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# March

Spring Energy | Community in Motion

## **A Note to Our Neighbors**

March sunshine can be deceiving. While we may see warmer days, our region remains in drought conditions, and newly planted trees still need support through the end of winter.

If temperatures rise above 40 degrees and the ground is not frozen, winter watering is encouraged. At the same time, water is a valuable resource. Please water responsibly and respectfully, avoiding runoff and unnecessary use.

Healthy trees strengthen our landscape, protect property values and help Independence look its best year-round. Thank you for doing your part.

## **Independence Community Clubhouse Staffed Hours:**

Mondays & Wednesdays: 4 – 7 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturdays: 12 – 6 p.m.

The gym remains accessible to residents with key fob access outside staffed hours. Stop by during staffed times for reservations, access setup, or general assistance.



## **New Facility Access System Now Active**

The Independence community has transitioned to a new access system for the gym, pool, and Community Center.

**Effective Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026, keypad PIN codes will no longer work.**

All facility access will require a District-issued access card. The numbered touch pad remains and now acts as a “tap” pad for the key card.

### **Access Card Details**

- One access card will be issued per household during initial distribution.
- Each household is eligible for up to two cards (total).
- Access cards are property of the District and remain with the home if it is sold.
- Replacement cards are available for a \$75 fee.
- Facility access will not be available without an access card.

For additional details, please visit the [Recreation page on the District's website](#).

### **Do You Need a New Access Card?**

Residents must visit the Community Center during staffed hours to register and pick up their access card. At the time of pickup, residents will be required to complete a registration form listing household member and acknowledging that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with the [facility rules and regulations](#).

### **Staffed Access Card Pickup Hours**

Monday & Wednesday 4 – 7 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Saturday 12 – 6 p.m.

Access cards are issued with a factory-printed ID number. The cardholder's name will be added using a printed label. Residents are strongly encouraged to keep their card on a lanyard, keychain, bracelet, or other holder so it can be easily identified and not confused with another homeowner's access card.

Lost or stolen cards should be deactivated. Please report missing cards promptly to help ensure that access to community amenities remain secure for all residents!

### **Safety Reminder: Ponds & Open Space**

With the recent stretch of warmer-than-usual weather, many of the ponds throughout Independence are not freezing over this season. Even when temperatures dip, ice conditions can remain thin, inconsistent and unsafe.

Please remember that all ponds within Independence are restricted District property and are intended for irrigation, retention and detention purposes only. These areas are not designed or maintained for recreational use.

For safety, residents and guests should avoid walking, skating or playing on or near the ponds at any time. Thank you for helping keep these areas safe and properly maintained for their intended purpose.

### **Emergency Contacts:**

Fire – 303-646-3800

Sheriff – 303-621-2055



# **MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS**

## **HAPPENING IN INDEPENDENCE**

**Share the Love...Pass the Donuts! Donkeys & Donuts Porch Pop-up**

**Independence Porches | Saturday, March 7 | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Please check community Facebook Groups for the most up-to-date information.**

Support our Independence Craft Kitchen bakers in the sweetest way possible! Our talented resident bakers have teamed up with a few four-legged donkey friends to spotlight their Front Porch Market pop-ups around the neighborhood. It's local and homemade, right here in Independence!



Scan the QR code below for this week's porch locations, or [click here](#) to find out where fresh-baked goodness is waiting. Because everything tastes better when it's made by a neighbor!



### Shamrock Shindig 🍀

**Saturday, March 14 | 6 – 8 p.m. | Clubhouse**

The Independence Social Committee invites you to a Shamrock Shindig on Saturday, March 14, at the Clubhouse. Join your neighbors for an evening of good company and light snacks with beer and wine provided. It's a relaxing way to shake off winter and celebrate the upcoming spring season together!

This event is for residents 21 and older.

Please [RSVP HERE](#) so we know you're coming and can plan accordingly.

We look forward to raising a glass with you!



**Spring Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 14 | 6 – 8 p.m. | Clubhouse

Saturday, April 4 | 9 a.m.

