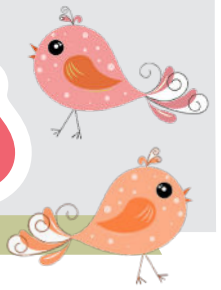


Happenings

APRIL 2026



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WELCOME APRIL!

April is here, and with it comes the gentle arrival of spring—and soon, a visit from the Easter Bunny! This is a season of fresh beginnings, as flowers begin to bloom and the world feels full of possibility. Budding trees, vibrant daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips, along with longer, sunnier days and the cheerful return of birdsong, remind us that renewal is all around us. It's the perfect time to shake off the winter blues, step outside, and embrace new experiences.

April is also National Library Month, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and storytelling. Throughout the month, we'll be highlighting special occasions like Children's Book Day, World Book Day, National Poetry Day, and American Crossword Day. Join us as we bring these celebrations to life with fun, engaging literary events for all ages—we'd love to see you there!

In addition, April is recognized as National Creative Month, with World Art Day on April 15th—a perfect reminder to explore your creativity and find inspiration in the beauty of the season.



WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

CELEBRATE BOOKS IN APRIL!

Join us at the Worthington all month long as we celebrate stories, memories, and the joy of reading together! We have a variety of book-themed activities planned, offering something for everyone to enjoy.

We'll begin on Thursday, April 2 at 2:00 PM with *Fairytales I Remember*, a fun and nostalgic gathering where residents can share favorite childhood stories and cherished memories.

On Thursday, April 23rd, enjoy a full day dedicated to all things books! Start the morning with Book Bingo in the Town Hall for a chance to win small prizes at 10am.

At 11:00 AM in the Activities Room, get creative with Hedgehog Book Art.

Then, at 2:00 PM on that same day, unwind at Swap a Book with Tea and Biscuits—a cozy opportunity to trade books, relax, and chat with neighbors. To make the day even more fun, residents and staff alike are invited to dress up as their favorite book characters, real or imagined!

Come celebrate the love of books, storytelling, and good company throughout April—we look forward to enjoying this special month with you!

GRIEF SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

A monthly grief support group is available for anyone who has experienced the profound loss of a child. **This group meets in the Worthington Sunroom on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.**

The loss of a child is one of life's most difficult and deeply personal hardships. This support group offers a caring, understanding space where participants can share, listen, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone. Coming together can help lighten the burden through shared experiences and mutual support.

The group is led by resident Ruth Billington, who warmly welcomes anyone who feels they may benefit from attending. All discussions are held in strict confidence, ensuring a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to speak with Denise at the Worthington.



RIDE TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Saturday, June 6th, 2026

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

On Saturday, June 6th, 2026, Andrew and TEAM HIYATOOTS will gear up once again for the Ride to End Alzheimer's Colorado! Last year we raised a whopping \$17,000 for Alzheimer's Research and hope to beat that this year! The ride begins at Canvas stadium and winds through the foothills for either a 10, 23, 46, 65 or 75 mile journey. Join us or donate!



If you would like to give to the Ride, in particular, Team HiYa Toots, there is a QR code below. You may also go to act.alz.org/goto/abhiyatoots OR you may pick up donation forms at the Worthington Front Desk. Together, we can all help in the fight to cure Alzheimer's Disease.

THE ORIGIN OF "HIYA-TOOTS"

Linda Baker passed away on March 21st, 2025, at the age of 77, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. A devoted wife, mother, friend, and compassionate geriatric nurse, Linda dedicated her life to caring for others. Her diagnosis came just as she was beginning a well-earned retirement, a time she had hoped to spend exploring new adventures and deeper moments with loved ones.

Linda's journey began in an orphanage, where she spent the first five years of her life before being adopted by her loving parents. In a touching effort to make her feel at home, her mother invented a magical tradition — hiding small treasures around the house from a whimsical, imaginary friend named Hi-Ya Toots. From those early days, a family tradition was born: every Christmas, Linda—endearingly called "Linna Belle"—would find a gift under the tree from Hi-Ya Toots. This gesture became a treasured symbol of love, comfort, and imagination, and has remained part of the family's holiday celebration ever since.

Linda's warmth, humor, and unwavering kindness left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know her. She is deeply missed by all who loved her.

