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# Monthly Newsletter

December 2024 ✦



## Celebrate the Holidays with These Community Events!

Get into the festive spirit with these family-friendly holiday events happening in your area! From crafts to markets, Santa visits, and artisan goods, there's something for everyone to enjoy this season.

### **Winter Fest - Catch Your Gingerbread Man!**

Date: Sunday, December 8 | Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (Doors open at 9:45 AM)

Location: Louisville Center for the Arts, 801 Grant Ave, Louisville, CO

*Join us for a creative, family-centered craft experience! Decorate gingerbread men, bedazzle snowflake ornaments, and enjoy a hot chocolate bar while holiday cartoons play in the background. Parking is free, and children under 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

### **St. John's Christmas Market - Authentic European Charm**

Dates:

Friday, December 6: 4:00 - 8:30 PM

Saturday, December 7: 12:00 - 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 8: 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Location: 323 Collyer St, Longmont, CO

*Explore 17 European-style booths featuring handmade crafts, local jewelry, and festive treats like chimney cakes. Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, live music, mulled wine, and a visit from St. Nick himself! Free admission.*

### **Photos with Santa**

Date: Saturday, December 7 | Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Register online to secure your time slot!

*Capture the magic of the season with professional photos of Santa. This free event is open to all ages. Don't forget to bring your holiday wish list! Questions? Contact 303-551-2429 or 303-452-3300.*

### **The Studio Holiday Market - Shop Local Artisans**

Date: Thursday, December 5 | Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: The Studio (Boulder), 3550 Frontier Ave Suite A2, Boulder, CO

*Discover unique gifts from local artists while enjoying complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres. This event features a preview of The Catamounts' upcoming food and performance event. RSVP required for drinks!*

### **Boulder JCC: Chanukah on Ice**

Date: Thursday, December 22 | Time: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (Menorah Lighting at 5:30 PM)

Location: Winterskate, 824 Front St, Louisville, CO

*Celebrate Chanukah on Ice with friends and family! Skate to Chanukah music, enjoy sufganiyot (jelly donuts), sip hot chocolate, and witness the lighting of the Chanukah Menorah in Louisville. Mention you're there for Chanukah on Ice to receive discounted admission. This event is co-sponsored by the Boulder County Center for Judaism.*

Skate Rentals: \$13 for Adults & Kids 4+ | FREE for Children 3 & Under

Event Cost: Free to attend

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## Important Update: New Smoke Detector Requirements

Effective **December 29, 2024**, the rules around smoke detectors are changing to enhance fire safety and reliability. The new requirement mandates that all homes must have:

**Hardwired smoke detectors** OR  
**Smoke detectors with a sealed 10-year battery.**

This mandate is a proactive step to ensure smoke detectors are more dependable and less prone to failure due to battery issues.

### **What This Means for Providers and Homes:**

All homes must meet the updated requirements by the effective date. Residential Case Managers will be checking smoke detectors for compliance during their next in-person visit. Please begin making any necessary updates now to ensure your home is prepared. This is a vital step to protect yourself, your home, and those you care for

For questions or assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to your Case Manager. Thank you for prioritizing safety!

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### **Reminder: Half-Day on December 6th**

Providers, please note that Wednesday, December 6th will be a half-day for day program services.

**Pick-Ups:** Will occur at the usual times.

**Drop-Offs:** Expect drop-offs to happen around 1:00 PM.

If you have any questions or need clarification, don't hesitate to reach out to Jeff Near at **[jeff.near@karunacareservices.com](mailto:jeff.near@karunacareservices.com)**.

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### **Karuna Care Services: 2025 Holiday Schedule**

Mark your calendars! Below is the 2025 holiday schedule for Karuna Care Services. Our offices will be closed on the following dates in observance of these holidays:

<b>Observed Holiday</b>	<b>Holiday Observation Day</b>
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Independence Day	Friday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Labor Day	Monday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday, October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Veterans Day	Tuesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Winter Holiday	Wednesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Winter Holiday	Thursday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025

Please plan accordingly to ensure services and support are uninterrupted. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to your manager or contact the main office.

Thank you for being a valued part of our community!

*Thank you for reading!*

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