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Foxridge Improvement Association Board of Directors
meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

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It takes a lot of different talents to keep Foxridge connected, attractive, informed, and fun—and we could use yours! FIA is looking for neighbors interested in **graphic design, communications, website management, landscaping and beautification, meeting notes, event planning, newsletter production, or simply bringing fresh ideas to the table.**

You don't need to be an expert, and you don't necessarily need to join the Board. Whether you'd like to take on a leadership role or help with a specific project, there's a place for you to get involved, meet more neighbors, and make a difference in Foxridge.

Ask questions or let us know your interest at Foxridge.Board@gmail.com or 303-435-2073.

See below for more information about running for the Board and voting in the election.

FIA Elections Coming in November: Interested in joining the FIA Board or Volunteering?

Come Join the Fun and Meet More Neighbors!

The Foxridge Improvement Association (FIA) is gearing up for our annual Board elections, and we need your energy, ideas, and passion!

Have you ever thought about joining a Board of Directors? It's a great way to give back to your community, learn how neighborhood governance works, and even build your résumé. Whether you're new to volunteering or a seasoned board member, the FIA Board is a great place to make a difference.

This year, three Board seats are up for election for two-year terms. Board members meet once a month for about two hours to discuss everything from membership, finances, and events to neighborhood maintenance and community updates. Committees work during the months to plan events, work on Foxtales, and take care of other business.

If joining the Board is not for you, we also welcome volunteers to help with:

- Event planning
- Communications
- Foxtales Newsletter
- And other meaningful roles that keep the FIA running!

Interested in running for the Board or volunteering? Or want to nominate someone (with their permission)? Email us at foxridge.board@gmail.com.

To be featured as a candidate in the October Foxtales, send us your photo and short bio by September 18. You can still be added to the ballot through September 20, but you'll miss out on the newsletter publicity.

Important: You must be a member of the FIA on or before September 20 to run for the Board, and by November 11 to vote.

Let's work together to make Foxridge stronger, more connected, and more fun!

A summary of activities and deadlines is shown on the table below.

Date	Task/Event/Requirement
September 9	Join FIA to be on the certified membership list. Membership on this date allows (a) the board to determine the membership-quorum for our annual meeting in November
September 18	Submit candidate name, photo and biography to appear in the October Foxtales
September 20	Final cutoff date to be listed on the ballot – must submit candidate name, photo, and biography
October 1	All certified FIA members are eligible to vote using the QR code contained in the October issue of FoxTales. The ballot can also be returned by mail or in person at the annual meeting. (NOTE: Homeowners may join and ask for a ballot anytime up to and including, at the November 11th annual meeting.)
November 11	Annual meeting and announcement of initial election results; final verification occurs in the days that follow. The annual meeting is open to all FIA members. Ballots may be cast at the meeting if they have not been electronically cast or mailed ahead of time.



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[term thru 12/31/27]

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Secretary: Mark Trocinski (term thru 12/31/26)

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Gurdeep Sandhu [term thru 12/31/26]

FIA Board Members At Large

Tudi Arneill (term through 12/31/26)

Mike Berrebi (12/31/27)

Alex Martinez (term thru 12/31/26)

Safaa Kushnir (12/31/27)

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Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON)

Contact: foxridge.board@gmail.com

Representative Cheryl Gass

Covenants of the 11 filings comprising Foxridge can be found on our website:

www.foxridgecommunity.com

under FIA Board, Covenants

Did You Know...

August Festivals in Colorado include:

- *Tarantula Fest (La Junta)*
- *Pueblo Chili & Frijoles Festival*
- *Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival (Estes Park)*

Community Resources:

There are some community needs that are not necessarily handled by the FIA Board. For questions or concerns, contact the following agencies:

Mayor: Christine Sweetland

www.centennialco.gov | 303-754-3350

District 3 Rep: Rik Holt

E-mail: rholt@centennialCO.gov

District 3 Rep: Ryan Dwiggin

CentennialCo.gov

House District 37

Representative Chad Clifford

chad@chadforcolorado.com

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CSU Extension: 303-730-1920

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Utility Notification Center of Colorado

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Willows Water District:

