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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STOLZMANN



It's hard to believe it's been a year since the devastation of the Marshall Fire. I know that these next few months will be hard for many of us. For some of us, the holidays may never be the same.

But even as we mark this solemn anniversary, I am filled with hope. I'm so proud of how our community has come together this past year, and I know that Louisville's future is brighter than ever.

Across the affected areas, families are rebuilding. Crews are hard at work raising new houses and restoring infrastructure. And here at the City, we're taking steps to build resilience and mitigate Louisville's future risk from wildfire and other climate disasters.

We've initiated a wildfire risk assessment for all City-owned lands, and until that's complete, we've taken short-term steps, including increasing mowing on open space and plans to implement grazing and other fuel reduction efforts in 2023.

We're also working with our state and federal partners on potential grant funding to help us do even more. The City has proposed several projects for FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding, including generators and technology system upgrades for critical City facilities and other improvements to ensure continued water monitoring and access. Together with Boulder County, we're working to develop predetermined evacuation areas for the entire city, as recommended in the Marshall Fire After-Action Report.

However, protecting our community is truly a team effort. As the City works to make structural improvements and mitigate risk on public lands, there are steps homeowners can and should take in order to make their own properties more resilient. You can learn more about strategies to reduce your home's wildfire risk at Boulder County's rebuildingbetter.org site, as well as wildfirepartners.org.

This recovery is a long road, and while we're not there yet, we will get there – together.

Sincerely,
Mayor Ashley Stolzmann

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RECOVERY NEWS

Ten months after the devastating Marshall Fire, we're continuing to see a strong recovery in Louisville, with rebuild permits approved or in process for more than 150 properties. Assisted by use tax credits and incentives from Xcel Energy, more than half are choosing to rebuild high-performance homes that use less energy and little or no fossil fuel energy.

As our neighbors navigate the rebuilding process, please remember to respect their privacy, both physically and personally. This is a deeply personal journey that everyone manages differently. For everyone's safety, please avoid rebuilding areas as there is a lot of construction equipment and traffic coming and going. Please note, it is illegal to trespass on private property without express permission from the property owner.

We're continuing to learn more about both the fire itself as well as the response — information which is invaluable as we work to make our community better prepared and more resilient against future risk. Recently, the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control released its Facilitated Learning Analysis (FLA), which was requested by Mountain View Fire Department, Louisville Fire Department, and Boulder County in order to gain a deeper understanding of what occurred during the Marshall Fire response. You can find a link to review the FLA at LouisvilleCO.gov.

As the one year anniversary of the fire approaches, fire survivors are organizing various events to mark the milestone, including a pet memorial, an event to thank first responders, a solidarity breakfast, a weekend of healing, and more. As survivors hope that these events will provide spaces for the community to process their grief and focus on healing, they have asked that members of the media not attend these events and respect survivors' privacy during this time. The City, along with the Town of Superior and Boulder County, is also working with Mental Health Partners, Community Foundation Boulder County, Jewish Family Service, and other organizations to provide increased access to mental health resources.

The holiday season is normally a joyous time in Louisville, but we know the coming months will be a challenging time for many of us. As a city — as a community — we will continue to be there for one another and to do everything we can to support our neighbors, for as long as necessary, until everyone is home.

WINTERSKATE OUTDOOR ICE SKATING

Now in its 19th season in Louisville, WinterSkate outdoor ice skating at the Steinbaugh Pavilion (824 Front Street) features free parking, traditional holiday music, over 5,000 square feet of ice, concessions, and much more!

WinterSkate is scheduled to run from Friday, November 19, 2022 through Monday, February 20, 2023 (weather permitting). For skaters age 4 and up, admission is \$10 Mondays through Thursdays and \$13 Fridays through Sundays and on school holidays. Kids age 3 and under skate for free. Skate rental is included with admission.

Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/WinterSkate for hours and to purchase tickets online. Tickets can also be purchased in person.

LIFE IN LOUISVILLE PHOTO CONTEST

Share your love for your city in this annual photography tradition! Louisville residents are invited to submit up to three photos that they took between January 1 and December 31, 2022. The contest runs from December 1, 2022 through Friday, January 20, 2023.

Photos will be displayed on the City's website, and may appear in City publications, City buildings, in print, and in digital communications. For more information or to enter, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/lifeinlouisville.

