



April 2020

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

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Jokes!**

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Easter Eggs**

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COVID-19 - We're all in this together... at a distance

The COVID-19 disease and restrictions have taken us in a direction most have never experienced. Our lives have changed. Regardless of the daily warnings and guidance of this very serious disease, it is abundantly clear that many TrailMark residents are not observing the state-wide stay-at-home directive.

Social Distancing guidance is to stay at least 6 feet away from non-familial members. However, we are witnessing high risk, non-essential activities in TrailMark, putting everybody at risk of contracting this very dangerous and deadly disease. Many families continue to have play dates, yard gatherings and even a birthday party, when 30 people gathered in celebration. Many are maintaining only 2 to 4 feet distance away from each other. In a pandemic, this is crazy, reckless behavior. As the Governor said, "These behaviors are dangerous for individuals and communities."

TrailMark residents have voiced concern over these behaviors. We should all be concerned.

THE GOVERNOR ORDERED

On March 25th, Governor Polis issued a mandatory statewide stay-at-home order, an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19. The order is in effect March 26th to at least April 11th. Subsequently, the City of Littleton and Jefferson County published information regarding their response to the virus. To stay abreast of developments, below are several of the many sites that are publishing the stay-at-home order and further guidance - how to implement, to whom it applies, who is exempt, and other relevant information:

- State of Colorado COVID-19 information: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- City of Littleton's COVID-19 information: <https://www.littletongov.org/my-littleton/covid-19-coronavirus-information>

LET'S GET IT TOGETHER

Come on, folks. Let's **all** comply with the mandatory order. Do your part to help slow down and rid us of this very dangerous disease. While some progress has been made, it takes only a few to turn that progress into further disaster. Let's all contribute to getting businesses open, schools in session, and all of us back to our normal activities. "It takes a village," and **everybody** has a part to play.

Today is Census Day

Hey, #Littleton! You count!!! Today is #2020Census Day, take 10 min and fill it out [2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov). Did you know each year, Census data informs federal funding for more than 100 programs, including school lunches, highway construction, and education??

Homeowners, please take note

The policy regarding fines for completing exterior work without DRC approval is changing. After much discussion and consideration of comments received from homeowners, the board has voted to increase the fine if DRC approval is not obtained prior to a project starting on the exterior of a home. The fine will now be \$250. If you follow the process and obtain DRC approval, this fine is not an issue. The intent is to ensure the people are following the rules of the HOA and obtaining approval. Please note this policy change will go into effect May 1, 2020. If you have a question about whether or not your work needs approval, the best course of action is to ask.

KINDLY NOTE: If you have any questions about whether or not your work needs approval, or about a violation notice, the best course of action is to immediately communicate/ask.

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State Park Pass deadline delayed

The payment due date for the [2020 Colorado State Park Pass bulk offer](#) is extended to at least April 15th. We will know more once the Coronavirus issue is stable.

Law Enforcement Warning

Law Enforcement and the Red Cross advise there are people in some areas going door-to-door saying that they are authorized to do "home testing" for the Coronavirus. This is NOT TRUE!!!!

When permitted, they do the PRETEND TEST and charge for it or rob them. If someone like this comes to your door, DO NOT allow them into your home and CALL THE POLICE.



Photo by May Claire Hetzel

From the [TrailMark HOA Facebook page...](#)

The Hetzel family enjoys take-out while practicing social distancing.

Volunteer Community Emergency Network of TrailMark (VCENT)

This special neighbor-to-neighbor helping network is inspired by all of the recent COVID-19 challenges and urgencies. However, the intent is for this network to be relevant to many issues in our Community.

EVERYONE'S NETWORK

A network of our fellow caring and concerned Neighbors.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Here in TrailMark we have a lot of Residents who would gladly help their Neighbors, but who have no way to efficiently plug into a network to identify those in need in our Community, and to help those challenged Neighbors.

We may not generally think that folks in our neighborhoods might be struggling, but with the enormous stress and pressure-of-these-times, many are or will be facing difficult and sometimes lonely times, for example: folks who are isolated in their homes (by age, quarantine, sequester, loss of employment, accident, medical condition or depression, etc.). The commonality here is that they, we, all have Neighbors who would likely want to help if they were aware of Neighbors' needs. Also, many folks find it difficult to ask for help.