## Earth Day Community Clean-up

Saturday, April 25

## SummerFest 2026

Saturday, May 30 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**More Details Will Be Shared Via Email!**

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### Bring Your Ideas & Help Shape What's Next

Spring brings fresh energy, and the Independence Social Committee is already looking ahead to upcoming events and future community traditions. If you enjoy brainstorming, planning, organizing, or simply being part of the conversation, we would love to have you join us.

Whether you have big ideas, small ideas, or are just curious about how events come together, your voice matters.

The Independence Social Committee now has its own email address. To join the committee or be added to the mailing list for upcoming events, please email

[IndependenceSocialCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:IndependenceSocialCommittee@gmail.com).

**Meetings:** First Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 6 – 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Independence Clubhouse

Come help shape what's next for Independence!

### Stay Connected:

- Keep an eye on your email (and your junk folder, just in case)
- Add [Contact@IndependenceDenver.com](mailto:Contact@IndependenceDenver.com) to your address book
- Follow our community pages: FB: [IndependenceNeighborhood](#) | IG: [@indneighborhood](#)
- Follow the Community run pages: FB: [Women of Independence Neighborhood](#) | FB: [Neighbors of Independence](#) (proof of residency required for access)
- **NEW** [The Independence Lifestyle: Where Community & Nature Connect](#)

Or stop by the Clubhouse for event updates.

We could truly use a few more hands at the table — the more voices involved, the stronger our events become.

Join the Social Committee and help turn great ideas into memorable experiences for our community!

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### **Pool Update | Swim Lessons in the Works**



We are actively working to bring swim lesson instructors to the Independence pool for the upcoming season.

Lessons will be coordinated directly between families and instructors and offered in either single-student or two-student formats, depending on preference and availability. This approach allows for flexibility while keeping instruction focused and effective.

Please keep an eye out for additional details in the coming weeks or stop by the Clubhouse beginning in early April for more information. We look forward to adding this opportunity to the summer fun lineup!

### **Calling All Water Fitness Instructors**

We are exploring the addition of early morning water fitness classes at the Independence pool this summer, prior to regular pool hours.

If you are a certified instructor — or have experience leading aquatic fitness classes — and are interested in teaching in our community, we would love to connect with you.

Please reach out to [Kristin@IndependenceDenver.com](mailto:Kristin@IndependenceDenver.com) to start the conversation. Let's bring some energizing movement to summer mornings at Independence.

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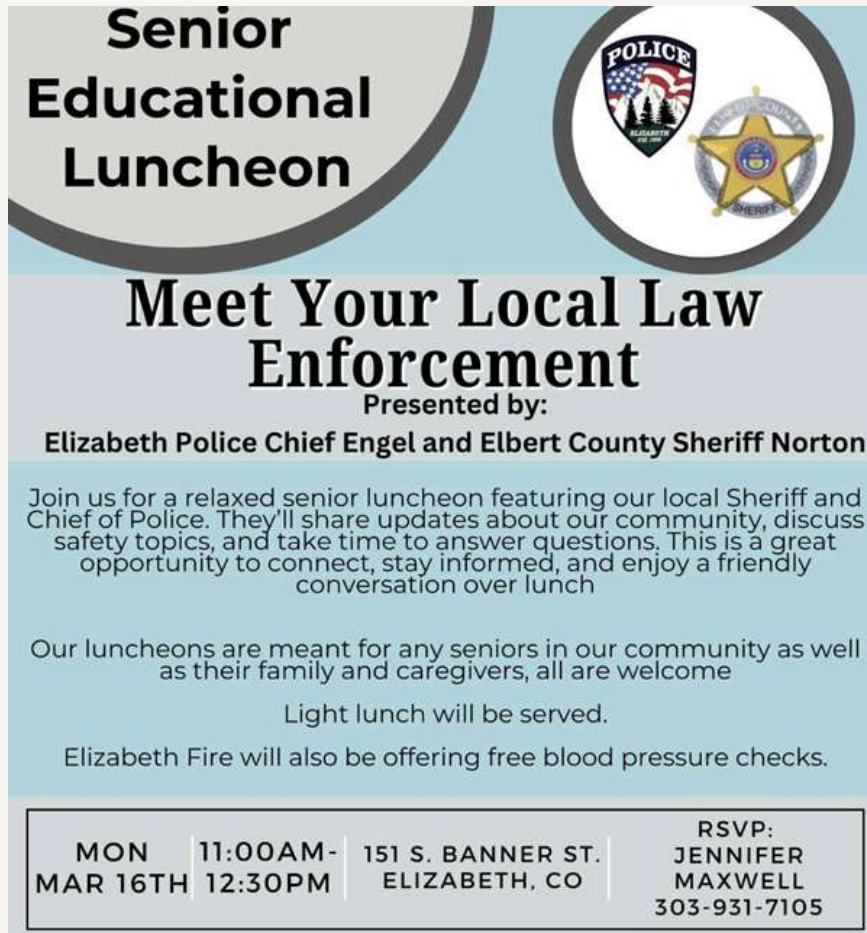
## **HAPPENING IN THE TOWN OF ELIZABETH**