SNOWPLOWING INFORMATION

During winter, the City of Louisville's snow crews are ready to respond 24 hours a day to snow and icy conditions. The crews work hard to keep primary and secondary streets and on-street bike lanes open.

The snowplowing program works on a priority system:

- **Priority 1** Major Arterial (for example, high capacity roads like McCaslin Blvd)
- **Priority 2** Collectors (for example Washington Street and W Dahlia Street - streets that connect major arterial streets to residential streets)
- **Priority 3** Residential Through Streets (and City parking lots and sidewalks near City rights of way)
- **Priority 4** Residential Other (and trails)

For more information about City of Louisville snowplowing, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/snowplowing.



SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT

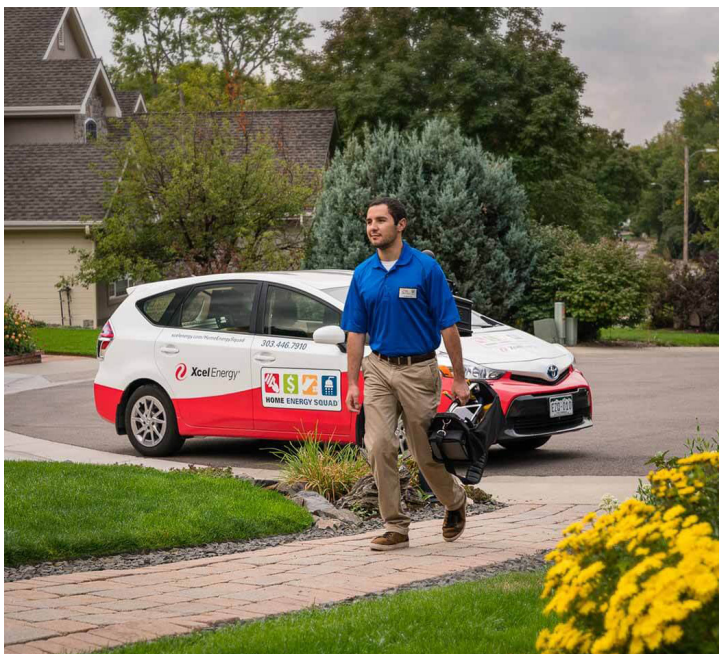
As the seasons begin to change again, the City's Sustainability staff would like to share a few program updates with the community.

Low-to-No Cost Home Energy Squad Assessments

The weather is getting colder and residents can start their journey towards lower energy bills and a more efficient home by choosing between a no-cost Home Energy Squad visit (normally \$50) or upgrading to a \$50 Home Energy Squad Plus visit (normally \$150). A standard visit includes installation of energy-saving equipment like LED bulbs, energy-efficient showerheads, a programmable thermostat, and faucet aerators. Upgrading to a Plus audit adds:

- Inspection of home exterior, insulation and mechanical systems
- Air leak analysis with a Blower-Door diagnostic test
- Combustion safety test
- Carbon monoxide check
- Infrared imaging and analysis

Louisville residents can visit www.xcelenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad or call 303-446-7910 to schedule their visit using promo code *Louisville22* for a standard visit or *Louisville22Plus* for a Plus visit. Only residents of Louisville qualify for this promotion and the assessment must be completed at a Louisville address.



Congratulations to our 2022 Louisville Green Businesses!

The Louisville Green Business program provides free, hands-on support to help businesses achieve and recognize sustainable efforts in the workplace. Each year, Louisville businesses take steps to become more environmentally-friendly and earn points towards Green Business certification. Participating Louisville businesses' exemplify the best of the business community, championing positive community impact and taking steps to reduce their environmental footprint.

Gold Businesses

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Community Food Share, DAJ Design, Dave DiOrio State Farm, East West Wellness, e-Bike of Colorado, Eldorado Natural Spring Water, Gwen Jorgensen, LLC, Marc Sisler Insurance & Financial Services, Organic Sandwich Company, Otak Inc., Pearl Izumi, Speedy Sparkle Louisville*, Studio Z Dental, Sunbeam Studio*, Treehouse Learning*

Silver Businesses

Ariel IT Services, Audit Logistics, City of Louisville, Compass Rose Floral, Crystal Springs Brewing Company, EcoEnclose, Premier Members Credit Union, Salon Nové

Bronze Businesses

Jen Paris State Farm, Louisville Chamber of Commerce, Sweet Diplomacy*, The Huckleberry, The Patchwork School, Zinn Bicycle Group*

**Business new to the Green Business Program in 2022.*

Internal Decarbonization Plan

The City has partnered with an engineering firm and has begun work on an Internal Decarbonization Plan, which includes a strategic roadmap for electrification and decarbonization of all City buildings, fleet and equipment by 2030. The roadmap will be complete in summer 2023.



