

Thistle Community Housing



Newsletter – August 2024

Good afternoon, Valued Thistle Residents!

We hope you all are doing well and staying cool during this beautiful Colorado summer! As always, we thank you for being a valued Thistle Community resident!

A few things to share this month with all our Thistle Communities...

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“Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!” Fire Safety Recommendations:

In light of the recent numerous fires experienced here recently on the Front Range, we’d like to take a moment to remind everyone of some critical fire safety recommendations:

1. Ensure that your smoke alarms are working by testing them frequently and notify Thistle Management immediately if any of your smoke alarms are not working properly.
2. Teach everyone in the household what smoke alarms sound like, and what to do when they hear one.
3. Ensure that all doors and points of egress are clear and accessible.
4. Ensure that all household members know two ways to escape from every room of your home and identify a family meeting spot outside of your home.
5. Practice an emergency evacuation plan at least twice a year. Press the smoke alarm test button, or yell “Fire!” to alert everyone that they must get out.
6. Ensure that all appliances (i.e.: ovens and stovetop burners) are turned off immediately after use.
7. Avoid using ANY item that could cause a spark.

For more information on fire safety and prevention recommendations, please visit the Red Cross website at: [7 Ways To Prepare For A Home Fire | American Red Cross](#). We are also including the Colorado Wildfire Resource Guide to this newsletter. Thank you for your help in preventing fires!

Back to School Events in Boulder County:

With the start of school right around the corner, the Boulder Valley School District and the Saint Vrain



Valley School District are once again participating in “Crayons to Calculators”, a program designed to ease the financial burden on families when securing school supplies! Links to these two programs are below, and are available for any family in the Boulder and Longmont communities:

- For Boulder Residents: <https://www.impactoneducation.org/learning-tools/>
- For Longmont Residents: [Crayons to Calculators Program Provides School Supplies to St. Vrain Students – St. Vrain Valley Schools \(svvsd.org\)](#)

Coming Soon! Student Loan Debt Clinics:

YI Rocky Mountain is bringing in-person student loan help to a city near you!

If you need help navigating your student loan repayment options, join us at one of our clinics in Pueblo, Denver, or Fort Collins.

For more information, please visit: [– Colorado 2024 Student Debt Clinics \(younginvincibles.org\)](#)

“What’s Up Boulder” Is Back! – September 7th, 2024

Our annual citywide engagement event called “What’s Up Boulder,” is back! “What’s Up Boulder” will take place on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 1–4 p.m. at East Boulder Community Park between the soccer fields and the East Age Well Center.

This citywide engagement open house will be an opportunity for shared learning, connection and a sense of belonging during a fun event designed for all ages. City staff from a variety of departments will be available to engage in dialogue with community members about programs, services, and policy issues through an inclusive and coordinated “One Boulder” approach.

For More information, please visit: [Heads Up July 26, 2024 | City of Boulder \(bouldercolorado.gov\)](#)

Animal Leash Laws Reminder:

Due to an uptick of complaints received regarding animals off-leash and other animal behavior, we’d like to take the opportunity to remind all Residents of the City rules and regulations:

Per the City Animal Laws:

- Dogs MUST be on a hand-held leash at all times.
- Dogs must not be tied up outside, or left outside unsupervised, including on patios, balconies, or in common spaces (ie: the tennis court).
- Owners must pick up animal waste immediately. Failure to immediately and properly dispose of

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animal waste can result in a fine of \$100.00 from the City of Boulder.

For more information about the City of Boulder Animal Laws, please visit bouldercolorado.gov or boulderhumane.org.

Additionally, the Thistle Pet/Service Animal Agreement states that “pets will not disturb any of the other Residents and will not damage any of the property of the apartment community”. Please be respectful of your neighbors by preventing barking or excessive noise from your pets or animals, especially during the quiet hours of 10:00pm—6:00am.

Emergency Work Order Procedure:

All maintenance emergencies must be reported by calling our 24-hour On-Call Maintenance line at (303)443-0007 ext. 2.

Please note that staff emails and office phone lines are NOT monitored after business hours, so all maintenance emergencies must be reported using the phone number above!

As always, for a true emergency like fire or a gas leak, please call 911. The Police non-emergency number in Longmont is 303.651.8555. The Police non-emergency number in Boulder is 303.441.4444.

Labor Day Office Closure – Monday, September 2nd, 2024:

In recognition of Labor Day, Thistle offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd 2024, and normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024.

To learn more about the history of Labor Day, and why it's important, please visit: [History of Labor Day | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](#)

We greatly appreciate your time and attention to this email! We hope these communications show we are here, we are listening, and we care. Our focus remains on Customer Service, Curb Appeal and Resident Retention!

Thanks for your time and as always, we're available 24/7 at 303.443.0007.

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