SENIOR SERENADERS

Residents are warmly invited to join us for a delightful morning of music with the Senior Serenaders **on Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30 AM at The Worthington**. This special performance will feature a variety of familiar tunes and classic favorites sure to bring smiles and spark fond memories.

The Senior Serenaders are known for their lively energy and welcoming spirit, creating a joyful and engaging experience for all. Whether you prefer to sit back and relax or sing along to beloved songs, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Music has a wonderful way of bringing people together, and this is the perfect opportunity to share in that joy. Come spend a cheerful morning filled with song, laughter, and great company—we look forward to seeing you there!

ROLLERS & STROLLERS

Join the patio home residents every Wednesday at 10 AM as they “Roll ‘n Stroll” around the circle. A great way to get some fresh air and connect with your neighbors. The weather is nice, come out and get some exercise with friends!

NATURALIST KEVIN COOK — PART 4 OF HIS NEW NATURE SERIES

Join Kevin on Thursday, April 9th, at 10:00 AM in the Worthington Activity Room for the 4th installment of a new, always-popular nature series!

“Seldom-Seen, Two Skulls but One Head, and NOT Bette Davis Eyes” and he said, “Four native bottom-dwelling fishes are typically seen only by the people who look for them. Five animals share relatedness by the distinction of having one skull inside another. And downright creepy, we have species that squirt blood from its eyes!

This unique and thought-provoking presentation is perfect for anyone curious about how nature and humanity shape each other across the Centennial State.

Don't miss it!

Sign-up required! Call 970-490-1000

GUEST SPEAKER EVENT: ONCE UPON A YEAR WITH JIM WILLARD

Thursday, April 16th, at 11:00 AM

We're excited to welcome back Jim Willard for his popular series, Once Upon a Year! **Join us on Thursday, April 16th, at 11:00 AM** for a nostalgic journey through time.

In this engaging program, Jim will take us on a trip down memory lane—exploring notable moments from years past, including highlights in world events, politics, pop culture, music, and entertainment. It's a fascinating and fun look at the decades that shaped our lives.

This event fills up fast, so sign-ups are required!

Reserve your spot today by calling **970-490-1000**.

Don't miss out on this entertaining and enlightening stroll through history!

TORINO CIRCLE LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us this month when Carolyn and Glen DeZeeuw host our next gathering...

Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
(2760 E. Harmony Road, NW corner of Harmony and Corbett)

Menu available at bjsrestaurants.com

RSVP: Contact Carolyn no later than Tuesday, April 7:
carolyndezeeuw@gmail.com or text 970-215-8852.

Please consider hosting our next Lunch Bunch on May 7th!

Here's what the host does:

- Choose a restaurant (list available from Ellie Aronow) and contact them about date availability and final headcount deadline.
- Let the restaurant know that the group usually numbers 10-16 people and ask whether they have a separate room. If not, ask if they have a “quieter” spot for our group.
- Ask what table sizes are available. Tables of six or eight usually work best; but tables of four seats have also worked.
- Inquire about parking availability.
- Accept RSVPs in person or via cell phone, text or email (your choice).

Questions? Contact Ellie (in person or by phone at 480-993-7910). As coordinator, she will post a Lunch Bunch notice on the community bulletin board, submit information to the Happenings, and send a reminder email.

Congratulations to us on our first anniversary of the Lunch Bunch! Over the past year, we've had a lovely time sharing a meal with neighbors and getting to know more about each other.

Many thanks to our hosts: Barbara Hagen, Mary & Bob Clark, April Adams, Ellie & Mike Aronow, Sandy & Jack Reed, Kiki Sorensen, Barb Branstad, Carol & Skip Herbert, Victoria & Steve Benson and Carolyn & Glen DeZeeuw.

Text Ellie to host: 480-993-7910



THE TORINO CIRCLE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

On Monday, April 20th, 2026, at 10:00 AM, our group will be gathering in the home of Barb Branstad (#833). Till Tranzow will be leading our discussion of the book The Correspondent by Virginia Evans which is another of our selections that is currently on many lists "to read".

In this novel, Sybil Van Antwerp's "letters to various recipients, forces her to examine her life, to confront a painful past, to find forgiveness, and to move forward".