Sustainable Holiday Ideas

There are many ways to keep sustainability in mind this holiday season. Here are a few things to consider when giving gifts:

- Support local business by purchasing gift cards, buying local and ordering food to go.
- Give something edible. Make a dessert or a healthy snack packaged in reusable mason jars.
- Give products that will help friends and family go green, such as reusable mugs, water bottles, bags or lunch containers.
- Give something edible. Make a dessert or a healthy snack packaged in reusable mason jars.

Gift Wrapping: Reuse newspapers, maps, posters, fabric, calendars, and cloth bags to wrap tape-free gifts. Twine and plant clippings can be used for decorating and closing packages. Shop locally, including thrift, consignment, and second-hand stores. For shipping, replace foam or bubble wrap with balled-up newspaper or magazine pages.

Have a safe and sustainable holiday season this year.

Monthly Sustainability Spotlight

The City has begun publishing a Sustainability Spotlight in the Monthly Community Update e-newsletter that highlights a different sustainability topic each month. To subscribe, visit LouisvilleCO.gov and look for the "Get Notified" button.

Curbside Composting: We Need Your Help!

Organic materials collected through compost programs are mixed with yard waste and processed to become compost, a nutrient-rich soil amendment. Compost is sold for use in landscaping, road construction, garden projects, and many other soil restoration projects.

In order for organics recycling programs to be sustainable, the compost manufacturers that turn organics into compost must receive organics without contamination and/or non-compostable materials.

The City's compost partner, A1 Organics, has begun rejecting loads of compost if they contain plastics or other non-compostable contaminants. Take a look at the insert included in this newsletter for your curbside composting guidelines to avoid your curbside compost being landfilled.

No Changes to Louisville Disposable Bag Tax in 2023

Did you know the average Louisville resident can save over \$50 per year by bringing their own bags to the store? In January 2023, a disposable bag fee will go into effect statewide, but this change will not affect the Louisville bag tax approved by voters in 2020. Louisville retailers will continue to collect 25¢ for each paper and plastic disposable bag used. Help reduce the use of disposable bags by bringing your own reusable bag. To learn more, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/bagtax.

Louisville's Disposable Bag Tax
No Changes in 2023*

- ✓ All stores and restaurants
- ✓ Paper & plastic disposable bags

25¢

City of Louisville

*Statewide disposable bag fee beginning in January 2023. This fee will not affect the Louisville tax.

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LIBRARY

Snowed In at the Library – First Friday Art Walk

The Library will be hosting its annual holiday open house, with live music, winter crafts, a snowy photo booth, and cozy refreshments. Drop in on **Friday, December 2 from 5-7 PM** to warm up before heading out to watch the Parade of Lights. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LibraryCalendar for more details.

Nerdfest Family Trivia

Throughout January, the Louisville Public Library invites you to test your Louisville knowledge and enter to win a National Park Pass for your family! Questions are all about our beautiful town and will challenge all ages. New questions drop each week, Mondays, January 2, 9, 16, and 23. Entries accepted through January 31. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/LibraryNerdfest to learn more and play!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Let the Louisville Public Library inspire your New Year's Resolutions. Find more below about our collection, online resources, programs, and services that can help you live your best life and look forward to the year ahead. Learn more and find all of these resources at LouisvilleCO.gov/LibraryNewYear.

1 Read More

Read more books! Check out our librarian-approved booklists, try a New Year reading challenge, and use [Novelist](https://www.novelist.com/) for great recommendations, lists of award winners, book reviews and more.

- ➔ **Get a Library Card:** To access the Library's full collection, place holds, and pick-up materials, you will need a Louisville Public Library card.
- ➔ **Novelist:** A reader's advisory resource for fiction; read-alikes, reviews, author bios, award winners, recommended reads, and more.
- ➔ **Browse the library's digital collection** of ebooks, audiobooks and magazines, and download materials right to your own device.
- ➔ **Need help finding what to read next?** Fill out a [We Browse for You](#) form and one of our librarians will place books on hold just for you.

