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Two Creeks Neighborhood Organization strives to keep the Molholm Area (Wadsworth to Sheridan, 6th Avenue to Colfax) one which represents a positive, community oriented atmosphere based upon building and maintaining a healthy image. Two Creeks Neighborhood Organization encourages a sense of community pride, provides a positive influence for citizens, protects the neighborhood environment from negative impacts, and maintains public open space.

Holiday Lighting Contest Brings Warm Glow to Two Creeks

In December 2017 the Two Creeks neighborhood enjoyed the Twenty-second Annual Holiday Lighting Contest. Seventeen families entered this year, and several more honorable mentions were added. Judges had a great time visiting each home that entered and an even better time delivering the prizes and talking to our neighbors! Those of you who entered, we hope you will continue to join in the fun next year and tell all your neighbors how much fun it is and encourage them to enter as well. Thanks for helping to make Two Creeks a bright spot for all of us during the Holidays!

Counselor's Choice

801 Crescent Lane

Extreme Category Entries

6091 W. 10th Ave.	650 Ingalls St.	7105 W. 13th Ave.	800 Crescent Lane
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Complex Category Entries

620 Kendall Way	641 Kendall Way	1255 Newland	815 Crescent Lane
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Simple Category Entries

995 Benton St.	765 Crescent Lane	830 Gray St.	880 Gray St.
715 Emerald Lane	765 Emerald Lane	761 Park Lane	

Honorable Mention

895 Gray St.	5670 W. 10th Ave.	1001 Harlan St.	6690 W. 12th Pl.
1240 Otis St.	6860 W. 13th Ave.	7404 W. 9th Ave.	7485 W. 9th Ave.

Two Creeks thanks all our wonderful sponsors for the great prizes they donated:

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| • ACE Hardware | • Dominos Pizza |
| • Belmar Retail | • Gallery of Everything |
| • Casa Bonita | • The Home Depot |
| • Celestial Hair Design | • Lakewood Arts Council |
| • Century 16 Theaters Belmar | • Lakewood Country Club |
| • Champa St. Burger Works | • O'Toole's Garden Center |
| • Chicago Style Beef & Dogs | • Pet World |
| • Chipotle | • Planet Fitness |
| • Custom Hair, etc. – Mary Jo Kershaw | • Red Lobster |



Calendar of Events

Date/Time	Event	Place
Saturday March 17th 8:30a.m.	Two Creeks Board Meeting	Mountair Christian Church 1390 Benton Street
Wednesday March 21st 5-8:30 p.m.	Sprout Down Fundraiser and Hootenanny	Mercury Café 2199 California St., Denver, CO
Saturday April 21st 8:30a.m.	Two Creeks Board Meeting	Mountair Christian Church 1390 Benton Street
Saturday April 21st 11-4 p.m.	Earth Day Celebration	Lakewood Heritage Center 801 S Yarrow St
Saturday May 12th 7:30 a.m.	Colfax Clean Up 10th Ave. Clean Up	See article below for details
Saturday May 19th 8:30 a.m.	Two Creeks Board Meeting	Mountair Christian Church 1390 Benton Street
Saturday May 19th	Farm Fiesta	Mountair Park
Sunday May 20th 6:30-10 a.m.	Colfax Marathon	Colfax Avenue
Saturday June 16th 8:30 a.m.	Two Creeks Board Meeting	Lakewood Country Club
<i>Please contact your officers or Section leader if you would like to attend a TCNO Board meeting or have a specific item of concern. Phone numbers are listed on the last page.</i>		



Restaurants IN & AROUND Two Creeks

The Soul Kitchen

Craving some old-fashioned southern country cooking? Well, now you don't have to leave Lakewood to get it. Karen Thomas-Johnson and her son Jonathan Berry, Jr. opened their second location of The Soul Kitchen this past October in the Fairfield Commons shopping center at 98 Wadsworth Blvd. Their first location, opened in 2012, is in Aurora on Colfax Ave. The owners say that their food is prepared with love which "provides food for the soul".

Their menu features southern staples like fried catfish, chicken, shrimp and pork chops, meatloaf, gumbo, corn bread, potatoes and gravy, fried okra, red beans and rice, black-eyed peas and coleslaw as well as several other items.

The restaurant is open Monday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Lakewood location also has a full bar with happy hour everyday from 4 to 6 p.m.

If you're missing southern food or just want a change of pace, you may want to give them a try.

