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Hello CKSII Community!

Do you love our events that we hold such as, the Eggfest Egg Hunt, Grillin' & Chillin' in the Park, Movie in the Park and the Holiday Hayride? Do you have other ideas of events you would like to see held? We NEED your help! In order to hold community events, it takes the community and unfortunately the volunteering in this community falls on the same group of people event after event and we need more help. Currently 2026 events are in jeopardy of not happening if we can't get more help from our amazing community. The time commitment involved in volunteering for the Social Committee and helping with these events is very minimal. If we continue with the events that we currently have, it is even less time involved as the awesome committee we do have, has made it really a plug and play situation. We now just need more help plugging into the volunteering aspect. Please consider joining us on Thursday, February 19th, 2026 to learn about this committee and to see how you can help out for its continued success. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and build the community you live in. Please reach out to Andi Elkins, andi@cksii.org with questions. We hope to see you on the 19th!

Snow Removal From Your Private Property

Many local laws require residents to clear sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowstorm to allow safe use by pedestrians. This is particularly important along school pedestrian routes to prevent children from having to walk in the street.

Owners must place snow from their sidewalks onto their front yard or other areas of their own property, and not into the street. This practice reduces the number of icy areas on streets and ensures proper drainage flow into the storm sewer once snow melts.

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HomeGoods Designers Reveal The Biggest Decor Trends For 2026

Story by Maddie Topliff

The year's biggest trends are all about enhancing warmth, nostalgia, and natural beauty in your home. Decorating your home can be a daunting task – where do you even begin? If freshening up your space is on your to-do list this year, you don't have to start from scratch. Here are the top decor trends that will dominate the next 12 months, according to HomeGoods designers.

1. Modern Equestrian Elegance

Former horse girls, this is your moment. "Inspired by the timeless charm of the countryside, this look blends rustic equestrian touches with a refined, modern sensibility," says Jenny Reimold, HomeGoods featured finder and interior designer. "Think rich leather chairs, plaid textiles, and dark wood pieces that bring both warmth and sophistication." But how far do you take the elevated horse girl aesthetic? "You don't need a stable – just subtle nods like brass horseshoe bowls, glass-framed riding prints, or a saddle-style ottoman," Reimold says.

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A few things we are proud of:

- Over \$15,000 collected for the Salvation Army. Thank you to the King Soopers Stores and people who donated to our kettles.
- 250 Meals on Wheels Deliveries.
- 12 Project Cure Medical supplies sorting.
- Blood Drive - December
- 50 days working at the Sheridan Food Bank. Usually Thursdays
- Socials every month.
- And much more

Upcoming projects that you can help.

- Sheridan Food Bank – Thursday preparing distribution and distributing food.
- Project Cure – once a month – Sorting Medical Supplies
- Meals on Wheels – Every Weekday-(Each member about once a month)
- Blood Drive – March
- Working with Schools

If you're looking for hands-on service opportunities or want to meet active community members, join us! Details on upcoming projects and events are shared in our weekly newsletter—email info@columbinekiwanis.org to subscribe. Visit columbinekiwanis.org or come for a free breakfast at our weekly meeting every Wednesday at 7 a.m. at 4Gs Restaurant, 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton. Or email me at KenSweet@gmail.com.

The Love Letter Project

12-26-25 to 02-08-26

Aspen Grove 7301 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton

In partnership with ROX Arts Gallery

Now in its 6th year, the Love Letter Project invites you to help spread a little warmth where it matters most. We're asking our community to create and share handwritten Valentine's cards for neighbors served by Nourish Meals on Wheels and Meals on Wheels recipients across the Denver metro area.

These cards are delivered by hand before Valentine's Day, each one a small reminder that someone is thinking of them.

How to Take Part

- Make a card. Handmade cards are encouraged, but heartfelt words matter more than perfection.
- Drop it off at ROX Arts Gallery or in the mailbox right next to the gallery.
- No stamp needed. Cards are hand-delivered by Meals on Wheels volunteers.
- Please do not seal your card.
- Write as many as you'd like. One card is lovely. Many are even better.

Why It Matters

Nourish Meals on Wheels serves homebound Littleton residents, and this project also reaches Meals on Wheels recipients throughout the Denver metro area. For many, your card may be the only Valentine's Day card they receive. A few kind words can turn an ordinary day into something quietly unforgettable.

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National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day

On February 11th, Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day promotes a positive attitude even when things might not be going your way. It's a day for looking on the bright side of things and then carrying that feeling with you every day after. Do not worry, and do not stress over the little things. Life is too short to let the little things bother us.

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Biggest Decor Trends, *continued from front page*

2. Contemporary Classicism

What sounds like an oxymoron is more attainable than you think, according to The Brownstone Boys. “It’s about mixing timeless materials and shapes with fresh, modern accents,” say Barry and Jordan, HomeGoods featured finders and interior designers. “Think: the charm of a brownstone parlor with the playfulness of contemporary color and form.”

If you want to give this trend a try, the Brownstone Boys recommend pieces like turned-leg tables or carved frames paired with contemporary staples like colorful textiles or abstract art.

3. Bold Takes on Rich Neutrals

Color drenching – more on that later – was huge in 2025, and 2026 is looking no different. But if color drenching is a little intense for your taste, HomeGoods featured finder and home & garden expert Ursula Carmona has some advice on how to (earth) tone it down. “In 2026, neutrals are becoming cozy, rich, and full of warmth – think layered tones that feel grounded yet elevated,” Carmona says. “From earthy browns and sun-washed taupes to muted versions of color like deep navy or olive, this new wave of neutrals embraces depth and character. Texture plays a starring role, adding dimension through materials that feel tactile and lived-in.”