- ➔ The Teen Review Crew offers local teens grades 6-12 the opportunity to earn community service hours for school or other organizations by reviewing teen books or adult books with teen appeal. We hope to provide teens with great reading recommendations from their peers while also providing a flexible means of earning volunteer credit.

2 Explore the World

Whether you plan to be a jet setter or do some armchair traveling this year, we can help. Looking to learn a new language? The Library offers [Mango Languages](#) so you can learn up to 60 different languages, free with your library card.

- ➔ **Mango Languages:** In addition to traditional language courses, Mango also offers the opportunity to learn through foreign film with [Mango Premiere™](#) and access to a variety of specialty mini courses, like [Pirate](#), [Medical Spanish](#), and [romance](#) courses.
- ➔ **Culture Grams:** An insider's perspective on daily life and culture, including the history, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people.
- ➔ **State Park Passes:** [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#) provides State Park passes and family activity backpacks through the [Check Out Colorado State Parks Program](#), which seeks to encourage and allow Colorado residents of all ages to visit State Parks, enjoy and explore nature, and engage in healthy, fun activities. State Park Passes are available for a 1-week check out to Louisville and Superior residents with a Louisville Public Library card.

3 Get Creative

Experience the joy of making and take an online class on [CreativeBug](#). Our collection has thousands of books on topics from, crafting to cooking to coding. Did you know you can also check out a telescope, sewing machine, or camera from the Library?

- ➔ **CreativeBug:** Experience the joy of making. [Creativebug](#) gives you access to over 1000 award-winning crafting classes taught by top designers and artists. Classes cover sewing, art, cooking, paper crafting, knitting, jewelry making, and more!
- ➔ **Sewing machines, Cricut crafting machine, Telescopes and more!** See the full list of non-traditional items, available for check out.



4 Stay Informed

The Library provides hundreds of ways to learn and stay informed. Access full-color newspaper pages online, read Consumer Reports and get access to the New York Times, free with your library card.

- ➔ News/Current Events Databases: The Library offers over a dozen databases with comprehensive collection of full-text newspapers.
- ➔ Consumer Reports: Consumer Reports is an independent, nonprofit member organization that works side by side with consumers for truth, transparency, and fairness in the marketplace. Access CR through the user-friendly website for product reviews, news, and consumer articles.
- ➔ Wi-Fi Mobile Hotspots Available for Check Out: A Wi-Fi mobile hotspot is a 4G LTE mobile hotspot device that allows you to connect your mobile-enabled devices (such as laptops, smartphones, tablets, and more) to the Internet. The hotspot is portable and lightweight and can be used anywhere there is T-Mobile coverage. The battery lasts up to 45 hours on standby or up to 6.4 hours during continuous use. Connect up to 16 devices at the same time. These devices are available for a 3-week check out to Louisville and Superior residents with a Louisville Public Library card.
- ➔ Computer and Tech Help: The Library currently offers drop-in or one-on-one computer training for adults, by appointment.
- ➔ To be the first to learn about Library programming, sign up for the Library Newsletter at Louisville-Library.org.

5 Improve Your Home

Start some home improvement projects by checking out a radon gas detector, power check meter, or thermal leak detector. Learn more about gardening, plumbing, painting, and more.

- ➔ Power Check Meters, Radon Gas Detectors, Thermal Leak Check: See the full list of non-traditional items, available for check out.
- ➔ Auto Repair Resources: Search based on year, make, and model. Includes care and repair tips, in-depth troubleshooting, and videos about how auto components function.

ARTS GRANTS

The Louisville Cultural Council (LCC) is offering art grants to artists and cultural arts organizations serving the Louisville community. Artists and cultural arts groups based outside of Louisville are welcome to apply for any events(s) that would be held in Louisville. Diversity of media and creative artistic expression is encouraged. Arts Grant applications will open in December 2022. To learn more, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/artgrant.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Museum Open House and Holiday Treat Bags Friday, December 2 | 5 PM | 1001 Main Street

The Museum will open its doors from 5:00 to 8:30 PM for both the Art Walk and the Parade of Lights and will give away free holiday treat bags for children, while supplies last. This continues the Louisville holiday tradition of handing out sacks of treats to children. Historically, Louisville community organizations sponsored these sacks that typically each contained an orange, nuts in the shell, and pieces of ribbon candy. For many Louisville children, receiving these treat sacks was a large part of their holiday experience. During the Depression, the sacks were even the main gifts for children in some families. Thank you to the Louisville History Foundation for sponsoring the treat bags again this year and for continuing the tradition.