303-770-8625 | www.willowswater.org

Power Outages: Xcel Energy Emergency

Call Center: 1-800-895-1999

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City of Centennial: 303-325-8000

24/7 Switchboard: 303-325-8000

Building Services & Home Improvement

Program: 303-754-3321

Building Inspection Hot Line: 303-708-1430

Road, Sidewalk, Traffic Issues, Problems:

303-325-8000

Animal Control /Barking Dog Complaints:

303-325-8070

Code Enforcement:

303-325-8000

Homeless Outreach Liaison:

Vanessa Gates

homelessoutreach@centennialco.gov

303-325-8000

Law Enforcement & Arapahoe Co. Sheriff:

Sheriff@arapahoesherriff.org | Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency Issues & Questions:

303-795-4711

Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Watch:

303-795-4711

Graffiti Removal: 303-795-4711

Arapahoe Co. Government:

www.co.arapahoe.co.us

District 2 Commissioner:

Jessica Campbell-Swanson

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303-795-4630

Clerk & Recorder: 303-795-4200

Arapahoe County Health

6162 S. Willow Dr., Suite 100

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Phone: 303-795-4584

South Metro Fire Rescue Authority

www.southmetro.org | Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency Issues & Questions:

720-989-2000

After Hours Dispatch: 720-258-8911

SE Metro Stormwater Authority

www.semswa.org

Report Clogged Stormdrains & Foam in Creeks:

303-858-8844

Hazardous Waste Disposal Program:

(Curbside, Inc.) 1-800-449-7587

South Suburban Parks & Recreation District

303-798-5131 | www.sspr.org

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Home Wise September 2026

HomeWise: Yikes My Yard!

Let's face it: between the scorching high-plains heat, intense Mile High UV rays, and strict watering schedules across the Denver metro area, our yards are looking a bit beat up. Brown patches in the turf, crispy perennial edges, and stressed trees are common sights across the neighborhood. As we look toward fall, the goal isn't to force lush growth right now—it's to help our soil recover, protect root systems, and prep everything to survive the winter and bounce back strong next spring.

When deciding between extra water or extra food, focus on targeted hydration rather than fertilizer. High-nitrogen food forces tender new leaf growth that demands massive amounts of moisture, while fertilizer salts can actually burn fragile roots in dry soil. Instead, concentrate on deep, slow watering. For lawn areas, applying a soil penetrant or humate treatment helps break up heavy Front Range clay so irrigation soaks deeply into the root zone rather than running off.

For pruning and trimming, the golden rule right now is to trim less. Resist the urge to do major cutting during late summer or peak drought stress, as trimming can stimulate late-season growth that gets killed off by our first early freeze. The main exception is removing dead, diseased, or hazardous broken branches for safety. Save major structural pruning for late winter while trees are completely dormant.

Action Plan for Trees, Turf, and Garden Beds

- **Trees:** Run a soaker hose around the drip line under the outer canopy or use a deep-root watering tool inserted up to 8 inches deep, aiming for roughly 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter monthly. Apply a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic wood mulch around the base to keep soil cool, making sure to keep mulch off the trunk.
- **Lawn Care:** Raise your mower blade to 3 or 3.5 inches so taller grass blades shade the soil and keep roots cool. Schedule core aeration in early fall to punch holes in compacted soil and allow oxygen, water, and nutrients to reach deep roots.
- **Perennials & Shrubs:** Hand-water stressed plants in the cool morning hours. Deadhead faded flowers, but leave the remaining healthy foliage intact until after a hard freeze to shield the plant's crown.

Our Colorado dry spells don't stop when the snow falls, so winter watering is essential. Plan to hand-water young trees, shrubs, and dry spots once a month during dry stretches when temperatures rise above 40°F and the ground isn't frozen. A little care now and through the cold months will pay off in a lush, healthy neighborhood come spring! Thanks for reading Home Wise this month.

Let me know if you want a particular type of article or feature in future issues. Julie@JulieHoltHomes.com



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Leaf Peeping Locally

October brings a beautiful wave of late-season gold down to the Denver metro area and foothills. Because the urban corridor sits at a lower elevation (5,280 feet), peak fall colors hit the Front Range from early to mid-October, making it the perfect time for lowland leaf-peeping and classic harvest happenings.

