



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 5 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 19 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 31 Halloween

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 3 Election Day
- 16 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 26 Thanksgiving Day



## SUMMER 2020

Throughout the summer, the Community Relations and Programs department hosted several safe, family-fun activities, such as a scavenger hunt, photo contest, the Gratitude Wall, and the Lyons Luminaries.

Check out the Summer 2020 video recap at [lyonscolorado.com](http://lyonscolorado.com), and follow us at [facebook.com/OfficialLyonsColorado](https://facebook.com/OfficialLyonsColorado)!

Did you know you get your electricity from a public power utility? That means you and your neighbors own the utility and it's run by the Town of Lyons (local government). As a public power utility, the Town is celebrating Public Power Week, Oct. 5-9, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned, nonprofit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans.

To mark this week, here are a few tips on how to save energy and money in your home, while caring for the environment:

- Plug energy leaks with weather stripping and caulking, and be sure your house is properly insulated – you can save up to 20 percent on heating/cooling bills, and make your home more comfortable
- Clean or change filters regularly. A dirty furnace or air conditioning filter will slow airflow and make the system work harder to keep you warm or cool.
- Wash clothes in cold water. Heating the water in a washer uses 90 percent of the energy used to wash clothes. According to Energy Star, by switching to cold water, you can save \$30-\$40 every year.
- Use energy-efficient light bulbs including halogen incandescents, CFLs, and LEDs to reduce energy use by as much as 80 percent
- Turn off all lights, appliances and electronics not in use. Better still, use a power strip and turn off devices and lights that are not in use to cut standby power, to save \$100 a year on your electricity bill.

## HALLOWEEN

*Lyons and tigers and bears, oh my!*

In an effort to keep the Lyons community safe, this year's Halloween Spooktacular parade has been cancelled, but don't get too spooked! There is still ghostly fun to be had!

### Scarecrow Contest

Think you have the best scarecrow in town? There's only one way to find out! During the month of October, residences, businesses, and community groups are invited to showcase their best scarecrows, and submit them into the town-wide contest. Submissions will be posted on the Lyons, Colorado Facebook page, and the scarecrows with the most likes (reactions) win!

The deadline to submit entries for the Scarecrow Contest is **Monday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.**, and voting ends Friday, Oct. 30 at noon.

Visit [townoflyons.com/scarecrow](http://townoflyons.com/scarecrow) to enter!

### Costume Contest

We KNOW Lyons knows how to costume. The question is, who's taking the gold this year? Submit your best individual or group Halloween costume photo, to be voted by the people of Facebook – the costumes with the most votes win!

The deadline to submit entries for the Costume Contest is **Monday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m.**, and voting ends Friday, Oct. 30 at noon.

Visit [townoflyons.com/costume](http://townoflyons.com/costume) to enter!

The Spooktacular doesn't stop there! Throughout October, be on the lookout for Halloween Hunts, the haunted courtyard, mighty big pumpkins, and more!

## PUBLIC POWER WEEK

## BELL OF RENEWAL

Installed September 11, 2020

On September 11, the Lyons Arts and Humanities Commission (LAHC) installed the bronze Bell of Renewal sculpture in Lyons, Colo. with a small ceremony respecting the town's COVID safety regulations. The sculpture is designed to commemorate the flood of 2013 that devastated the region, and symbolize Lyons' resiliency and grit throughout the recovery process that continues today. The Bell of Renewal, created by Colorado-based artists James G. Moore and Anita Miller, was funded by the Town of Lyons and private donors.

The LAHC encourages everyone to visit the Bell of Renewal, located near the Rocky Mountain Botanic Gardens by the Bohn Park pedestrian bridge, and to ring the bell to signify hope, recovery, and renewal, no matter the context. Follow the LAHC on Facebook and join our newsletter to get up-to-date information on the arts in Lyons, including the date in 2021 when we can safely celebrate the Bell of Renewal together.

Also, stop by Western Stars Gallery to support the LAHC's newest fundraiser, Baby Bells, the sale of brass bells tied on symbolic yellow ribbons. This \$3 purchase, as well as any always-welcome donations, help benefit the LAHC's arts-related efforts and public art endeavors in the Town of Lyons. Visit [townoflyons.com/BellofRenewal](http://townoflyons.com/BellofRenewal) to learn more.



## LYONS REDSTONE MUSEUM

Explore Lyons' history in two new virtual exhibits!

In response to the physical museum being closed to the public due to COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions, the museum stepped up its online presence. Staff have recently published two additional virtual exhibits that highlight some of the photographs and objects from the museum's collections in: Stories from the Lyons Cemetery and The Colt Family Wedding Attire.

Explore Lyons' history through a virtual tour of the Lyons Cemetery, with stories of some of those buried there. The website provides information on the oldest existing markers in town, which date back to July and October 1890, and the significance of symbols and emblems found on some of the headstones. Visitors can also learn about the Colt family and view their family wedding clothes, and discover turn of the century fashion, with a behind-the-scenes look at textile preservation.

The COVID-19 shutdown has significantly impacted the Lyons Redstone Museum financially in 2020. If you would like to support the Lyons Redstone Museum during this time, tax exempt donations may be sent to Lyons Historical Society, PO Box 9, Lyons, CO 80540.

To view the exhibits, please go to the Virtual Museum's webpage:  
[virmuze.com/m/lyons-redstone-museum](http://virmuze.com/m/lyons-redstone-museum)

Enjoy exploring Lyons' history safely and from the comfort of your home!



## OCTOBER RECREATION

More details on all programs and COVID-19 safety precautions at:

[townoflyons.com/recreation](http://townoflyons.com/recreation)

### Meditation Basics Workshop

Learn the basics or fine tune your practice with this 2-hour class at LaVern Johnson Park. This class incorporates dialogue and experiential practice of various types of meditation. Taught by Lyons local and certified Meditation, Yoga and Life Coach, Katya Hropova.

### Fitness in the Park

This is the last month for this fun class that gets you outside and moving, using park features to aid in your workout. Join our Park Host and certified Health Coach, Nate Kern, to build strength and get that heart pumping! Four separate sessions offered weekly at LaVern Johnson Park.

### Kid's Zumba in the Park

Join us for this fun-filled exercise class that blends dance moves with fitness and is set to all your favorite tunes. This FREE class also teaches kids to give back by bringing a food item for donation to LEAF each week and is taught by certified Kid's Zumba Instructor Genevieve Thomas.

### Square State Skate Skateboarding Sessions

Kids—come have some fun at Bohn Park's brand new skatepark! Join the professional staff from SSS as you skate together, play games, work on skills and tricks and more. Don't forget your smiles!

### Plein Air Painting for Seniors

Brush up on your watercolor technique with Trish Murtha who has been teaching art for 30+ years. Enjoy the sights and sounds of nature as you paint. This class takes place in the WPA shelter at LaVern Johnson park and is FREE for seniors!



Senior Plein Air Class