Museum Historian Talk Tuesday, January 17 | 7 PM | Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street

This presentation by Jason Hogstad is the second talk in a two-part conversation about the impacts of the 1920s and 1930s on Louisville's racial and ethnic diversity. This talk will focus on Hispanic history, families, and culture during this period and in the following years.

February Art Walk Friday, Feb. 3 | 6 PM | Louisville Historical Museum 1001 Main Street

The Historical Museum will participate in the First Friday Art Walk for February with a fun Valentines twist: "Be Mine: Historic Valentines to View and Make." Stop by the Museum between 6 and 8 PM to let your inner Cupid come out to play!



RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER

Spring & Summer Jobs Available!

Hiring begins in early 2023. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/jobs.

SENIOR SERVICES

Senior Services Holiday Lunch

Wednesday, December 14 | 12 PM-1 PM

Let's celebrate the holidays this year at our holiday lunch! Dine-in or grab-n-go options are available. We will provide the main meal of turkey or vegetarian option, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cranberry, and roll. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share with friends at your table. This event is free with a suggested donation of \$4.00 for people ages 60+. The cost is \$12 for anyone under 60 years of age. Please register no later than 1:30 PM on Tuesday, December 13 to ensure we order enough food. Visit LouisvilleRecreation.com to register (Registration code 38043).

Volunteers Needed for Snow Busters

Do you like to shovel snow and help in your community? Louisville Senior Services is in need of volunteers to help keep seniors in Louisville safe in their homes by providing snow shoveling. To be a snow buster, you will need to complete a volunteer application. Interested? Contact Katie Tofte by email at ktofte@louisvilleco.gov.

New! Older Adult Activity Scholarship

\$50 scholarship up to 3x/year for activities including day trips, programs, classes, special events, and Recreation & Senior Center memberships. For more information, visit LouisvilleCO.gov/seniorresources.

AQUATICS

Register for events at LouisvilleRecreation.com.

Now Hiring Lifeguards! Free Lifeguard Training

Be the one who takes an active role in protecting your community and keeping the pools open. Free lifeguard training is offered at the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center for candidates who agree to work as a lifeguard in Louisville. Pre-requisites for training are being able to swim 300 meters continuously, tread water for two minutes with no hands, and retrieve a 10 lb brick from the deep end and swim it back to the shallow end in 1 minute 40 seconds. Contact Danny Weinstock at dweinstock@louisvilleco.gov or 303-335-4927 with any questions.

Youth Splash Parties

Friday, January 20 | 7 PM-9 PM (Grades 3rd - 5th)

Friday, January 27 | 7 PM-9 PM (Grades 6th - 8th)

Kids take over the splash pool to spend the evening hanging out with friends, swimming, listening to music, and enjoying the zip line, lazy river, and slides. Pizza will be available for purchase. Limited space. Registration is required for each person.

The Glow Pool Party is Back!

Saturday, February 25 | 6 PM-8 PM

Bring the whole family to the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center pools for a glow-in-the-dark pool party! Enjoy a night of lights, music, games, food, and more at your community pools. Glow sticks and other lights will be provided to each attendee. Registration is required.

Master's Swimming

Master's swimming is coming to the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center. Build your endurance for your upcoming race or simply enjoy the camaraderie of other swimmers as you pursue a higher fitness level. Work on individual goals in a group setting to become the swimmer you've been striving to be. Workouts are structured for your ability level and pace. All are welcome to join! Coached workouts Mondays and Wednesdays at 12 PM. Check the catalog and website for details!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Preschool at the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center

Registration begins in January for the 2023-2024 school year (children age 3-5 by 10/1/23)

Looking for a part-time preschool program that is educational, fun, and nurturing? This state-licensed program, based at Louisville Recreation & Senior Center, is designed to meet the academic, social and physical needs of young children by providing a stimulating, safe and healthy environment. The classrooms offer floor-to-ceiling windows offering views of the Front Range and unique outdoor learning space. The program promotes a "community feel." Expanded program options are available.