Front Range Fall Foliage

Cherry Creek Bike Trail

This paved trail follows the tree-lined creek for 40 miles from downtown Denver out to Cherry Creek State Park, offering a canopy of golden leaves.

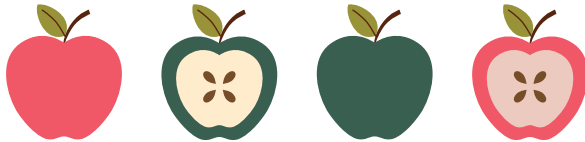
High Line Canal Trail

Stretching for over 70 miles through the metro area, this path is famous for its massive, historic Cottonwood trees that turn a brilliant, deep yellow in October.

South Platte River Trail

Running from the city center down to Chatfield State Park, this path is perfect for enjoying autumn colors.

These trails are open to hikers and cyclists; each trail has a website with more information.



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8256685	8024 S Oneida Court	6/24/26	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,655,000.00	5	5	4,320
1763486	7943 S Olive Court	3/10/26	\$999,000.00	\$1,004,500.00	6	4	5,071
4575839	6998 E Long Avenue	5/21/26	\$900,000.00	\$927,000.00	4	4	3,137
2638480	8252 S Krameria Way	7/1/26	\$840,000.00	\$840,000.00	5	4	3,519
9248880	8025 S Krameria Way	6/22/26	\$825,000.00	\$825,000.00	3	3	3,501
7541321	6104 E Mineral Drive	6/1/26	\$800,000.00	\$810,000.00	4	3	3,552
7394686	8195 S Newport Way	4/17/26	\$825,000.00	\$810,000.00	5	3	3,104
5737682	6134 E Mineral Drive	5/19/26	\$789,900.00	\$789,900.00	4	4	3,651
IR1053955	8200 S Locust Way	5/18/26	\$792,000.00	\$768,000.00	4	3	3,077
9504497	7937 S Pontiac Way	3/27/26	\$740,000.00	\$740,000.00	4	3	2,431
4413300	7936 S Niagara Court	5/12/26	\$748,000.00	\$737,000.00	4	4	3,278
IR1060020	7909 S Poplar Way	6/30/26	\$800,000.00	\$735,000.00	5	3	3,370
6580170	7753 S Oneida Court	7/15/26	\$725,000.00	\$725,000.00	3	3	2,904
2559173	6440 E Mineral Drive	3/17/26	\$732,000.00	\$720,000.00	4	3	2,340
2569611	7764 S Poplar Way	3/16/26	\$750,000.00	\$685,000.00	4	3	2,805
7539396	7774 S Oneida Court	6/22/26	\$675,000.00	\$677,500.00	4	3	2,479

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Entities Operating Within Foxridge

There are several separate and independent entities that operate within our community. Below is a list to help you better understand how these entities relate to the Foxridge Improvement Association.

THE FIA (Member Funded)

The Foxridge Improvement Association (FIA) is a non-profit corporation with membership available to all 934 homeowners in Foxridge, but is not mandatory. The purposes of the FIA as stated in the Articles of Incorporation Article 5 are "To educate and inform Owners about the Covenants applicable to the various Filings, the betterment of the general welfare and the promotion of friendly relations between the residents of Foxridge, and, when called upon, to provide arbitration of disputes related to Community issues." The annual voluntary FIA dues are \$60.00 per calendar year (Jan 1 thru Dec 31).

FGID (Taxpayer Funded)

The Foxridge General Improvement District (FGID) is not a part of the FIA. The FGID is a taxing district approved by the Foxridge homeowners in 1990 to provide funding for items such as community fencing, entry gardens and monuments, irrigation, and landscape maintenance. In 2019, voters living in Foxridge approved a mill levy increase to pay for the installation of a new Trex fence along Quebec and the main thoroughfare streets. The fence project was completed in 2021. The FGID funds are administered by the City of Centennial via Foxridge Community representatives who are approved by the FGID Board of Directors (City Council).

