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Deadline to advertise is

May 20th

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Large Item Drop-Off Event

Waste Connections will provide a clean-up day for the community, which will be drop-off this year. The truck will be staged at the Creekside Park parking lot; located at 6201 S. Tower Road, Aurora, CO 80016, with a driver to assist with off-loading resident vehicles. The clean-up event will be **Saturday**, **June 28th**, **2025** from **8:00 AM** – **12:00 PM**. Each home is limited to 2 yards of debris (Approximately the size of a large couch).

Please see list of items that Waste Connections cannot accept on page 4





Board Meetings

The Farm at Arapahoe County Homeowners Association Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for 2025:

The Farm at Arapahoe County Board of Directors typically meets quarterly on the second Wednesday of February, May, August, and November at 6:15 PM via Zoom. However, additional board meetings have been scheduled this year. Please email PCMS at Corpoffice@pcms.net if you would like confirmation of the Zoom meeting login details. Be sure to include the address of the property you own when requesting this information.

- May 14, 2025-6:15 PM
- June 11, 2025-6:15 PM
- July 9, 2025-6:15 PM
- August 13, 2025-6:15 PM
- November 12, 2025-6:15 PM-Annual Membership & Budget Ratification Meetings-Please refer to the annual notice, which will be mailed to all homeowners of record, for detailed information, including login details and instructions.

You can also visit The Farm HOA website at $\underline{www.TheFarmHOA.com}$ for the most up-to-date meeting dates/times.

2025 Hillcrest at The Farm Owners Association Board Meeting Information:

The Hillcrest at The Farm Board of Directors meets quarterly on the 2nd Thursday of February, May, August and November at 6:00 PM via Zoom. Please email PCMS at Corpoffice@pcms.net if you would like confirmation of the Zoom meeting login details. Be sure to include the address of the property you own when requesting this information.

- May 8, 2025-6:00 PM
- August 14, 2025-6:00 PM
- November 13, 2025-6:00 PM-Annual Membership & Budget Ratification Meetings-Please refer to the annual notice, which will be mailed to all homeowners of record, for detailed information, including login details and instructions.

You can also visit www.HillcrestAtTheFarmHOA.com for the most up-to-date meeting dates and times.

Homestead at the Farm

Meetings are held virtually.

Please watch your email for the meeting link and agenda.

- 5/13/2025 5:00pm hatf BOD
- 9/16/2025 5:00pm hatf BOD
- 11/18/2025 6:00pm hatf budget ratification/annual meeting



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Who do you know considering buying or selling a home you could refer to our real estate sales team? Not only will they benefit from our award-winning service and iron clad guarantees but the kids at Give Kids the World Village will benefit as well. Just give us a call or pass our number on to anyone you know considering buying or selling. Our number is **720-463-0002**.

You can go to **YourReferralsHelp.com** and enter their contact info online or forward the link to someone you know considering a move.







"Bill and his team are amazing to work with. We first met Bill when we purchased our home and were so impressed by his professionalism and kindness that when it was time for us to sell, we immediately knew he would be the best person to do it. Because we live out of state, It was especially important for us to have a realtor that is efficient, responsive and trustworthy. Bill took care of everything, from helping us find contractors in his network for necessary repairs, to quickly finding us a buyer, and couldn't have made the process of selling our home any easier. We highly recommend him!"

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6445 S. Telluride St.	\$869,900	8	4	6	3,003
6328 S. Ouray Wy.	\$837,000	21	3	3	2,942
6530 S. Walden St.	\$828,000	3	5	4	3,269
16844 E. Lake Pl	\$817,007	18	5	4	2,571
17724 E. Oakwood Pl.	\$731,500	1	4	4	2,617
6065 S. Telluride Cir.	\$689,999	48	4	3	2,085

Average Sales Price: \$795,568

Average Days on Market (DOM) 17

Available Homes: As of 04/15/2025 there is ONE property available for sale in The Farm.

Aurora Market Snapshot (MAR 16, 2025 – APR 15, 2025)

576 Sold Listings / \$512,000 Average Sales Price / 84 Average Days on Market

- Based on information from REcolorado, Inc. for the period of 03/16/2025 through 04/15/2025.
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Large Item Drop-Off Event

Event on Saturday, June 28th, 2024 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM:

Non-acceptable Waste:

- Electronics
- Tires/auto parts/oil/gas
- Wet paint
- Medical waste
- Anything with Freon or Gas/refrigerators/
- freezers
- Florescent light bulbs
- Hazardous Waste
- Batteries of any kind
- Propane tanks
- Microwaves
- Dirt, rock, brick, cement etc.

Complaint Procedure

Who May Submit Complaints? Complaints regarding alleged violations of the Covenants, Design Guidelines or Rules and Regulations may be reported by members of the Board of Directors, members of the Community or the Association's Manager.

How Complaints Should be Submitted. Complaints by a member of the community shall be in writing and must include a contact name and email address or phone number in case there is an inquiry from the Board or management office regarding the complaint submitted. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted. Your name and contact information will not be provided to the person you have made a complaint about; it is only needed for the management team. The member must have observed the alleged violation and shall contain the nature of the alleged violation, the location of the alleged violation and the date it was observed, photos are very helpful. A complaint may also be submitted by any member of the Board of Directors or by the Association Manager after a walk-through or inspection of the community.