Space is currently available for the current school year. Morning and afternoon classes are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Visit LouisvilleCO.gov/preschool for more information.



OPEN SPACE & PARKS

Community Park 2022 Improvements

Community Park is one of Louisville's largest and most used parks, and over time some of its infrastructures have exceeded their usable life. In April, City Council approved the Community Park Improvement Project recommended by the Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board. Parks staff has worked with contractors to replace the park's irrigation mainline, upgrade the irrigation pump panel, and remove the underutilized BMX pump track. Additionally, the Community Dog Park fence was replaced, and the surface was enhanced for weed mitigation. The final part of the project is the restoration of the irrigation pond to the east of the dog park. This pond is filled with reclaimed water and is no longer used for recreation, including dogs, due to changes in state rules mandating the discontinuation of all recreational uses of reclaimed water in Colorado. The area will be restored and enhanced to include a new walking path, rock seating, and plantings that, once established, will provide a natural area buffer to the dog park and tie into the adjacent open space.

Wildfire Risk Assessment of Louisville Public Lands

This December, the City of Louisville will select a consultant to lead the development of the Wildfire Hazard & Risk Assessment of Louisville Public Lands. This project will identify potential wildfire mitigation opportunities to increase resilience on public lands such as Open Spaces, Parks, Water Treatment Plant grounds, and other City properties. The City's project team is composed of members from multiple City departments and the Fire Department. The project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2023. Public engagement meetings will be held as a part of the process. Staff has implemented preventative mitigation activities to reduce fuel loads and ladder fuels on some public lands, including select mowing and trimming or removing fire-impacted vegetation. For more information or to view meeting schedules visit LouisvilleCO.gov.

Trail Improvements

In October, a section of Coal Creek Trail at Dutch Creek (between Augusta Lane and the footbridge) was changed to concrete. This portion of the trail has suffered repeated flooding and extensive damage when Coal Creek overflows its banks. To help prevent future damage, the trail segment has been converted from crusher fines to concrete.

While the creek will continue to flood in this area, concrete is a better-suited material for areas prone to floods or washouts, and will significantly reduce maintenance when flooding does occur. Additionally, the segment of Coal Creek Trail at Aspen Way was replaced with concrete to provide an overall safer user experience.

Update on Tree Health in Fire-Damaged Areas

During the Marshall Fire, hundreds of private and public trees were damaged in the City of Louisville. The trees endured different intensities and duration of heat and suffered with varying degrees of severity. Over the past year, the City Forester has been evaluating affected trees to determine the extent of damage. The evaluation determines if trees are dead or injured and whether there are any safety concerns. Unsafe or dead trees with no signs of recovery are scheduled to be removed by the end of 2022. Some trees are just injured (though they may appear dead) and are being monitored for growth until spring 2023 to decide if they are viable or need to be removed. Staff will plant new trees in late spring to replace trees that have been removed.

COAL CREEK GOLF COURSE

Coal Creek Golf Course Completes Fourth Step in Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program

Coal Creek Golf Course is proud to participate in the internationally recognized Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP) for Golf Courses. ACSP-Golf is an education and certification program developed by Audubon International to help enhance the valuable natural areas and wildlife habitats that golf courses provide, improve efficiency, and minimize the potentially harmful impacts of golf course operations. By implementing and documenting six key environmental management practices, a course earns designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Over the past several years, Coal Creek Golf Course has successfully fulfilled four of the six requirements, including Environmental Assessment, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Water Conservation, and most recently, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety. This included reducing the use of herbicides and insecticides by 80%, reducing the use of fertilizers by 50%, modifying cultural and mechanical practices to reduce pesticide use, and completing required training classes. Receiving certification demonstrates leadership as a steward of the environment and publicly recognizes and rewards environmental achievements.

WANT TO STAY IN THE KNOW?