SPOTLIGHT ON Denver Collision Experts

Joaquin Tellez-Vega has been in the business of automotive restoration for over 20 years. So when he opened Denver Collision Experts at 1240 Harlan Street in 2013, he gave Two Creeks an excellent option for its auto body needs. Two members of the Two Creeks Neighborhood Organization board have personally used their services for hail damage repairs and can attest to the very quality workmanship they provide. They offer a variety of services including body and engine repair, paintless dent repair (PDR), bumper repair, windshield and glass replacement, vehicle painting, hail damage repair, frame straightening, alignments and suspension and wheel repair. Check out their website at www.denvercollision.com for more details.

If you need to have work done on your car, consider giving them a call at 303-761-0955 for a consultation appointment. You'll be glad you did.



Colfax Clean-Up

It will soon be time for The Colfax Marathon again, which means it is time to start planning for the Colfax Clean-Up. Our neighborhood, in conjunction with the West Colfax Community Association (WCCA), has always helped with the Colfax Clean-Up the week before the Colfax Marathon.

The clean-up this year is Saturday, May 12th as the Marathon is Sunday, May 20th. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. at Lamar Station Plaza (JCRS) on West Colfax in front of the vacant building just to the west of Burger King. Everyone is assigned a portion of West Colfax and areas along the route of the Marathon. This has become a friendly community event. The more volunteers we have to do the job, the faster it goes. We are usually done by 10-10:30 a.m. Trash bags, gloves and safety vests are provided by the City of Lakewood, and coffee, water and treats are available at the beginning of the clean-up.

Afterward, the Two Creeks Neighborhood usually does our Adopt a Street Clean-Up on 10th Ave. from Sheridan to Lamar. We will meet for this Clean-Up on the south side of 10th Ave. on Gray Street at approximately 10:15 a.m. We welcome all Two Creeks neighbors and anyone else that might want to help.

Come join us for this fun and helpful event. You can sign up by emailing Maddie Nichols at mad-dieandrandy@gmail.com or by calling her at 303-237-0054.

TWO CREEKS NEIGHBORHOOD ANNUAL MEETING

The Two Creeks Neighborhood Organization hosted our Annual Neighborhood meeting on October 16th. St. Bernadette Catholic Church graciously provided us with the venue for the meeting. We enjoyed an attendance of approximately 40 people. Speakers included Mayor Adam Paul, Lakewood Police, Ward Two City Council members Scott Koop (former) and Sharon Vincent as well as many others.

In addition to hearing from our guest speakers, Two Creeks Co-Chairs shared this list of accomplishments for our neighborhood in 2017:

- Maintained TCNO Website
- Held the annual fruit sale for a fundraiser
- Supported and participated in 40West Arts District developments
- Participated in weekly 40West Farmers Market at the Lamar Station Plaza
- Continued 10th Avenue Adopt-a-Street cleanup
- Colfax Marathon cleanup
- Hosted Annual Colfax Marathon booth at the Lamar Station Plaza
- Three newsletters distributed by email
- Neighborhood Participation Grant – applied for playground equipment for Newland Park
- Distributed Welcome Packets to new residents
- Supported and participated in West Colfax Community Association
- Supported Mountair Park Farm in participating in their events such as the Family Farm Fiesta and Haunted Harvest
- Volunteered at the 40West MuralFest
- National Night Out Ice Cream Social
- Annual Holiday Lighting Contest
- Helped to support:
 - Whiz Kids
 - Development of Safe Room at Mountair Christian Church
 - The Jeffco Action Center
 - Molholm Elementary School
 - Edgewater Collective

TCNO had a busy year in 2017! If you would like to be a part of accomplishing even more in 2018, consider coming to a meeting and seeing how you can get involved.

Fruit Sales

The Two Creeks Neighborhood Organization is happy to announce that we are once again offering delicious fruit from Palisades, Colorado for sale. We are partnering with Noland's Orchard on the western slope again. Noland's has always provided excellent fruit, picked fresh and shipped immediately to us for delivery. This is what makes the amazing difference that you will notice between this fruit and the fruit in the grocery stores, which usually sit around in the warehouse for days before delivery. Weather permitting, cherries and apricots are available in late June to mid July and peaches and pears in mid-August. You can choose to purchase these by the case (20 lbs.) or ½ case. Cost is determined by the orchard, with \$10 per case going to Two Creeks. People who have bought from us before have commented that the fruit was not only juicy, it melted in their mouths.