You may send your concerns to PCMS via email at support@pcms.net or via fax at 303-224-0002.





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Business Card	1/6 Page	1/4 Page
\$30 per issue	\$45 per issue	\$60 per issue
1/3 Page	Half Page	Full Page
\$75 per issue	\$85 per issue	\$110 per issue

Deadline is always the 20th of the preceding month. Email kerri@porchlink with any questions.

Text us at 720-295-2649 with your email address and we will send you a current rate sheet!









Teen Services Update:

If you have previously registered your teenager for the Teen Services listing in the newsletter publication and your teen is no longer interested in having their name listed or has moved out of the community, please send an email to corpoffice@pcms.net and request that your teens name be removed from the list. The Association has received a few calls indicating that they have tried calling several of the teens listed and were told they are now at college or moved, etc.



Did You Know....

Blue jeans were officially invented in May 1873 after Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a patent for the pants on May 20th.





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BEN THE IRRIGATION GUY: Sprinkler turn on, repairs, installation, aeration, and fertilizing. \$50.00 per service. SPRING SPECIAL includes aeration, fertilization and sprinkler turn on (includes full adjustment and inspection) \$140 **large yards and sprinklers over 6 zones extra- call for free quote**

Please text or call 720-266-9496 to set up a time.

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

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

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

There is no long term commitment, you are welcome to advertise on a monthly basis depending on your needs.

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Stonegate	4,600	\$35						
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ALL OF Parker (above)	7,550 HOMES	\$75						
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Tollgate Crossing	1,500	\$25						
Tallyn's Reach	2,037	\$35						
Saddle Rock North	663	\$25						
Saddle Rock East/South	1,566	\$25						
Murphy Creek	1,400	\$20						
The Farm	1,500	\$10						
ALL OF Aurora (above)	11,123 HOMES	\$165						
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Foxridge	1,000	\$25						
Hunters Hill	275	\$10						
ALL OF Centennial	2,904 HOMES	\$60						
Sapphire Pointe	800	\$15						
Founders Village	2,200	\$15						
ALL OF Castle Rock	3,000 HOMES	\$25						
Colliers Hill (Erie)	1,686	\$25						



Waste Connections 2025 Recycle Schedule

THE FARM is on the "A WEEK" Schedule | 303-288-2100 | www.wcdenver.com

Recycling collection will be every other week. Your pick-up is on your regular service day. Please refer to the highlighted lines of this calendar to determine your recycling collection week.

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= We observe the following holidays: New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Unless it falls on a weekend day.

Your holiday collection schedule will run 1 DAY LATE (Mon. will be Tues. and so on and Fri. will be Sat.) If your normal pick-up day falls on or after the holiday within the same week.

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Fox Hollow PTO Community Corner

Calling All Incoming Kindergarteners! Enroll Now!



2025-2026 School Year

Kindergarten enrollment is open. You can apply online: https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/admissions

School tours are available. Call the Fox Hollow front desk: 720.886.8700

No School

May 2

Non-Contact Day

Field Day

May 9th



Skate City Spirit Night

May 15th 6 - 8 PM

A portion of the proceeds will support Fox Hollow

Last Day of School

May 23rd

Have a fun and safe summer!!!







Do Not Play on The Playground during school hours 7:40am-3pm everyday Including Wednesdays

No Walking Dogs On School Grounds 7:30am-3:30pm Service Dogs Must Be Visibly Labeled

The Farm Teen Services

To add your name please contact: corpoffice@pcms.net ♦ updated March 2025 The Teen Services listing will be offered and maintained by the Homeowners Association and is not a service of Porchlink Media, LLC. Any misuse of the listing should be reported immediately to the Homeowners Association.

