- After lightning is spotted or thunder is heard the pool will be cleared for 30 minutes subsequent to the last observed lightning or thunder.

All users of the pool shall be responsible for damage to property of the Association caused by residents and/or their guests.

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Submitted by Anne Bonelli McMahon

Nail Salon Ladies Night Out

May 15

- 6 p.m. | 10 spots available
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Join us on Thursday, May 15 at our annual Nail Salon Night Out. Get pampered and polished—just in time for graduations, weddings, and all your spring celebrations.

WCWC will provide wine and beverages — feel free to bring an appetizer to share!

RSVP with your preferred time slot by emailing Fiona at Fiona_emeraldisle@yahoo.com

Final WCWC meeting of the year:

- Wednesday, May 21
- 9:15 a.m.
- Mineral Clubhouse

We'll also hold **board member elections** and take a moment to **celebrate and reflect on our amazing year** together.

WCWC will provide coffee, orange juice, and mimosas along with bagels and fruit.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

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:

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

Centennial YMCA Center of Generations

The Centennial YMCA Center of Generations invites you to visit us in May for special spring Active Older Adult and Teen programs. Older Adult activities start at 10 AM and typically end at 3. Teen Programs start at four and last until 8 PM. You will find it to be a warm and welcoming place to socialize and learn something new.

Older Adult Programs for May include:

- Beauty and the Bees, presented by CSU Extension –in this class learn what you can do in your own yard to support pollinators and bees
- Cinco De Mayo Taco Bar Luncheon
- Active Minds Lecture about Greenland
- A program about Panama City Beach Florida volunteers that work during turtle nesting season to ensure nests are undisturbed, and that newly hatched babies get to the ocean

These special programs are in addition to our recurring activities:

- Exercise classes include Ageless Grace, Silver Sneakers, Tai Chi, and Gentle Yoga.
- Monthly Bunco, canasta and poker games
- Weekly Mahjong for all player levels and weekly bridge and knitting & crocheting
- Book Club and Book previews from the Arapahoe Library District

Teen programming includes Esports, cooking classes and nerf wars. It is a wonderful opportunity and place for teens 12-18 to go after school.

Most of the activities are free of charge for Centennial residents and it's easy to register. We are located in the Streets of Southglenn east of the Southglenn Library. 6972 S Vine Street #366.

To get a copy of our May Calendar email us at CentennialCOG@denverymca.org or visit our website at <https://denverymca.org/centennial-center-generations>

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Are You in Your More Advanced Years?



Wouldn't it be great to if there was a group of people who could support you through this time of life?

There is! Join us!

- WHO?** WC3 residents in their more advanced years
WHY? To connect people who can listen, give advice, or just be there to support each other
WHAT? A forum for non-biased, caring support
WHERE? The first meeting will be at the WC3 Clubhouse. After that we'll look at other location options
WHEN? Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 PM

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News from the Architectural Control Committee

Some quick reminders after the ACC spring walk of the neighborhood where we found some common issues.

Gas meters need to be painted the field color so they blend in with your siding.

Cable/Ting wires/conduit should be also be painted (field color or trim as applicable) to minimize the wiring we need to stay online.

Gaps under front porches and steps invite unwanted (although cute) guests, please fill them in. Rabbits can cause your steps to crack if they decide your property is the perfect home.

Many gutters are stuffed with pine needles and leaves, it's time to get those cleaned out. Hopefully spring rains will arrive soon and you want water moving away from your house.

Trash carts may not be left on the side of your house, please store them in your garage or behind your fence out of sight.

Water Wise

Spring Irrigation Update: Your Help Needed

As spring arrives and our irrigation systems are activated, we're seeking your assistance in maintaining efficient water usage throughout our community.

How You Can Help

While enjoying our neighborhood, please be alert for:

- Running water in unusual places
- Broken sprinkler heads
- Sprinklers spraying onto streets
- Irrigation zones running for extended periods
- Areas of grass that are unusually soggy or dry (which may indicate underground issues)

Reporting Issues

When reporting concerns, please include:

- The property address
- Specific location of the issue
- Photos when possible

Contact Information:

- RowCal: careteam@rowcal.com or 303-459-4919
- Grounds Committee: wc3grounds@gmail.com

Emergency Situations

For **true emergencies only**, contact Brightview directly at 303-761-9262 after hours or weekends/holidays 720-245-8664.