Would you like to stay in the know with what's happening just down the road? Then [click here](#) to learn all about the Town of Elizabeth's community events, updates, and local happenings!

**Senior Educational Luncheon — Meet Your Local Law Enforcement**

**Monday, March 16 | 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Elizabeth**

**151 S. Banner Street, Elizabeth, CO**



**Senior Educational Luncheon**

**Meet Your Local Law Enforcement**

Presented by:  
**Elizabeth Police Chief Engel and Elbert County Sheriff Norton**

Join us for a relaxed senior luncheon featuring our local Sheriff and Chief of Police. They'll share updates about our community, discuss safety topics, and take time to answer questions. This is a great opportunity to connect, stay informed, and enjoy a friendly conversation over lunch.

Our luncheons are meant for any seniors in our community as well as their family and caregivers, all are welcome.

Light lunch will be served.

Elizabeth Fire will also be offering free blood pressure checks.

<b>MON</b>	<b>11:00AM-</b>	<b>151 S. BANNER ST.</b>	<b>RSVP:</b>
<b>MAR 16TH</b>	<b>12:30PM</b>	<b>ELIZABETH, CO</b>	<b>JENNIFER</b>
			<b>MAXWELL</b>
			<b>303-931-7105</b>

Neighbors 55+ and their families are invited to a special Senior Educational Luncheon in Elizabeth featuring the local Sheriff and Chief of Police to hear updates about the Elizabeth Community, discuss safety topics, and to ask questions. This is a great opportunity to connect, stay informed, and enjoy a friendly conversation over lunch.

All seniors in our community are invited to the luncheon, as well as family and caregivers — please join us!

Light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Jennifer 303-931-7105.

Elizabeth Fire will also be offering free blood pressure checks.

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**AROUND ELBERT COUNTY**



**March 7 | Legendary Ladies Program | Kiowa Creek Community Church  
Hosted by the Elbert County Historical Society & Museum**

Spend a Saturday afternoon celebrating remarkable women in local history at the Legendary Ladies Program on March 7 at 2 p.m.

**Location:** Kiowa Creek Community Church Fellowship Hall – Upper Level  
231 Cheyenne St., Kiowa

**Admission:** \$10 per person (children under 5 are free)

**Tickets:** Available at the door only

Attending offers a meaningful way to connect with Elbert County's past and to support a local organization dedicated to preserving it.

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## HAPPENING NEARBY

### Colorado Museum Free Days

Several Denver-area cultural institutions offer free admission days in March — great for a day trip with kids:

- Denver Museum of Nature & Science (March 6)
- Denver Botanic Gardens Free Day (March 9)
- Denver Art Museum Free Day (March 10)

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## THE BUTTERFLY PAVILLION

Homeschool Day offers multiple experiences designed around a central theme that explores Butterfly Pavilion's featured habitats and animals in a unique way. This event offers an admission discount for homeschool families and enables them to experience



typical field trip opportunities, including special classes, activities, and crafts.