Name	Phone Number	Baby Sitter	Red Cross Certified	Pet Sitter	House Sitter	Lawn Mowing	Chores	Snow Removal	Other
Zachary Ammon	303-221-0626	✓	✓						
Aidan Anderson	720-412-6174					✓			
Isaac Anderson	303-549-1757				head	dlight polishi	ng		
Sophia Anderson	303-549-3867	✓		√ dogs	✓				dog walking
Stratton Anderson	303-549-2170			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	math tutoring (middle school and younger) dog walking
Eva Atkinson	720-551-1644 303-408-7114	✓		✓					
Alina Bates	303-408-2795								dog walking
Jacob Blevins	951-776-6969					✓			weeding
Trevor Bock	720-481-8481			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Joshua Brito-Mariani	303-803-2601			✓		✓		✓	tutor
Cooper Elmore	720-584-2549	✓		✓	✓				
Chase Enriquez	303-619-9315			✓		✓			
Kelcie G, 15	406-599-0345			✓					
Alejandro Garcia, 14	720-675-0353				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Leonardo Garcia, 15	720-469-3051				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sophia Good	248-897-5105	✓	✓	✓					swim lessons
Natalie Krier	720-717-6779	✓	✓						
Zoe Lapidow, 16	720-666-5060	✓	✓						
Lili Lombard	720-477-0308	✓	✓						
Ellie Lucas.	303-396-8340	✓	√						
Natalie Marcinek	321-537-9332	√	√					<u> </u>	
Sophia Marcinek	321-794-7947	✓		√	✓		✓		
Jaya Messer	303-903-9234	√		√	✓	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	Dog walker
Keegan Parris	720-410-2865	√		√		✓		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lily Parris	720-410-2865	√		√		✓			
Kariana Rodriguez, 14	720-261-5438	√	√	√	√				Dog walker
Alejandro Salazar, 16	720-291-1279	√	√		√	√		✓	tutor
Audrey Seidel	720-926-3771	√	√	√	√		✓		
Tenzing Sherpa	303-396-9194	√	√	√	√		✓		tutor
Allie Smith	720-537-6624	✓		✓	✓				Soccer Lessons, Tutor
Caleb Smith	720-422-1216	√	√	√ √	√	✓	✓	✓	Baseball Lessons
Maddie Squires	720-318-5912	✓	√	√	✓			~	Tutoring middle school & younger, dog walking
Hallie Stevens 13	505-263-3528	√ Ⅱ		√	✓		✓		Dog walking Weed picking
Reagan Stone	720-560-3706	✓	√	✓		<u> </u>	✓	<u> </u>	swim lessons
Harper Stull, 13	720-660-1259			✓	✓		✓		leaf removal, gardening, dog waste collection
Emma Tebben	720-476-2404	✓		✓	√	√		<u> </u>	tutor & dog walker
Noah Tebben	720-628-7606			✓	✓	✓	✓		dog walker
Adler Tuley	720-808-1442					✓		1	Fertilization
Everest Tuley	720-808-1442					✓		<u> </u>	Fertilization
Mikaela Vernikoff	720-371-0352	✓	√	✓	✓				
Alexis Walton	720-252-6689	✓		✓	✓	<u> </u>			
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Park and Field Reservation Information/Goodman Metropolitan District Contact Information:

Please note that the Goodman Metropolitan District provides the management of the areas that are owned by the District which includes the baseball fields, soccer fields, Central Park, Highridge Park and Creekside Park. Visit the <u>parks and amenities page</u> at https://www.goodmanmetro.org/ for more info if you are interested in reserving the fields or park areas in the community.

Goodman Metropolitan District Updates:

If you would like to receive updates from the Goodman Metropolitan District regarding the Parks and Trails within The Farm, please contact Allison Hanson at ahanson@wbapc.com or 303-858-1800.

Application Review Procedure of the DRB

In order to try and improve the current homeowner design review request submittal procedure, our DRB has established a process for the receipt, review and response of all future design review requests. The DRB will schedule and convene meetings as necessary to review homeowner applications submitted to the management company, PCMS based upon the following schedule; a) owner applications with all required additional documentation received by the first Friday of the month will be reviewed by the DRB for response to the owner by the third Friday of the month will be reviewed by the DRB for response to the owner by the first Friday of the month. These schedules are subject to change by the DRB.

Questions on process for submitting architectural or design review plans?

Please note that the e-mail address for all design review requests and inquiries regarding the submittal process at <a href="design:des



EMERGENCY (Police& Fire):

911

Member Notification Information:

Community Legal Name:

The Farm at Arapahoe County Homeowners Association, Inc.

Date Declaration Recorded: March 25, 1998

Fiscal Year: January-December

Assessment: \$52 per month

Assessment Includes: trash removal, social activities, newsletter, common area landscape maintenance and covenant enforcement

Community Representative: Mark L. Eames, PCAM
CAM Lic. No. RM 000001261

Management Company: PCMS Office: 303-224-0004

For Association Issues:

Covenants, HOA Assessments, and Design Review Requests

Address: 7208 S. Tucson Way, Suite 125, Centennial, C0 80112

Fax:

303-224-0002

Email: corpoffice@pcms.net

Hours:

Mon-Thurs 7:30 am - 4:30 pm Fri 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

COMMUNITY WEBSITE: www.thefarmhoa.com

<u>DOCUMENTS</u>: The Master Declaration of Covenants and Design Guidelines can be viewed at the The Farm website at www.thefarmhoa.com. All other documents are available by email, fax or mail if requested.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: To report any vandalism or suspicious activities call: Arapahoe County Sheriff Dispatch: 303-795-4711

HOMESTEAD AT THE FARM SUB-ASSOCIATION c/o Avenue 1 Properties: 303-804-9800

HILLCREST COMMUNITY AT THE FARM SUB-ASSOCIATION 6/0 PCMS: 303-224-0004

SERVICES & UTILITIES

Arapahoe County Sheriff: 303-795-4711

Electricity & Gas - Xcel Energy: 800-895-1999

Intermountain Rural Electric: 303-688-3100

United States Post Office: 800-275-8777

Snow Removal, Street & Sign Damage: Arapahoe County Public Works: 720-874-6500

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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 wellestablished 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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- https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/lawn-care-7-202/
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