Emergencies include:

- Broken water pipes with significant water flow
- Sprinkler zones running continuously and not shutting off
- Unexplained large pools of water that are growing or persistent

Your vigilance helps conserve our natural resources and protect our community budget. Thank you for your partnership in maintaining our beautiful neighborhood!

-The Grounds Committee



Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 11, 2025

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.

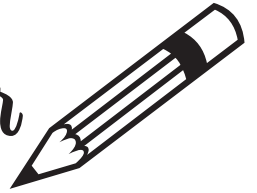


- **ALL BABY BOOMERS & FRIENDS WELCOME!!!**
- **WILD GOOSE SALOON** (11160 Pikes Peak Dr, Parker, CO)
- **2nd Tuesday/Month, May 13th (3:30–6:30)**
- **DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 (ONLY) so don't come early!**
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- Listen & dance to music and socialize to make new friends
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- **6:30 – 8:00 PM Trivia followed by Karaoke 8:00 PM to???**
 - PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE – RSVP ASAP (by email at BoomerHappyHour@gmail.com), so we can plan accordingly!
 - Follow us on Facebook @ Boomer Happy Hour
 - Host & Organizer – Linda
 - Co-sponsor = Legends Radio 95.3 FM/810 AM

Willow Creek Elementary Carnival May 23rd!

Join us at Willow Creek park on the last day of school from 11-2 for a fun run, foam party, slides, bounce houses, food trucks, vendors, and more. If you would like to be a vendor or help sponsor the event, find out how by visiting <https://willowcreekelempto.membershiptoolkit.com/carnival>. This event is open to the community and we hope you'll come join the fun!

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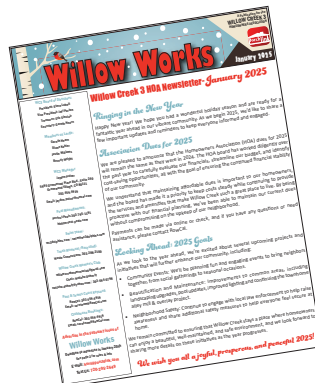
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- Tennis Club
- Women's Club
- Photos & More



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

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.

Thinking of Advertising with Porchlink?



We have been advertising in the Porchlink newsletters for almost 2 years now. The staff is always professional and pleasant to work with. The newsletter has been very helpful in getting business for our small plumbing company. The ad usually pays for itself each month because so many people use it to get reasonable, trustworthy services.

Michelle Cox
Neighborhood Plumber



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Sarah Smith
Marketing Manager for Smitty's Sprinklers



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Valerie Petersen
Petersen Custom Glass, LLC



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Thinking of a buffalograss lawn? Consider these three things first.

Installing low-water lawn alternatives is all the rage in Colorado right now, and one popular choice is buffalograss. This native Colorado species can make a good lawn substitute in some places, but it isn't without drawbacks—so consider carefully if it's the right fit for you.

1. Buffalograss isn't green a lot of the time. Buffalograss is a warm-season or C4 species (because of a molecule it uses in photosynthesis with 4 carbon atoms, not because of any explosive tendencies). Warm-season grasses are dormant for much of the year in Colorado—generally until night temperatures are reliably above 50 degrees. In the eastern half of the state, it will be green mid-May through September. Bluegrass, by comparison, is usually green March-November (or longer).
2. Buffalograss won't tolerate shade. Do you have a nice big tree in the yard? Then buffalograss probably isn't a good option; it needs full sun to grow best. A shaded buffalograss lawn will quickly become thin and patchy—a condition that is usually closely followed by extreme weediness. For shady spots, consider fine fescue (a cool-season species), another drought-tolerant lawn species that does well in shade, shade-tolerant ground covers, or even wood chip mulch.
3. Buffalograss doesn't care for traffic. Buffalograss can tolerate light recreation and foot traffic—you could even play croquet on a well-established buffalograss lawn. But if you have pets and/or children who will be using the lawn a lot, buffalograss will disappear (searching for greener pastures?). Fellow warm-season bermudagrass and cool season species Kentucky bluegrass and perennial ryegrass are more traffic-tolerant options.

If you start your buffalograss lawn from seed, the best-seeded cultivars are: Sundancer, Bison, Bowie, Cody, and Topgun. You can also plant buffalograss from plugs—Legacy and Prestige are the most cold-hardy for Colorado winters.

Whatever type of grass you choose for a lawn, remember that lawns don't waste water, people do. Make sure that your sprinkler system is in good repair, with no crooked or broken heads. Water should spray on the lawn, not on the sidewalk, the house, or other impervious surfaces. Match your water use to the season and only water when the grass needs it, not on the same schedule from May to October.