CenCON (Funded by Association Members)

Centennial Council of Neighborhood (CenCON) is composed of neighborhood associations' representatives in the City of Centennial. Their current membership represents about 22,000 Centennial homes in about 50 different Homeowner Associations. CenCON meets eleven times a year to impart important information from the City and many special districts that serve its members. An FIA Board Member serves as the FIA's CenCON representative and relays this information back for dissemination to homeowners by means of monthly meetings, newsletters, etc.

SSPRD (Taxpayer Funded)

South Suburban Parks and Recreation District (SSPRD) manages and maintains the public tennis courts, parks, trails, Foxridge Orchard, some grassed and irrigated street rights-of-way and the natural open space drainages within Foxridge. The mission of the South Suburban Park and Recreation District is to foster healthy living through stewardship of the environment, parks, trails, and open space and by providing recreational services and programs.

THE CLUB AT FOXRIDGE (Member Funded)

The Club at Foxridge is a member-owned private swim & tennis club located one block west of Quebec on East Mineral Avenue at 7070 E Mineral Ave, in the Foxridge neighborhood. The Club at Foxridge has voluntary memberships and is not affiliated with the FIA or FGID, although we encourage and maintain a mutually beneficial cooperative relationship. The Club offers swim and tennis lessons and is home of a summer swim team as well as several USTA league teams.

TROPHY CLUB (Homeowner Funded)

The Trophy Club is an HOA that consists of 75 residences within Foxridge West Filing No. 1. The Trophy Club is not affiliated with the FIA, although we encourage and maintain a mutually beneficial cooperative relationship. The FIA has no authority to enforce Trophy Club Covenants.

FOXRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN (Donation Funded)

The FCG is a place where Foxridge residents, as well as neighbors from surrounding areas, can enjoy their own garden plot or volunteer in communal garden plots. Extra produce is donated to local food banks. The garden is just east of the swim club at 7070 E Mineral Ave. It is affiliated with Denver Urban Gardens and is managed solely by volunteers with a mutually beneficial and cooperative relationship with the FIA and the swim club.

Centennial's Budget Reality WHAT RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ROAD AHEAD

The Challenge

Centennial is at a financial crossroads. Between now and 2035, the City's annual expenditures are expected to exceed revenue. By 2028, Centennial may not have enough funding to sustain the current level of maintenance for roads, bridges, trac signals, and other essential infrastructure. Without action, roads will deteriorate, safety risks will grow, and Centennial will fall further behind on critical projects — including the \$100 million in improvements identified in the City's Transportation Master Plan.

What \$20 Million Funds

- Road repair and maintenance — pothole repair, pavement preservation, and repaving
- Sidewalks and on-street bike paths — maintaining, completing, and expanding connections
- Bridges and trac signals — replacing and modernizing aging infrastructure (some up to 40 years old)
- Year-round street maintenance — routine upkeep, including snow removal, street sweeping, and striping
- Trac safety — crosswalks, lighting, intersection improvements, and safer routes for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers

A Potential Solution

If Centennial's sales tax went from 2.5% to 3.5%, it would generate roughly \$23 million annually — enough to fund the City's most critical infrastructure needs.

WHY THIS APPROACH?

- **Protects the General Fund** — preserves funding for neighborhood services, trac enforcement, and other resident-facing programs
- **Spreads the cost fairly** — visitors and commuters who use Centennial's roads contribute alongside residents
- **Below the Front Range average** — at 3.5%, Centennial's rate would still be lower than the regional average of 3.63%

Centennial has raised its sales tax only once in its 25-year history.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

No decisions have been made. City Council will review community input and determine next steps in August.
Learn more and share your input at YourCityBudget.co

KEY NUMBERS

- \$100 million in transportation improvements identified in the Transportation Master Plan
- \$20 million needed annually to fund ongoing critical infrastructure maintenance
- By 2028, a shortfall of funding will force difficult decisions about services and investments





A Brief History of Colorado's Most Famous Crops

Whether you're a transplant or a Colorado native, you've likely heard of some of the homegrown crops that come around every season. Whether it's a roadside stand, or at the grocery store, you've likely heard about Palisade Peaches, Olathe Corn, or Rocky Ford Cantaloupe. But do you know how they got there? Why do we grow peaches on corn and the western slope? Or cantaloupe in the southern plains? Today, we'll be exploring the history of Colorado's most famous crops, and what makes them so special.