4. Refined American Revival

In 2026, we’re leaning back into old-fashioned Americana, which has us feeling finer than frog hair split four ways. “A new wave of American style is making its way back – think laidback, inviting, and nostalgic,” Reimhold says. “It’s a mix of heritage patterns, denim blues, and hand-stitched details paired

with modern lighting and clean lines. Picture a country home with a city edge filled with decor that feels both timeworn and timeless.”

5. Natural Materials

“In 2026, painted cabinetry and high-gloss finishes are out, making way for the warmth of real wood and natural textures,” Reimhold says. “Medium oak, walnut, and mahogany tones bring depth and authenticity back into the home, while stone, linen, and organic cottons create a soft, timeless foundation. The focus is on materials that age gracefully and feel handcrafted rather than manufactured.”

Further elevate natural finishes and fabrics with smart updates. “Natural materials are still leading the way, but in 2026, they’re getting a refined, sculptural update,” the Brownstone Boys say. “Taking tactile, natural elements like linen and rattan balanced with sleek stone and glass, brings dimension and harmony to any space, while touches of greenery and sculptural branches add effortless movement.”

6. Color Drenching

As hinted at above, color drenching is back and better than ever. “In 2026, the trend is expanding beyond paint and into the realm of furniture, textiles, and accents, creating spaces that feel both dramatic and immersive,” Carmona says. “The traditional 60-30-10 rule – a design principle where 60% of a room’s color comes from dominant elements like walls, 30% from secondary pieces like furniture, and 10% from smaller accents – is evolving. That primary 60% is now stretching to 70 or even 80%, depending on how bold you want to go.” So if you can’t get enough of your favorite hue, don’t hold back now.



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Chocolate Cherry Blossoms

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 12 minutes

Additional Time: 5 minutes

Total Time: 27 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

Cherry Blossom Cookies

- 1 c. butter softened
- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 4 t. cherry juice from the maraschino jar
- 1/2 c. maraschino cherries chopped
- 3/4 t. almond extract
- 2 1/2 c. flour
- 1 bag Hershey Kisses – dark chocolate is my favorite

Glaze

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 Tablespoon water
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 350 F.
- Put the butter and sugar in a mixer bowl and beat until creamy. 1 c. butter, 1 c. powdered sugar
- Add the cherry juice, chopped cherries, and almond extract to the bowl and mix to combine. You can also add food coloring if you want to make the cookies even more pink.
- 4 t. cherry juice, 1/2 c. maraschino cherries, 3/4 t. almond extract



- Mix in the flour until it is well combined. The dough will be dry, but it should be wet enough to make into balls. If you think it is too dry add more cherry juice, 1 teaspoon at a time. 2 1/2 c. flour
- Form the dough into balls that are about 1 1/2" round. If you make the balls too small the kisses will overwhelm the cookies. Place the cookie balls on ungreased sheet cookie sheets or cookie sheets covered with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
- Bake the chocolate cherry blossoms at 350 for 10-12 min., until bottom edge turns light golden brown.
- While the cookies are baking unwrap the Hershey's kisses. Leave the cookies on the cookie sheet when they are done and gently push a kiss into the middle of each cookie. Keep them on the tray for another 5 minutes and then put them on cooling racks. 1 bag Hershey Kisses – dark chocolate is my favorite
- Cool completely before making the optional glaze. To make glaze stir the powdered sugar, water and almond extract together. Drizzle over the top of the cookies and let it harden. 1 cup powdered sugar, 1 Tablespoon water, 1 teaspoon almond extract

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February is the month of lasting change.
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—Marc Parent

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St	Close Date	Address	Bd	Bth	Ttl	SQ FT	Price
A		8129 S Yukon Street S	4	4	3,663		\$1,100,000
P		8145 S Zephyr Way	4	3	4,639		\$1,120,000
P		7923 W Friend Drive	4	3	4,312		\$979,000
P		7844 W Friend Drive	6	4	4,142		\$950,000
P		7740 W Phillips Avenue	5	4	3,802		\$749,000
C	01/17/2025	7647 S Allison Court	4	5	4,899		\$1,275,000
C	01/10/2025	8248 S Ammons Court	5	4	4,444		\$1,269,000
C	06/27/2025	8369 W Fairview Avenue	4	4	3,622		\$1,025,000
C	11/03/2025	7758 W Chestnut Place	5	4	4,123		\$979,500
C	08/01/2025	8188 S Yukon Street	6	4	4,873		\$975,000
C	12/12/2025	7830 W Friend Place	5	5	4,282		\$950,000
C	03/14/2025	8382 W Nichols Avenue	6	5	5,063		\$925,000
C	11/21/2025	8160 W Phillips Avenue	4	4	4,155		\$901,701
C	08/04/2025	7863 W Friend Drive	4	4	4,301		\$885,000
C	05/05/2025	8055 S Zephyr Way	4	4	4,514		\$826,200
C	08/22/2025	8288 W Chestnut Avenue	6	4	3,524		\$815,000
C	02/14/2025	8114 S Zephyr Way	4	3	4,488		\$807,000
C	11/20/2025	7636 S Allison Court	6	4	3,105		\$806,008
C	04/21/2025	8102 S Zephyr Street	5	4	4,315		\$794,000
C	03/10/2025	8220 S Brentwood Street	5	4	3,890		\$765,000
C	01/15/2025	7759 W Phillips Avenue	4	4	3,138		\$740,000
C	12/12/2025	7632 S Balsam Court	4	3	3,751		\$725,000

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2025	\$885,000	67	17
2018	\$562,477	28	18

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