This is Two Creeks' only yearly fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser help to support our neighborhood group in providing programs for our neighborhood through the year. Some of these programs include a booth at the Colfax Marathon each May, where we hand out oranges to participants and provide information about our neighborhood, the National Night Out Ice Cream Social in August and the Holiday Lighting Contest in December. In doing this we hope to instill a sense of community pride and belonging. In addition to our own programs, we also use a great deal of these funds to help support neighborhood programs such as the Mountair Park Farm, The Jeffco Action Center, Whiz Kids, Molholm Elementary School, Therapeutic Art Programs for children in the area, The Edgewater Collective and Mountair Christian Church, whose goal is to reach out to neighbors in need.

When you buy from Two Creeks, you get to help better life in our neighborhood all while enjoying delicious fruit! What could be better than that?

We appreciate everyone's support of this fundraising project in the past and hope you continue and spread the word to all friends and neighbors

Please watch our website, <http://twocreeksneighborhood.org>, for order forms, which will be available in May, and more information on pricing and delivery. If you have questions or concerns please contact Maddie Nichols 303-237-0054, maddieandrandy@gmail.com or Chris Boyd 720-209-2691, cjboyd5@msn.com.



There is a lot happening at the West Line Village construction project site. Construction crews have been busy installing water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer lines as well as new streets and sidewalks. Also, work has been going on that will transform the area underneath the power lines north of the community along 11th Ave. This transformation will ultimately include a multi-use path, street improvements on 11th Ave. and new landscaping improvements. Construction has been helped by a warmer than average Fall, which allowed crews to get most of the utility infrastructure work completed prior to freezing temperatures which make this work difficult. The first units, along W. 10th Ave. and west of the new Depew St. are expected to be complete by the end of June, with other buildings following along after that. Construction on Phase 2 units is expected to begin sometime in March. Phase 2 is on the east side of the new Depew St. within the project and fronting 10th Ave.

West Line Village is currently in the process of selling units in Phase 2. It is a mirror image of Phase 1 of the project currently under construction. All but 2 of Phase 1's 29 units are currently under contract and sales have been brisk for Phase 2 as well. At the time of this writing 9 of Phase 2's 29 units are under contract.

For more information on this project, visit <http://westlinevillage.com/>.



Rendering of the future Depew Street in West Line Village

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

The City of Lakewood will be hosting their annual Earth Day Celebration this year from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 21st at the Lakewood Heritage Center. Earth Day, which began in 1970, is celebrated worldwide in the interest of raising awareness of issues with the environment. The City will be providing several activities including live art, free concerts, fitness classes, a climbing wall, electric vehicle expo, food trucks, a beer garden, bicycle valet, as well as several vendor booths. Visit <http://www.lakewood.org/EarthDay/> for full details and scheduling information.



Mountair Park Community Farm is gearing up for another great season. Things will get rolling March 21st at the **8th Annual Sprout Down Fundraiser and Hootenanny**, held at the Mercury Café in Denver. Events including live music, a live auction, a booze pull, cash bar, food, games and fun will start at 5:00 p.m. and wrap up around 8:00 p.m. Suggested donations are \$20 per person (includes 2 food tickets) or \$35 per couple (includes 4 food tickets). Kids admission is free. Extra food tickets will be available for sale at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. For additional information, check out the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/135998140417854/>.

The Mountair Park **Farm Fiesta** in 2018 is scheduled for May 19th. Participants last year enjoyed free popcorn, fresh food, live music, art projects, storytime, scavenger hunts and face painting. This year promises many of the same fun things. Be sure to visit the Sprout City Farms website at <http://sproutcityfarms.org> for times as well as other news.

COLFAX MARATHON

The Colfax Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, May 20th this year. As always, members of the Two Creeks board will be participating in this fun event, handing out oranges and encouraging runners, while promoting our neighborhood. Don't forget to come by the Two Creeks booth between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to get involved or say hello. We would love to see you!



40 West Arts has got a busy schedule ahead of them in 2018. Here are some of their upcoming courses and workshops in the near future.

District-Wide Art Walk, Friday March 2nd from 5-8pm 40 West Arts District, 1560 Teller Street

The Jellyfish Are Back by Popular Demand!

Did you come to our March 2017 District-wide Art Walk, where a swarm of fabric installation Jellyfish roamed through the District dancing, walking and delighting attendees? This super family-friendly, awe-your-kid, totally free moving art installation was a huge hit so we're bringing it back. Mark your calendars for First Friday March 2nd from 5-8pm when the Bad Astronauts will be shakin' and movin' throughout the district, in and out of galleries, and all around. We'll also have live music set up at multiple spots and all of our galleries and creative spaces (including 40W Studios) open. Bring your whole family for this fun celebration. Learn more here: www.40westarts.org

Artist in Residence FREE Live Demo, Thursday March 8th from 5:30-6:30pm 40 West Gallery, 1560 Teller Street

The Value of Underpainting

This demo will go over the importance of underpainting, from covering the surface to setting the mood of the painting, this demo will cover it all. Join current Artist in Residence James Overstreet between 5:30-6:30pm for this free workshop.