Palisade Peaches

Georgia may be the peach state, but if you're from Colorado you wait every season for Palisade Peaches to return. Palisade is a small town located on the western slope, near Grand Junction. The region is also famous for its vineyards and orchards, which grow well in the dry climate of the region. Peaches, however, are a bit more surprising.

In the 1870s and 1880s, as Euro-American settlement expanded into what is now the Palisade area following the forced removal of the Ute people from much of western Colorado, settlers began experimenting with fruit cultivation. After having much difficulty growing nearly anything in the dry climate, early orchardists helped develop irrigation systems that transformed the Grand Valley into one of Colorado's premier fruit-growing regions. This effort built an irrigation canal which diverted some water from the Colorado River to the dry Grand Valley, opening up the region to more large-scale fruit farming. The region's dry climate, irrigation practices, elevation, and dramatic day-to-night temperature swings contribute to the peaches' concentrated flavor and sweetness. The high elevation of the region and cool summer nights don't allow for the peach trees to grow as large as their Georgia counterparts, which keeps the flavor and sweetness more intense. While a Georgia peach might grow to be bigger and juicier, a Palisade peach is more compact and flavorful. Today, tens of millions of pounds of peaches are exported from the Palisade area annually.

Olathe Sweet Corn

If you've heard of Olathe Sweet Corn, you might have thought it comes from Kansas. Indeed, Olathe is one of the largest suburbs of Kansas City, but Olathe Corn actually comes from Olathe, Colorado, which is located in the Uncompahgre Valley between Grand Junction and Montrose. Corn is the most cultivated crop in the nation, and you'll see it all across the plains, so what makes Olathe Corn so special?

True to its name, Olathe Sweet Corn is known for its distinct sweet taste, much sweeter than those grown in the American Midwest. The crop got its roots back in 1978 when declining sugar beet production in the region led to farmers exploring other crops to diversify. The sweet corn seed was developed by David Galinat, who ran the Olathe-based company Mesa Maize. The specially developed variety could grow with less water than other varieties of corn, along with the intense sunlight due to Colorado's high elevation, again leading to its sweet flavor. By the 1990s, the corn was so popular, the region hosted an annual sweet corn festival, which later expanded to neighboring Montrose to accommodate the crowds.

Today, the sweet corn is exported from Colorado from coast to coast, while the seeds grow crops across the United States.

Rocky Ford Cantaloupe

Rocky Ford Cantaloupe comes from Rocky Ford, a small town on the Eastern Plains about an hour east of Pueblo. Having grown up in Colorado, I often competed against Rocky Ford High School's own team, aptly called the Meloneers. Not many places in America lay claim to cantaloupe, but Rocky Ford's tie to the fruit dates back 1870, when a man named George Washington Swink set up the region's first farms. By the 1880s,

Swink was growing a number of crops, including watermelon. In 1886, Swink chose to expand to Netted Gem Cantaloupe, the first time the crop had been grown in the Arkansas Valley region. Just five years later, the melon was being advertised as far as Denver. The popularity saw the region continue to grow, with more and more farms popping up to sell the famous cantaloupe. By 1895, the crops were being shipped as far as New York City.

Similar to what we saw with Olathe Sweet Corn and Palisade Peaches, the region's climate led to the unique sweet flavor. The cold evenings paired with hot summer days, as well as lack of water resources and high mineral content in the soil give the melon a distinctly sweeter taste. Rocky Ford melons are known for achieving exceptionally high sugar levels compared with many commercial varieties. This makes the region's melons so popular to this day.

Conclusion

As you can see, Colorado's unique climate allowed for these non-native crops to develop distinct flavor profiles. The dry climate, intense heat, cool nights, and mineral-rich soils give Colorado its famous crops. Don't forget to grab yours this fall!

