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April 2019

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

April Calendar

4/1 - TrailMark News Update

4/1 - Quarterly Assessments Due

4/20 - TrailMark Easter Egg Hunt

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TrailMark Trash/Recyclables Pick-up

Put trash/recyclables containers on the street only the morning of pick-up day

The TrailMark [Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions](#), paragraph 3.11 [Restrictions on Garbage and Trash](#), states, "...covered containers may be placed outside at such times as may be necessary to permit garbage or trash pick-up." Over the years there have been many discussions on the use of plastic trash bags, uncovered trash cans, trash cans wildlife get into, and the winds we experience with the resultant scattering of trash throughout the neighborhood. Thus, the HOA Board, in response to these discussions, determined that the best strategy for dealing with the problem is to strictly enforce our covenants.

On May 1, 2019, homeowners may place their trash and recyclables containers out **only** on the morning of trash/recyclables pick-up (not later than 7:00 AM as requested by Alpine, below) and return containers to their storage location the evening of trash/recyclables removal. Holidays and weather will be considered when necessary. Failure to follow this policy may result in a Courtesy Notice with fines for repeat violations.



Trash must be to Curb before 7:00 am

The management company received a call from our representative at Alpine Waste and Recycling. The driver for the HOA called in and informed Alpine that while driving through TrailMark for pickup one Tuesday, about 40% of homes didn't have their trash out. This could be why Alpine is getting so many calls about 'missed' trash. Alpine operates in the neighborhood from 7am to 7pm on pickup days. If something was missed, Alpine will correct it. They realize that this happens sometimes and can track the truck through every street to see where the issue occurred. However, if the container is not out, Alpine will not be returning to do an extra pickup.

Further discussion may be directed to board@trailmarkhoa.org. In the meantime, the HOA Board and your neighbors would appreciate your compliance with the above strategies.



Join Us



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TrailMark Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th

9:00 am

Hogback Hill Park



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Hey Kids! Print and color this page for fun!

Letter from a TrailMark Resident: Respect our Wildlife

I was disheartened this morning to see that another goose has been killed by a car in our community. This is not the first time this has happened. In TrailMark everything is connected. We need to respect and care for our wildlife and environment because our well-being depends on it. If we are to secure a better future for our children and children's children, it starts with compassion. Let's remind each other to slow down and appreciate the moments. There is no need to drive so fast in this community and have such disregard for geese. We are ALL God's creatures.



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From the Management Company

Spring is nearly here! And that means time for home improvement projects and repairs. The management company has asked homeowners to reacquaint themselves with the [Design Review Guidelines](#) before applying for approval from the Design Review Committee. All of this information is available on the [TrailMark HOA website](#). Please note that any external change must be approved by the DRC before work can begin. Any unapproved work may be subject to removal at the homeowner's expense.

The fence replacement project is underway and going smoothly. The privacy fences along TrailMark Parkway and Independence Street are being replaced with TREX fencing. This material was chosen for its wind resistance, aesthetic appeal, and longevity. The project is being handled through the TrailMark Metro District. For any concerns or questions, please call the [Split Rail](#) office at 303-791-1997.

The Social Committee is responsible for putting together all of the wonderful neighborhood activities that are enjoyed throughout the year. In order to help these events be all that they can be, the Social Committee is offering the opportunity to be a sponsor for any of the events. For more information, please visit <https://www.trailmark.org/social-committee.html>

South Metro Fire Rescue Now Serving 540,000 Residents in Metropolitan Area

As the new year dawned, Littleton Fire Rescue and South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) officially unified into a single agency. It is now the state's second largest fire department. SMFR's personnel now serve approximately 540,000 residents in its 285-square mile jurisdiction before, during and after emergencies. Although creating a single fire district had been discussed for many years, voters in the City of Littleton completed the process on November 6, 2018, when they opted to include into SMFR's fire protection jurisdiction. Voters in the Littleton Fire Protection District and Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District reached similar decisions earlier in the year. Littleton's Acting Fire Chief Jeff Tasker and SMFR Fire Chief Bob Baker presided over a ceremony at Station 11 the morning of January 1st to mark the unification. Baker remains Fire Chief of SMFR while Tasker is now a District Chief.

Property Tax and Mill Levy Information from the Jeffco Assessor's Office

State law requires that counties update property values every two years. Jefferson County property owners will get their 2019 notices of value in early May. These will reflect what properties were worth on June 30, 2018. [Get more details on their website](#). The [Jeffco Assessor's Office](#) does not raise or lower taxes. That is done by the taxing entities themselves - Jefferson County, Jefferson County School District, fire districts, and many other special taxing districts.

Jeffco Volunteer Fair - Saturday, April 6

Volunteers are the heart of community organizations in Jefferson County. Through their work, volunteers support and mentor children, staff food banks, clean up neighborhoods, foster homeless pets and do countless other things that make the place they live a better place for all. Volunteers provide vital help to people in need and advance worthwhile causes. The Leadership Jefferson County Class of 2019 is hosting a Volunteer Drive to [connect organizations to volunteers](#).

[RSVP and Learn more](#) about the organizations looking for volunteers.



Weekly Car Seat Inspections

The South Metro Safety Foundation and South Metro Fire Rescue are providing courtesy inspections of child safety seats and booster seats for families who work and live in South Metro Fire Protection District. A car seat installation event is scheduled every Wednesday and every other Tuesday at these locations:

Fire Station 12 Littleton
Fire Station 16 Highlands Ranch
Fire Station 22 (Summer only) Aurora
Fire Station 34 Lone Tree
Fire Station 45 Parker

Make an appointment at: www.southmetrofoundation.org. Car restraints expire after six years unless otherwise stated. If your car seat has been involved in a major or moderate crash, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that you replace it. Do not buy a used child seat or booster unless it is from a trusted source and you know the seat's crash history.

Friendly Reminders:

- Stay on the trails in open space
- Keep dogs on leashes
- Be respectful of neighbors' yards

HOA Assessments Due April 1st

As a reminder, HOA Assessments are due April 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Kelly at Community Resource Services.

TrailMark HOA Board

TrailMark Garage Sale

June 7th & 8th
7:30 am-2:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th
9:00 am
Hogback Hill Park



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Food Truck Thursdays

A variety of savory and sweet food trucks will be joining our community for purchase. Truck selections will vary. Please bring a picnic blanket or chairs, and your appetite!

FIRST EVENT OF 2019
Thursday, May 2nd
5:30-8:00 pm

S. Field Way near TrailMark Park



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