Happy Reading!

Barbara Hagen and Carol Herbert,
Co-Organizers

If you are new to our community or would like to join our group, but haven't read the book, join us anyway. We'd enjoy having you there. Any questions about joining, or anything else about the group, **please contact Barbara Hagen at (970) 219-9600 or e-mail her at bhagen6NT@gmail.com**

TORINO CIRCLE GENTLEMEN'S BOOK CLUB

More Than a Book Club - A Time to Connect

The gentlemen of Torino Circle gather each month to discuss current topics **on the third Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2026 at 10am

Location: Home of Jeff Flodin & Michele McClellan (#829)

Book: The Accidental President
by A.J. Baine

Discussion: Please share about how easy (or not) the transition was from being a recognized and accomplished professional to just another one of "those old fellows".

It's a morphing each one of us (and our wives, too) has had to make.

Knowing the feelings of our adjustments to life changing events help us put President Truman's predicament into perspective.

Questions? Contact Bob Clark

Call or text: 970-420-0318

email: netlist108@gmail.com

TORINO SHARING LIBRARY

The current library stewards are Dan and Kathy Wendland (#827). **You can reach them at 970-377-1235** if you have questions or concerns. Bob Clark (#863) has provided our magazine sharing rack at the library. Thank you to all who donate books and magazines to keep our selection interesting and diverse!



MAINTENANCE/LANDSCAPING ANNOUNCEMENTS HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

I'd like to thank all of you who have alerted us to the homeless or unhoused population in the area. As the weather warms, this is a time when we see a lot of movement throughout the city. Most of the time, these individuals are moving from one place to another and are not out to cause harm, however, if you do ever feel endangered or threatened, **please call 911 or the non-emergency police line at 970-221-6540, immediately.** Outreach Fort Collins is another organization that can often help. See the information below!



OUTREACH
FORT COLLINS

CALL OUTREACH FORT COLLINS
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 6:00pm

Call Outreach Fort Collins when:

- Someone appears impaired by drugs or alcohol and does not pose a risk to self or others
- Someone appears to be experiencing a mental health crisis and does not pose a risk to self and others
- You feel uncomfortable with a situation and are unsure what to do
- You have concern for the health and well-being of someone and it is not a medical emergency
- You want to offer support to someone who is experiencing homelessness or is vulnerable

RESPOND. ENGAGE. CONNECT.
970.658.0088

Call Non-Emergency Police at (970) 221-6540 for:

- Illegal behavior in or around your business
- You feel unsafe for yourself or others
- Incident has passed but need to report
- To request a safety consultation for crime prevention tips

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911

Including fire, medical emergency, robbery, imminent danger to self or others, or crime in progress

No matter who you call, you will be asked for details on the situation, your name, and a call back phone number. It is helpful to provide a physical description including clothing, height, and other identifying information.



OUTREACH
FORT COLLINS

About Outreach Fort Collins

We are a professionally staffed, on-the-street team that builds relationships with unhoused and housed community members, service providers, businesses, and city services as a means to effectively mitigate non-emergency situations.

Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

On Call Response Area: Downtown, Midtown, & North Fort Collins



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Reducing the impacts of homelessness through collaborative, compassionate street-based outreach.

970-658-0088
OUTREACHFORTCOLLINS.ORG

MAINTENANCE/LANDSCAPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

To ensure your maintenance needs are handled efficiently, **please remember to always call the Worthington Front Desk at (970) 490-1000 to place a work or landscaping order—especially during evenings, weekends, or after hours.**

A few helpful tips:

- Our maintenance team follows a scheduled list using an app called *Limble* and may not have time to take on additional requests during a visit.
- For the best service, please avoid adding extra tasks in person while they are working in or around your unit.
- To keep everything organized, we kindly ask that you do not email or text work orders to the Administrator, particularly outside of business hours.

Reminder: Maintenance is available on-call for emergent needs on weekends and after hours. Some examples of a maintenance emergency include Air conditioning or heat not working, no hot water, water leaks or flooding, and egress-related issues.

Note: If your smoke detector is alarming and saying “fire” or “carbon monoxide”, please contact 911, do not contact the front desk.

*Thank you for helping us serve you better
by following these simple guidelines!*