Submitted by John Murgel, Extension Specialist, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Douglas County, Colorado State University Extension



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Foxridge Improvement Association (FIA) August 2026 Board Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

August 12, 2026

Attendees:

- Martha Riley – President - Present
- Andrew Yon – Vice President - Present
- Gurdeep Sandhu – Co-Treasurer - Present
- Mark Trocinski – Secretary - Absent
- Mike Berrebi – Board Member as Large - Present
- Alex Martinez – Board Member at Large - Absent
- Tudi Arneill - Board Member at Large - Present
- Safaa Kushnir - Absent

Guest

No guest speakers

Accept proposed agenda

Purpose of the FIA

Covenant Advisors Report:

- All issues resolved

July Minutes

It was proposed that the board ratify the July 2026 meeting minutes as published in Foxtales. Resolution made, seconded and approved unanimously. There was no discussion.

President's Report:

- No Report

Vice President's Report:

- No Report

Secretary Report:

- Nothing to Report

Membership Report

- 343 members to date; anticipate 355 with auto-renew

Treasurer's Report:

- Insurance payment coming due. Change of Zelle address board@foxridgecommunity.com

Welcome Committee:

- 3 packets delivered

Foxtales Newsletter:

- An e-version of the newsletter is available on the Foxridge Community website - <https://www.foxridgecommunity.com/>.
- Link directly to the link
- Election-front page
- Annual Meeting

Social Events Report

- Preparations for Foxridge Fair looking good
- Firetruck, Sheriff and K9 unit will pay visits
- Next event: Halloween Parade, Trunk or Treat, Beer Garden in Foxridge Community Garden. Details and duties to be discussed

Community Events Report:

- Dumpster Day Plus 2 in November; check into leaf composting Dumpster day - November 7

Community Update – Garden and Club:

- Pool is open through September 20th
- Tennis is ongoing at the Club and garden is open to visitors
- Club Annual Meeting Sat. Aug 15
- Courtside Patio being designed and developed to provide shade, cooking demo space and supervised play space

Communications Report:

- Posted Foxtales on the website
- Sent March e-mail with a good open rate.
- Email list currently at 501 members
- FB and Nextdoor

Foxridge General Improvement District (GID) Report

- Holly entrance groomed by volunteer, many thanks!
- Irrigation leak at Holly repaired
- GID fence repaired along Phillips
- Met with City staff to discuss budget and future plans

Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON)

- Paid a visit to Arapahoe County Sheriff's Headquarters
- Included a tour of an on-line museum and archive - maybe a Foxtales article?
- Next CenCon meeting is Aug 24th

Old Business:

- Volunteer List updated by Martha Riley

New Business:

- Entry Improvement Project introduced and committee can be formed if there is interest

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

Next meeting September 9, 2026 at 7 at the Club at Foxridge

Did You Know....

September is

National

Happy Cat Month?





News from the Foxridge Community Garden

Happy September, neighbors!!



Triple Crown Blackberry

The garden is still in bloom. Come check out our **Berry Patch!** Did you know the Foxridge Community Garden has several varieties of berries growing?

Triple Crown Blackberries are a thorn-less variety with sweet flavor, massive productivity and vigorous growth.

Tayberries are a large hybrid berry. They are cross between an Aurora blackberry and red raspberry. Tayberries offer a complex sweet-tart flavor. They are less seedy than



Tayberry



Niwot Black Raspberry

blackberries and less crumbly than raspberries. The fruit is quite delicate. As a result, tayberries cannot be machine harvested. They are typically grown by gardeners.

Niwot Black Raspberry is the first ever commercially available everbearing black raspberry. It was developed in Colorado, hence the name Niwot. It allows gardeners to enjoy two distinct berry harvests from a single plant. What this means is that it produces a summer crop on last year's canes (usually around late June), followed by a fall crop on new canes from late August until the first frost.

Want to learn more about berries or gardening in general? Want to contribute to bettering your community? The Steering Committee of the Foxridge Community Garden is open to you joining the group. No gardening experience is necessary!! Enjoy educational events, learn about different varieties of vegetables grown in the garden, help with the annual plant sale, help with financial and business aspects of the community garden, assist in neighborhood events hosted by the garden and SO much more. If you have a unique skill or just want to meet new people and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood, please reach out via our email or stop by the garden and check out the information board on the tool shed.

We look forward to meeting you!!!

Email address: foxridge.gardens@gmail.com

September Harvest: The Best of the Season

September brings the best of both worlds to the produce aisle and local farmers markets. As summer fades into fall, gardens and farms are filled with fresh, flavorful fruits and vegetables at their seasonal peak.