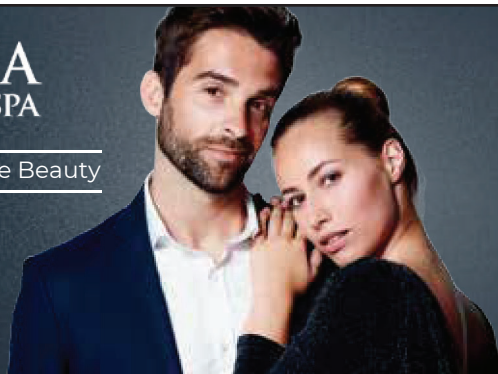
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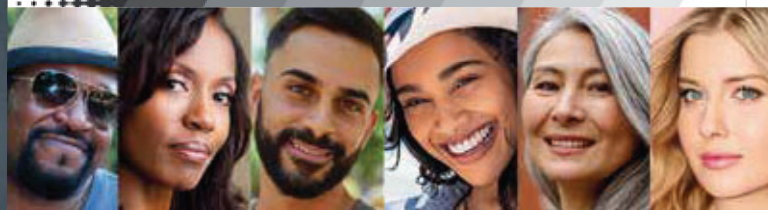
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WHERE? WC3 Court 3 (and sometimes 4)

WHEN? Wednesdays 5-8 PM

From May 7th – September 24th

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So, grab your paddle, come out to WC3 Court 3, and be part of this fun and social experience! See you there! 🍷

EQUIPMENT NOTE – if you have paddles and balls, please bring them. We'll also have loaner equipment onsite!



Strawberry Shortcake

Michelle Fox

A light and fluffy dessert with sweet strawberries and fresh whipped cream, perfect for a spring gathering.

Ingredients:

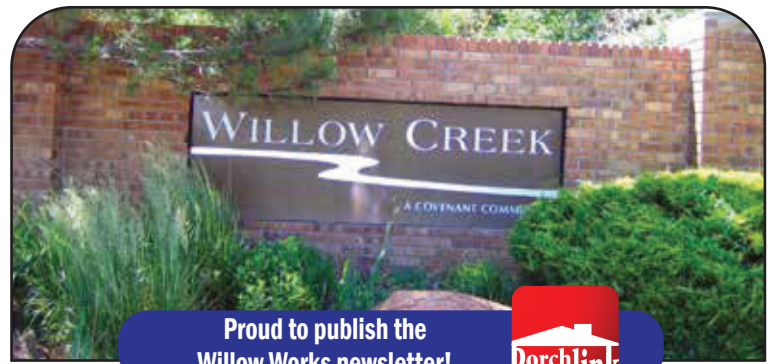
- 2 cups gluten-free flour blend (or traditional flour)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup cold butter, cubed
- 2/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1/4 cup sugar (or coconut sugar) (for strawberries)
- Whipped cream

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F.
2. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
3. Whisk buttermilk, egg, and vanilla together. Stir into dry ingredients until just combined.
4. Drop dough onto a baking sheet and bake for 12-15 minutes until golden.
5. Toss strawberries with sugar and let sit for 10 minutes.
6. Split shortcakes, fill with strawberries and whipped cream, and serve.

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South Suburban Public Art Committee: Applications Open Now: The South Suburban Public Art Committee invites interested community members to apply to serve as at-large members. The committee is an appointed volunteer body that offers an informed opinion to the Board of Directors regarding art in public places. Committee members must live within the District, attend monthly meetings, and be able to serve a minimum three-year term. Learn more and apply by June 17.

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 now open! Submit an application to share your ideas for improvements across the District.



Full Moon Calendar for 2025

May 12	Flower Moon
June 11	Strawberry Moon
July 10	Buck Moon
August 9	Sturgeon Moon
September 7	Harvest Moon
October 6	Hunter's Moon
November 5	Beaver Moon
December 4	Cold Moon

Upcoming Events

High Line Canal 5K/10K

Saturday, May 10

The 44th Annual High Line Canal 5K & 10K races take place along the beautiful High Line Canal Trail. The race begins and ends in deKoevend Park, and registration includes post-race pancake breakfast! Learn more and register.

Mother's Day Brunch at South Suburban Golf Course

Sunday, May 11

Celebrate Mother's Day with a delightful brunch at South Suburban Golf Course. Enjoy breakfast and lunch sides, omelet, pasta, and carving stations, plus a wide selection of desserts. Learn more and reserve a table.

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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