March 11: **Baby Bugs** | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Click [here](#) to register or for more information!

Join us as we discover the interconnected networks of plants and animals that sustain life on our planet. We'll explore the diverse ecosystems found around the world, how invertebrates support our natural habitats, and how we can support them in turn.

Homeschool Day Offers:

- Drop-in activities and crafts from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Classes led by Butterfly Pavilion experts
- Discounted Admission

Adults \$12.00 | Children (2-12): \$8.00 | Children (Under 2): FREE



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## COMMUNITY COLLECTIVE

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*The Independence Lifestyle:*

*Where Community & Nature Connect*



Independence Lifestyle is a simple way for neighbors to connect through shared interests and activities. It's designed for residents of all ages who want to meet up, try something new, or spend time with others who enjoy the same things.

Whether it's starting a hiking group, RVing, gathering for knitting or crafts, learning to play Mahjong, hosting a casual game night, or organizing another shared interest, this is where those ideas begin to take shape and come to life!

Opportunities to connect will be shared here in the newsletter and through the **new community Facebook group**, [The Independence Lifestyle: Where Community & Nature Connect](#). The goal

is simple — make it easy for neighbors to find each other and spend time doing the things they enjoy.

Do you have an idea you'd like to explore? Reach out to the new community Facebook group (link above) and let's help bring it together. You can also email [karpssk15@gmail.com](mailto:karpssk15@gmail.com) or [karpcbk15@gmail.com](mailto:karpcbk15@gmail.com) if Facebook isn't your thing.



*First dinner out at Bluebird Restaurant at Spring Valley Gold Club*

## Upcoming events



THIS SUNDAY AT 6 PM

### Restaurant Week - Blue Island Oyster Bar & Seafood

Blue Island Oyster Bar & Seafood - Lone Tree  
for The Independence Lifestyle: Where Community & Nature Connect

👍 Going



TUE, MAR 10 AT 6 PM

### Restaurant Week - Black+Haus Tavern & Grill

Black+Haus Tavern on Main  
for The Independence Lifestyle: Where Community & Nature Connect

👍 Going



FRI, MAR 13 AT 6 PM

### Restaurant weeks - Perry's Steakhouse & Grille

Perry's Steakhouse & Grille - Denver (Park Meadows-...



Christopher

👍 Going

*Club listings are shared for informational purposes and are not necessarily endorsed by the Independence Overlay Metropolitan District.*

### **Current Grassroots Clubs at Independence Include:**

#### **INDEPENDENCE SMALL BUSINESS GROUP**

Join us for the next Independence Small Business Group gathering, held the first and third Wednesdays of each month!

This is a welcoming space for local entrepreneurs, creatives, and business owners to come together in a relaxed, supportive setting. Whether you're just getting started, growing something exciting or simply looking to connect with other driven neighbors, you'll find good conversation and genuine community here.

We'll take time to share what we're working on, exchange ideas and learn from one another. There's no formal agenda, no pitches and no pressure — just thoughtful conversation and a shared desire to see one another thrive.

If you'd like to join us, please RSVP to [vicki.mhp@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.mhp@gmail.com).

We'd love to see you there!

**ADULT KICKBALL**

League play season begins April 9th. Reach out to [Kelsey Cronin](#) on FB as seen on [Neighbors of Independence](#)

**SKI & SNOWBOARD**

To join, reach out to Isaiah Ofalt at [ilofalt@gmail.com](mailto:ilofalt@gmail.com) or join the Facebook group called "Independence Ski and Snowboard Group"

**MONDAY NIGHT GRAVEL — LET'S RIDE!**

Stay up to date on upcoming rides at [rustcycling.com/events](http://rustcycling.com/events) or follow along on Instagram for the latest updates and ride invites