Look for apples, pears, grapes, peaches, and plums for a sweet taste of late summer and early fall. September is also an excellent month for vegetables like sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, green beans, carrots, beets, and potatoes. As cooler weather arrives, winter squash—including butternut, acorn, and spaghetti squash—begins making its seasonal appearance.

When choosing your produce, let your senses be your guide. Look for fruits and vegetables that feel appropriately firm and heavy for their size, with vibrant, natural coloring and smooth, unblemished skin. Avoid produce with bruises, mold, deep wrinkles, or soft, sunken spots. For corn, look for bright green husks and moist, golden-brown silk. Choose melons that feel heavy for their size, and gently smell peaches, pears, and melons—a sweet, fresh aroma can be a good sign that they're ripe. For tomatoes, look for rich color and a slight give when gently pressed.

For the freshest flavor, choose produce that is in season and, when possible, shop from local farms and farmers markets. September's harvest is perfect for everything from crisp salads and fresh salsas to hearty roasted vegetables, soups, pies, and homemade sauces.

Whether you're shopping at a farmers market, visiting a local farm stand, or simply looking for what's freshest at the grocery store, September is a delicious reminder to eat with the seasons.





Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share?

Let us know at foxridge.board@gmail.com.

Recipe of the Month - from Smart School House.com

Chocolate Tarantulas

Ingredients:

Milk Duds or similar chocolate candies

Pretzel sticks

Dark melting chocolate - Ghirardelli melting wafers, CandiQuik or small Dove chocolate

Instructions:

1. Prepare workspace with waxed paper
2. Break pretzel sticks in half
3. Melt dark chocolate according to the directions on the package (usually in 20-second intervals in microwave)
4. Dip pretzel halves in melted chocolate till coated. Place on waxed paper in "V" shapes to create spider legs, making sure the pieces are joined together. Extra chocolate can ensure a solid bond. Let dry.
5. To create the spider bodies: dip 2 Milk Duds in chocolate and attached them end to end (side by side). Let dry, 4-5 minutes.
6. Dip the tip of each spider leg into the melted chocolate and attach it to the spider body. Hold the legs in place for 20 seconds so as needed to set them. If needed, melting chocolate can be reheated several times.
7. Once all eight legs are attached, let the spiders dry completely.



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Updates:

- Board elections for the 2027 season were held on August 15th. Returning Board members are excited to welcome four new members to their ranks and look forward to planning during the off season months.
- The pool will remain open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through September 20th, weather and staffing permitting.
- Adult lap swim and swim at your own risk opportunities are available during the school days for members who sign up.
- The tennis courts and adjacent Courtside Patio are open year-round.

Thinking about Joining the Club? Come try us out!

Club Membership: Request a tour or a Day Pass Voucher by emailing contact@foxridgeclub.com. For full details and updates, visit FoxridgeClub.com.



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Centennial Adopts New Regulations for E-Bikes, E-Motorcycles and Other High-Powered Electric Vehicles

This week, the Centennial City Council adopted Ordinance 2026-O-13, establishing new regulations for the use of high-powered electric vehicles and bikes on public property, including electric motorcycles, Class 3 electric bicycles, toy vehicles and off-highway vehicles.

These regulations are effective immediately and provide greater clarity for riders, pedestrians, cyclists and other community members as electric bikes and other electric-powered vehicles become increasingly common throughout Centennial. The regulations establish where different types of electric transportation may be operated and set safety requirements designed to help protect everyone who uses the City's streets, sidewalks, trails and other public spaces.

Under the new regulations, Class 3 e-bikes and electric motorcycles are prohibited on sidewalks and trails and may be operated on City streets in accordance with applicable traffic laws and requirements. The ordinance also establishes regulations for other high-powered electric vehicles and recreational devices on public property.