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Coal Creek Golf Course	303.666.7888
Historical Museum	303.335.4850
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Memory Square Pool	303.666.7909
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Reminder: Coal Creek Golf Course Is Closed to Non-Golfing Recreational Activities

Coal Creek Golf Course is open year-round and welcomes golfers of all levels and abilities. However, please remember the course is not a park or playground and is closed to all non-golfing recreational activities. This includes, but is not limited to, walking, running, biking, dogs, fishing, cross-country skiing, and sledding. Golf courses can contain hazards that are not commonly found in parks and are not maintained for daily pedestrian traffic or recreational activities other than golf. Additionally, non-golfing activities can permanently damage the turf requiring substantial staff and financial resources to undo the damage.

OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For all outdoor events, be prepared for the elements by wearing sunscreen, bug spray, pants, hat, sunglasses and closed toe shoes. Bring water to drink. These events are free but registration is required. **To register, call 303-335-4742 or visit bit.ly/LouisvilleOpenSpaceEducationEvents.**



OPEN SPACE STARGAZERS: PARADE OF PLANETS (ages 10+)

Sun., December 11 | 4:30–7 PM

Aquarius Open Space

Come to Aquarius Open Space to watch as Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn parade across the southern sky. Bring binoculars or a telescope, warm clothing, a red astronomy flashlight, and a folding chair.

OPEN SPACE ON CANVAS EXHIBIT (ages 12+)

Tues., December 13 | 6–7:30 PM

Louisville Recreation & Senior Center

Celebrate the beauty of Open Space as we showcase the work of artists who have participated in our 2022 Plein air painting programs. Meet the artists and learn about how they put Open Space on canvas.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS (ages 2-10)

Thurs., December 15 | 6–7 PM

Louisville Recreation & Senior Center

Have some fun and get ready for the holidays with some nature-themed crafts!

CELEBRATE EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

One of the five key areas identified by the EDI Task Force is creating a safe and welcoming environment. A few ways we're doing that is by recognizing and celebrating different cultural events and holidays, learning about other cultures, and planning programs and events that reflect diverse communities. Over the next few months, we'll recognize and celebrate Human Rights Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Black History Month.

Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10 – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document, which proclaims the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world. Source: un.org.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service is the only federal holiday that is also designated by Congress as a national day of service – a “day on, not a day off.” Participation in service activities has grown each year as more Americans are encouraged to provide meaningful change in their communities. Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions and moves us closer to Dr. King’s vision of a beloved community. Source: doi.gov.

Black History Month

Black History Month's first iteration was Negro History Week, created in February 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, known as the "father of Black history." February was chosen by Woodson for the weeklong observance as it coincides with the birthdates of both former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln and social reformer Frederick Douglass. Both men played a significant role in helping to end slavery.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History month. In his speech, President Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”.

In the U.S., the monthlong spotlight during February is an opportunity to engage with Black history, go beyond discussions of racism and slavery, and highlight Black leaders and accomplishments. Source: weforum.org.

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HOLIDAY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

At Home

- ✓ Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts, etc.) and use them!
- ✓ Don't hide spare keys outside. Give a spare key to a trusted neighbor.
- ✓ Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are on after dark.
- ✓ Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed so they do not conceal doors and windows. Overgrown foliage can provide a hiding place for criminals.
- ✓ Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- ✓ Be sure to mail cards, checks, or gift certificates from a Post Office or blue USPS collection box.
- ✓ Lock your vehicle and remove all the valuables. Yes, even in your driveway.

While Shopping

- ✓ Park in well-lit areas. Avoid parking by anything that limits the visibility of you or your vehicle.
- ✓ Never leave your vehicle running unattended. Lock your doors immediately after entering or exiting.
- ✓ Avoid carrying large purses and large amounts of cash with you. Carry your purse on your front side and across your body close to you.
- ✓ Never leave purses or wallets or any other items of value unattended in your car. If you leave store purchases in your car, lock them in your trunk or keep them in a non-visible area.
- ✓ If your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused, notify your card issuer immediately.

Package Delivery

- ✓ Set up notifications to track your packages. Reschedule or hold deliveries while on vacation.
- ✓ Consider insuring your packages and requiring a signature on delivery.
- ✓ If you won't be home, consider installing a security camera, asking your neighbors to grab your packages, or having packages delivered to your office.

Leaving for the Holidays

- ✓ Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to watch your home. Make arrangements for mail and newspapers.
- ✓ Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.

After the Holidays

- ✓ Don't leave empty boxes advertising expensive toys, electronics, or other gifts outside.
- ✓ Add new items to your home inventory. Take photos or video of all items of value in your home and list each item's make, model, serial number and other information.

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