Learn more here: www.40westarts.org

Artist in Residence FREE Workshop, Kid & Family Friendly, Thursday April 12th from 5:30-7pm Lamar Station Crossing Apartments, 1450 Lamar Street

Abstract Landscape and Cloud Painting

Learn how to paint landscapes and clouds in an abstract style. Bring your own photos you wish to paint from or photos will be provided. All materials will be provided and this workshop is free, fun for kids and families and open to the public.



Many people think the only service that the Jeffco Action Center, located at 8755 W 14th Ave., helps neighbors with is food and clothing, but they do much more! Here are some of the things they are doing in the coming months.

The Mowry Match Challenge that was presented to honor Mag Strittmatter, our long-time Executive Director who has moved to New Mexico, is nearing completion but has been extended to the end of February in order to meet the goal of \$45,000. If you would like to participate, please consider making a donation at coloradogives.org or mailing a check to the Action Center at: 8755 W. 14th Avenue, Lakewood, 80215. Be sure to mention Mowry Match so it can be counted toward the goal.

The **Beautiful Junk Sale** will be March 16 and 17 at the Jeffco Fairgrounds. Please come out to shop a wide variety of items. They are also in need of volunteers to help at the sale. If you would like to help, email monicaw@theactioncenterco.org to sign up. All proceeds support Action Center programs. If you would like a reminder of their sales, you may email communications@theactioncenterco.org and list Beautiful Junk Email in the subject line to be added to a list of sale announcements.

Please consider taking a tour of The Action Center to learn more about the services they provide and how your donations impact their operation. Tours are provided four times a month. Set up a tour time by emailing farop@theactioncenterco.org.

The ArtLine is launching in your neighborhood...

Explore Art Outside!



Over the next few months, years of community visioning and planning will come to fruition with the opening of the 40

West ArtLine. This nearly 4-mile walking and biking route in the heart of the 40 West Arts District will connect Aviation, Mountair and Walker-Branch parks. Each park will have its own iconic, interactive art installation, and all along the route, a green line on the ground will guide visitors through opportunities to experience various types of art, play and connect with Lakewood's natural outdoor spaces and amenities in this historic area of the city.

Have you seen the green? Volunteers and artists worked with the city last fall to paint a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile ArtLine route pilot project around Mountair Park, the W Line bike path, Harlan Street and West 14th Avenue. The pilot project includes the green line, signs and the signature ArtLine pattern logo, which will be painted by artists and community volunteers at intersections along the route in May and June. James Overstreet, who is a local artist, RMCAD student and 40 West Artist in Residence, developed a hopscotch game that was painted by the community on the W Line bike path near Mountair Park Community Farm. Project partners are requesting feedback through a short survey before the rest of the route is installed in May. Check out 40WestArtLine.org/PilotProject to see images and to share your thoughts in the one-minute, six-question survey. Or, even better, #ExploreArtOutside to experience it in person and then take the survey. Hurry because the last day to take the survey is Thursday, March 1.

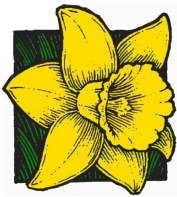
As the project partners prepare to “launch the line,” an electronic newsletter and project website have been created where all things ArtLine will live. Check out 40WestArtLine.org for images of the iconic park art and information about the sculptors, muralists and other artists who have been selected by the community to place art along the route. While there, sign up for the e-newsletter to receive updates about art installations,

block parties, bike rides, walks and other celebrations being planned as well as opportunities to volunteer to help paint ArtLine murals. Residents can also “like” the new 40 West ArtLine Facebook page to stay up to date on all the fun activities being planned in 2018, see images of past ArtLine events and celebrate the process that has led to creating the ArtLine experience. Finally, please mark your calendars for Friday, June 1 when the ArtLine Launch Block Party will take place, and learn about all the event details through the e-newsletter or Facebook page.

The 40 West Artline is supported by an Our Town grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The community's idea for creating the ArtLine was first envisioned in Lakewood's 40 West Arts District Urban Design and Mobility Concepts Plan, which involved participation from hundreds of residents, businesses and community members and was adopted by Lakewood City Council in 2012.

Please contact Principal Planner Alexis Moore at 303-987-7503 or alemoo@lakewood.org for more information.





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