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TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

November Calendar

11/1 - News Update

11/11 - Proxy and ballot deadline

11/12 - Regular garbage pick-up day; No delay

11/12 - Annual HOA Board Meeting

11/19 - Annual TMMD Meeting

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Ken Colaizzi

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Annual HOA Meeting Tuesday, November 12th

The 2024 Annual HOA Meeting is Tuesday, November 12th. Early check-in is at 5:30 pm, followed by the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The annual meeting will be held in person at Falcon Bluffs Middle School in Littleton.

The HOA will ratify the 2025 HOA budget as well as present the Board of Director candidates for the HOA. There are three (3) positions open on the Board this year. If you are interested in running for the Board, please contact the property manager at Westwind Management Group - <https://www.trailmark.org/management-company/>

The HOA board election will take place at this meeting. According to our [CCR's](#), your current HOA dues must be paid in full in order for your vote to count. Please make sure your HOA dues are up to date.

A mailing with the meeting notice, 2025 budget, a self-nomination form, the proxy and the ballot was sent out in mid-October. If you did not receive yours, please contact [Westwind](#). Proxies and ballots may be mailed back to Westwind in the envelope that was provided, or you can [email](#) it, or fax it to 303-369-0007.

GOOD NEWS! We have more than enough proxies! [Westwind Management Group](#) is still accepting ballots.

The HOA needs volunteers to process and count ballots. In order to volunteer, you may not be related or affiliated with any of the HOA candidates running for a Board position. If you wish to help with this process, please contact the property manager at Westwind Management Group - <https://www.trailmark.org/management-company/>

[Annual Meeting Agenda \(click here\)](#)

All are welcome to attend the annual meeting.

Common Area Committee update (CAC)

According to South Suburban Parks & Recreation, they will be addressing their irrigation system surrounding the pond, and on both sides of the trail, beginning in November. After the irrigation has been restored, LCS will be replacing the trees and bushes around the shed by the Fire Station!

2023 Image by Google Maps



HOA Annual Meeting



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TrailMark's
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Candidates: 2025 TrailMark HOA Board of Directors

(in alphabetical order by first name)

☒ **DAVE (DAVID) SOULE**

For the past 5 years, I have had the privilege of being a resident and homeowner in TrailMark, and I have cherished every moment in this unique and beautiful community. My wife and I, high school sweethearts, recently celebrated our 52nd wedding anniversary. We are blessed with three grown children and five wonderful grandchildren, who are spread out across Colorado, Tennessee, and California. I proudly served our country in the US Navy in a naval air patrol squadron, and I am now retired after a 47- year career as an engineer with a Fortune 200 company, where I worked on motion control sealing systems for aerospace, medical and automotive applications. Earlier this year, I stepped in to fill a vacancy at TrailMark HOA Board when a previous member relocated out of state. I have found this role both challenging and rewarding, and I am eager to continue serving to ensure that our neighborhood remains one of the most desirable places to live in Colorado. My extensive life experience positions me well for this volunteer role, and I'm committed to maintaining the high standard that makes our community special. I am always open to hear diverse perspectives on the issues that affect us all. I ask for your vote to help preserve the paradise we all call "home."

☒ **JR HOFFSCHNEIDER**

I have 15+ years in a variety of management positions in different industries. Currently in charge of creating budgets and schedules for construction projects valued up to \$15 million dollars. I would like to join the Board of Directors To provide a fresh perspective and give back to the community we have lived in for the last 8 years.

☒ **PHIL KINNEY**

Four years as a member of the TrailMark HOA Board of Directors. I have an MBA from Duke University. I am an original Homeowner of the TrailMark Community (20+ years). I would like to be on the Board because I find working with the TrailMark Board of Directors to be personally rewarding and has educated me as to the requirements of a well-run Board. The Board of Directors makes sure that all covenants are adhered to and therefore maintains a beautiful and valuable asset. Our covenants keep the value of everyone's assets.

☒ **TONYA SLOAN**

I am the current Secretary of the HOA Board and would like to run for re-election for the next term. We have lived in the TrailMark community for 4 years and love the community, environment, neighbors, and people. I have served on the HOA Board for the last two years and feel I have just gotten started. The current Board members work together very well, and we are making a lot of progress on keeping our community beautiful and modern. I would like to continue my work on the Board and am seeking your vote to make this a reality. My professional background is establishing policies, business practices and processes that build efficiency and consistency. In my role I must maintain an open and collaborative mind and know that my skills are benefiting the community. In my personal life I like to do anything outdoors and love visiting with my neighbors on a regular basis. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to the many years we will reside in the community.

☒ **TRACY SCHERR**

I have a bachelor's degree in science and communication. I am a University of Florida Graduate, Dean's list. I am a Project Manager with over 20 years of experience. I would like to be on the board of Directors to ensure that HOA always has the best interest of the community in mind. Honestly, transparency and to ensure well collectively do what is best for the entire Community as a whole.

Alternative Options to Disposing Leaves

Since it's fall, here are some alternative resources for those nagging leaves on the ground. This may alleviate some extra space in your trash cans.

The two links below show where TrailMark residents can be more "green," and save trash can space for real trash.