**INDEPENDENCE HOMESCHOOL CO-OP**

If you would like to join, please message Megan Bell at 303-907-5384

**INDEPENDENCE HUNTING & FISHING CLUB**

Reach out to Robert at [RobertCase7676@gmail.com](mailto:RobertCase7676@gmail.com) or call 719-247-0067

**INDEPENDENCE ART CLUB**

Please contact Joe Bennett at [JoeBennett.co@gmail.com](mailto:JoeBennett.co@gmail.com) or 303-503-8634



# INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE

A Reminder from the Clubhouse

As we move toward spring, the Independence Community Clubhouse remains your hub for fitness, gatherings and resident support. Whether you're reserving space, stopping in with a question, or keeping up with your workout routine, the Clubhouse is here for you.

The gym is open daily for residents with active building access. Please note that weekly cleaning takes place on Mondays from 10 – 11 a.m., and the gym is closed during this time. We appreciate your cooperation and ask that you allow cleaning personnel the space to complete their work thoroughly.

The Front Range Recreation team is available to assist with access set-up, reservations and general questions. Please bring proof of residency and a valid photo ID when visiting during staffed hours.

### Winter Staffed Hours

- Mondays & Wednesdays: 4 – 7 p.m.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturdays: 12 – 6 p.m.

Planning a winter gathering or need to reserve the Clubhouse? Visit the clubhouse during staffed hours to secure your reservation, but if you have questions, contact Front Range Recreation at [Office@FrontRangeRecreation.com](mailto:Office@FrontRangeRecreation.com).

Need assistance or have other clubhouse questions? Stop by during staffed hours or email [IndependenceDenver@gmail.com](mailto:IndependenceDenver@gmail.com).

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*If you're facing food insecurity, please remember that you're not alone. Your well-being and your privacy matter deeply here at Independence. We're a community that looks out for one another, and there is no shame in asking for help when you need it. If you're struggling or could use support, please reach out. We're here, and we care.*

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### A Spring Reminder About Picking Up After Pets



As snow melts and the ground begins to thaw, anything left behind over the winter has a way of reappearing — all at once. Pet waste that was hidden under snow doesn't simply disappear. Cold temperatures slow natural breakdown, allowing bacteria and parasites to linger well into warmer months.

Beyond the unpleasant surprise factor, waste left behind can be tracked into homes on shoes and paws and may wash into drainage areas as spring moisture increases.

Year-round cleanup keeps Independence clean, healthy and enjoyable for everyone — especially children and other pets who use our shared spaces.

If barking becomes a recurring concern, a neighborly check-in can often resolve the issue. Whether it's wildlife, delivery traffic or excess energy, a simple conversation goes a long way.

For ongoing concerns, Elbert County Animal Control can be reached at 303-621-2027.

Thank you for helping to keep Independence welcoming and walkable every season!

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# INDEPENDENCE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

For more information on enrollment and the 2026-2027 school year for kids entering K-5, please visit [Independence Classical Academy](#).

The March Newsletter is also available, please [click here](#) to learn more.

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## INDEPENDENCE METRO DISTRICT AND PUBLIC ALLIANCE



Please save his contact information below. If you have questions or simply want to introduce yourself, the Public Alliance team is here to help:

**Phone:** 720-213-6621

**Email:** [Contact@PublicAllianceLLC.com](mailto:Contact@PublicAllianceLLC.com)

Visit, bookmark, and favorite the Independence Websites where you can find information about community happenings, news, meetings, documents, and all things related to Independence and the Metro Districts:

[The Overlay District – Homestead and Pool/Gym](#)

[Districts 1-6 – Where You Live](#)

[Independence Water and Sanitation District](#)

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## COMMUNITY REMINDERS

### **A March Message from the Metro District**

We love seeing Independence shine through every season, and as we move through the heart of winter toward spring, here are a few timely reminders to help keep our community safe, welcoming, and looking its very best.

## Notes from the ELCI Landscaping Team:

Our landscaping team continues working behind the scenes throughout the winter months and into spring.