Key provisions include:

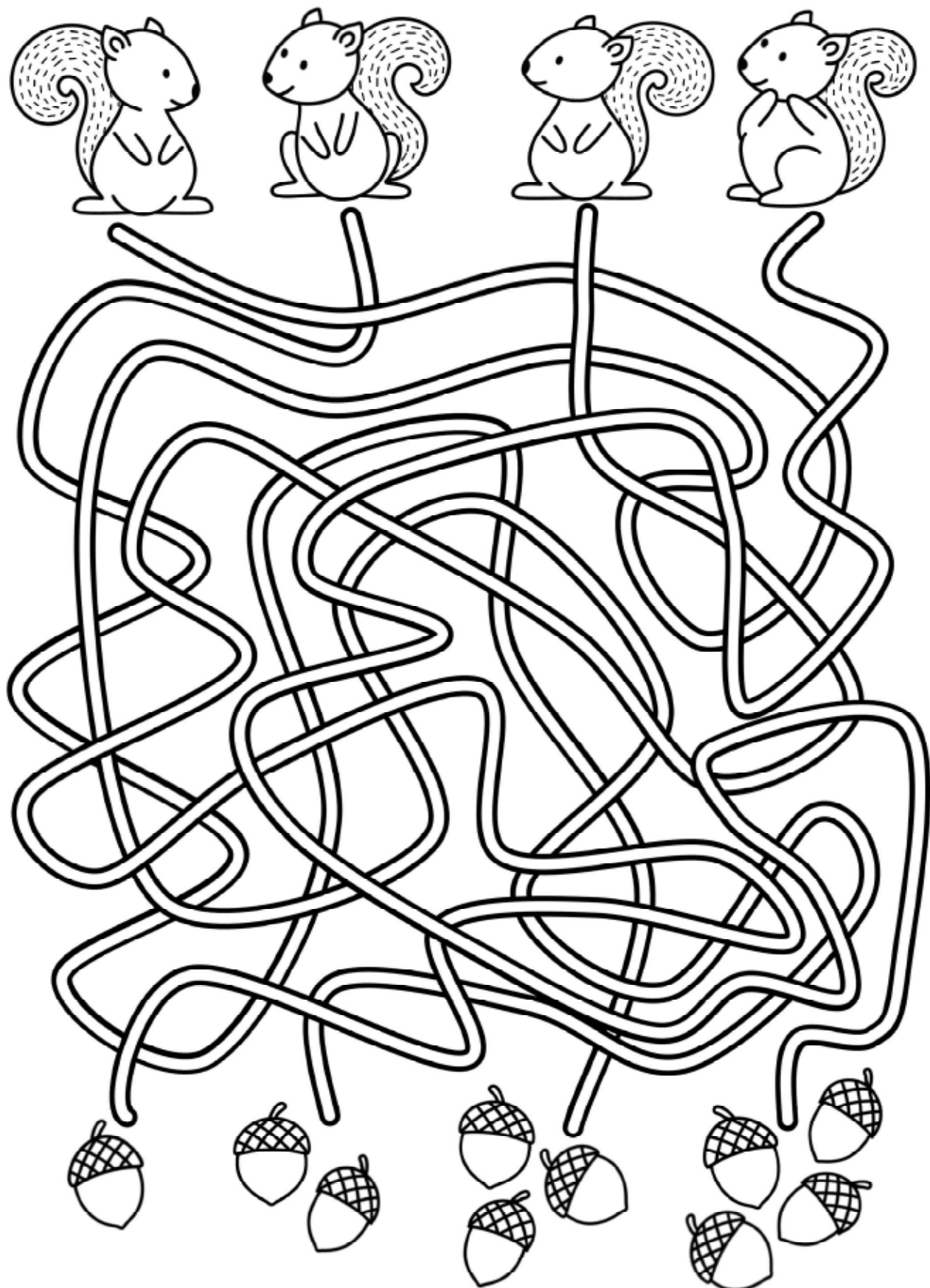
- Minimum age of 16 to operate an electric motorcycle.
- License, registration and insurance requirements for electric motorcycles, as applicable.
- Helmet requirements for riders under age 18.
- Restrictions on modifying standard e-bikes to exceed the manufacturer's designed or specified speed.

Enforcement provisions, which may include fines, parental liability and impoundment for violations.

The City developed the regulations in partnership with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the City's park and recreation districts. The collaboration is intended to promote consistent expectations across streets, sidewalks, multi-use paths, parks and other public spaces.

For more information, including e-bike classifications and information about where different types of e-bikes may be operated, visit centennialco.gov/bikes.

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