Link 1

The City of Littleton and the City of Englewood have partnered to bring you an exciting and eco-friendly event this fall – the Fall Leaf Collection Event. Join us in a collaborative effort to keep our communities clean and green from October 28 to November 8, 2024.

<https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/CityServices/GreenEnvironmental-Programs/Fall-Leaf-Collection-Event>

Link 2

These Slash drop-off locations operate Thursday through Sunday, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Please arrive no later than 3:30 p.m. to the drop-off site as the unloading process takes about 30 minutes.

<https://www.jeffco.us/2493/SlashCollection#:~:text=Drop%2Doff%20Schedule,process%20takes%20about%2030%20minutes>

A third way takes a little more effort but also helps. Call local small farms to drop off leaves for mulching. They just ask for no dog poop, trash, or pine needles. Pine needles make mulch too acidic and it won't break down.



Keeping our Neighborhood Beautiful

The Facts About Dog Poop

Dog Poop Doesn't Biodegrade Like Wild Animal Poop - Because we feed our dogs food that's different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. And due to the large number of pets in suburban neighborhoods and local parks, this hardy dog waste accumulates.

Dog Poop Contains Harmful Bacteria, Parasites - Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E coli, Giardia, Salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and Cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to you or your pet and may cause health problems.

Dog Waste Pollutes Groundwater, Water Bodies - Bacteria in dog waste can harm water quality in creeks and rivers and alter the ecosystems of these stream corridors. Humans who come in contact with creek water can also face health hazards.

County Ordinances Require Cleanup - Jefferson County ordinances make "failure to clean up dog feces in public places" a petty offense with a fine of at least \$30. Many local park districts have similar regulations and fines.

How You Can Help - Please pick up your dog's poop and share this message with your friends and neighbors. Together, we can debunk the poop fairy myth and clean up our county.

Source: <https://www.jeffco.us/416/Myth-of-the-Poop-Fairy>



Many thanks from the CAC for Mulch Distribution help

The Common Area Committee would like to give our thanks and appreciation to everyone who volunteered to help spread the mulch this summer and fall!! This was a massive contribution to the beautification of our neighborhood and we couldn't have done it without you!

Mary Kreeger, chair
TrailMark HOA Common Area Committee

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Chili Cook-Off Raised \$1353 for Fallen Firefighters

The HOA Board would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who participated in Lori Ross' 4th Annual TrailMark Chili Cook-Off to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (<https://www.firehero.org/>). Like usual, several TrailMark families brought their award winning chili recipes for everyone to taste and indulge.

Awards were given to the following winners:

- Red Chili Winner - Deanna Manzanares—#17
- Green Chili Winner(s) - Herald Woolsey & Jill Ryall—#3
- Red Chili Winner - Kate Johnson—#13
- Fan Favorite - JR Hoffschneider—#8 (green chili)

Congratulations to all of the winners and all who participated by donating chili or helping at the event!!

The Board would also like to extend a very warm thank you to Lori Ross for organizing this honorable event. TrailMark residents proudly donated **\$1353 to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation**. Your donations sincerely help many families who recently lost their loved firefighter in the line of duty. Each of those firefighters will have their name inscribed in the NFFF memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Just know that when those families visit Emmitsburg to see their loved one's name on the NFFF wall, you in fact helped pay for many of those families to grasp some peace and closure at a time of great loss.

Special thanks also goes out to our local South Metro Fire Station #19 as the firefighters came to help judge the chilis, and let the kids play on their firetruck. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers who helped Lori Ross put this event together. What a remarkable event to bring our community together and also help all of those firefighters' families pay tribute to their fallen firefighter who unselfishly gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life to keep each of us safe.

Until next year, please continue to thank all of our firefighters for the dangerous job they withstand every day. TrailMark appreciates and honors all of our firefighters, as they are REAL heroes with red and blue sirens!

[View more photos](#)



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Find local events easily on the TrailMark Calendar



Looking for something fun to do? [TrailMark's Calendar](#) is full of events for the upcoming holidays. Visit the website calendar to view events in TrailMark, Littleton and surrounding areas. If you have an event that you would like to add, please send it to communications@trailmark.org for publication consideration.*

*Events will most likely be considered if they are free to the TrailMark community, or they benefit local non-profit organizations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL HOA BOARD MEETING



Tuesday, November 12th
Falcon Bluffs Middle School
8449 S Garrison St, Littleton

- **5:30 pm - Early Check-in**
- **6:00 pm - TrailMark HOA Meeting**

HOA Annual Meeting information - <https://www.trailmark.org/2024-hoa-election/>

[Agenda](#)

All are welcome.

REPUBLIC UPDATE: NO DELAYS IN NOVEMBER



November 12th is a regular garbage and recycling pick-up day. No delay due to the Veterans Day holiday.

ANNUAL TMMD MEETING



Tuesday, November 19th
South Metro Fire Station 19
8490 W TrailMark Parkway, Littleton

All residents are welcome to attend the public meeting.

Save the date

*Future Social Event
dates to remember*

December 2 - TrailMark Night at the Lights
December 14 - TM Christmas Lights Parade

Visit [trailmark.org](https://www.trailmark.org) for more details. If you would like to volunteer for any event, please contact the Social Committee with the name of the event and we will send you the sign-up genius for that event - social@trailmark.org