### Ongoing This Winter

- Weekly winter trash patrol
- Dog stations regularly serviced
- Continued winter watering as weather and water restrictions allow
- Meeting with a herbicide specialist to develop a long-term strategy for managing weeds in rock areas

Looking ahead, we're planning a spring meet-and-greet with our new landscape partner — Environmental Landworks (ELCI) — so residents can meet the team, including an opportunity for residents to see equipment up close and learn more about how the team cares for our community.

## WINTER WEATHER & PARKING REMINDERS

Snow season is officially here! To ensure plows can safely and efficiently clear our streets, please remember to keep all vehicles parked in driveways or garages whenever snow is in the forecast. Vehicles left on the street limit maneuvering space and may prevent Elbert County and our contractors from plowing.

***All motor vehicles of any kind are strictly prohibited in all surrounding open space.***

## SEASONAL DECORATIONS

As a reminder, seasonal decorations should be removed within 15 days after holidays.

## TRASH CONTAINERS



For all completed homes with a certificate of occupancy:

- Trash containers may be placed curbside after 6 a.m. on pickup day.
- They must be returned to proper storage by 9 p.m. the same day.  
Containers should be stored out of sight between pickups.
- These small steps keep our neighborhood clean and looking beautiful!

## **WEEDS & TREES**

Even in winter, landscape maintenance matters. Please take a moment to check for lingering weeds or trees that may not have survived the summer. Keeping yards neat supports the welcoming character of Independence.

Section 8.1.1 Sightly Conditions: Each Unit shall at all times be kept, maintained, repaired and replaced in a good, clean and sightly condition by the Owner thereof.

## **RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

A friendly reminder that recreational vehicles, campers, and trailers may not be parked in driveways or on the street for longer than 72 hours (Article 21 in the District's covenants). This guideline helps keep streets clear, improves visibility, and maintains the overall appearance of our community.

## **DESIGN REVIEW**

Thinking about a winter project or planning ahead for spring? Any exterior changes — landscaping, patios, architectural modifications — must be submitted for design review before work begins. You can find covenants and design guidelines on the Overlay Districts page. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## **For New Homeowners, what is a Special District?**

Special districts are created to fill service gaps in county services. In Colorado, these districts function as local governments or political subdivisions of the state, adding a third level of government in the United States. This level includes counties, municipalities (cities and towns), school districts, and other entities such as authorities and special districts. For the Independence community, several Metropolitan Districts are in place:

- [Independence Overlay Metropolitan District](#): Oversees public amenities, enforces Covenants, and acts in lieu of an HOA.

- [Independence Metropolitan Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6](#): Metropolitan Districts dedicated to residential development.
- [Independence Water & Sanitation District](#): Provides water and sanitary sewer facilities and services to the entire community.
- [Independence Commercial District](#): Will oversee future commercial operations.

If you have any questions about our community's districts, architectural review tips, design guidelines, or resident responsibilities related to home ownership in the Independence Community, as well as inquiries about water, landscaping, trash, etc., please contact Public Alliance, LLC at 720-213-6621 or [Contact@PublicAllianceLLC.com](mailto:Contact@PublicAllianceLLC.com).



## INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY BLOG



Spring in Colorado is a wonderful time to plan a family vacation. Here in our beautiful state, there's something for everyone, whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation, or quality time together. Check out our [latest blog](#) for some of our favorite ideas to inspire your next Spring Break trip in the Centennial State!



**JOIN US ON SOCIAL FOR THE LATEST UPDATES!**



## WE LOVE HEARING FROM YOU!

If you have questions at any time, please reach out to us!

**For community-related questions:**

[Contact@IndependenceDenver.com](mailto:Contact@IndependenceDenver.com)

**For resident-related events:**

[Kristin@IndependenceDenver.com](mailto:Kristin@IndependenceDenver.com)

**For District-related questions (water, landscaping, etc.):**

**Public Alliance Main Number:** 720-213-6621

**Email:** [Contact@PublicAllianceLLC.com](mailto:Contact@PublicAllianceLLC.com)



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