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER HELPING NETWORK

Some of our Residents may know of folks who could use some help, and other Residents may want to help, or may know those who could lend a hand or their ideas. Some residents may just wish to encourage the Network or contribute ideas. Help is help, no matter in what form.

JOINING US

Joining this neighborhood's virtual, helping, emergency Network (VCENT) does not obligate anyone to anything. We don't have time-wasting meetings. We don't require anything of you other than, if you join the Network, caring about your Community members and about getting something done to reduce stress and suffering for our Residents.

SIMPLE TO BE A PART OF THIS

Just fill out the form on TrailMark's website stating that you would like to help, you need help, or that, in support, you have some great ideas for VCENT (<https://www.trailmark.org/vcent.html>). You are then in the Network.

POSSIBLE WAYS TO HELP

- Identify fellow community members, who might need help
- Directly Volunteer - hands on help
- Virtual Volunteer - help from afar
- Resources - to support the help
- Supportive Business - pitching in as a business
- Skills Volunteer - helping with a specific skill set
- Just stay in touch for now –
- Just support the idea for now –

This is our unique Neighborhood. Thank you for caring about your Neighbors and TrailMark!



Photo by Brittney Ure



Photo by Charlie Waltman



Photo by Dave Soule



Photo by Kendra Haddon

TrailMark/Wadsworth intersection: Southbound 'Right turn on Red'

The following article contains new information, posted as a service to TrailMark residents. Until recently, authorities told the HOA that the law was to stop at the red light before proceeding. With many more phone calls and emails from the HOA, it was confirmed that stopping is NOT required, which is why we felt a need for this update.

ISSUE

Over the years, there has been a great deal of driver confusion, concerning the proper/legal way for southbound Wadsworth drivers to turn right, onto westbound TrailMark Parkway, when the north/south traffic light is red (refer to the intersection layout drawing, below).

Some drivers making this turn, on red, come to a full stop and then proceed, while other drivers slow and continue the right turn, without stopping for the red light. The debate amongst drivers is, "which of these two driver approaches is correct/lawful?"

SAFETY

Because drivers interpret this right turn on red, onto TrailMark Parkway, in two manners - stopping and not stopping - there are safety concerns that the mix of the two right turn on red approaches could cause collisions. Specifically, if a driver reaches the intersection to turn right on red, and the non-stopping driver is closely following the stopping driver, there is the risk of an accident. In this case, the following driver is at fault.

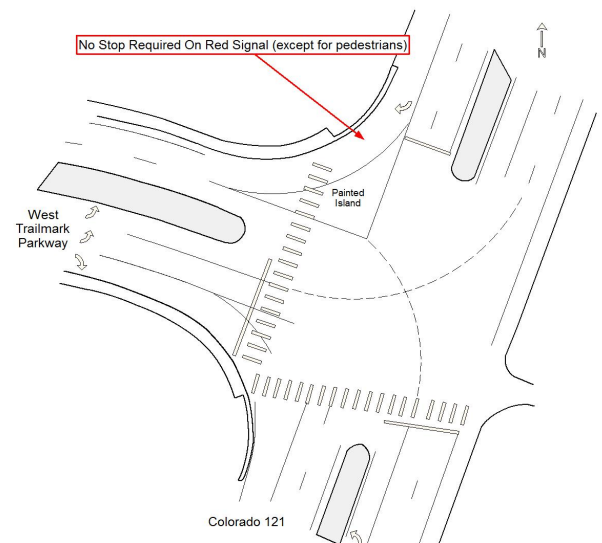
HOA RESEARCH FOR CLARIFICATION

The HOA Board did extensive research with those responsible for building, maintaining, and regulating the intersection, as well as those responsible for enforcing compliance of traffic laws, requesting definitive guidelines/laws for that specific right turn on red.

The HOA consulted the City of Littleton, CDOT, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) for their specific guidance. CDOT built and maintains the intersection, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department enforces TrailMark Parkway, and the Colorado State Patrol, CSP, is responsible for Wadsworth. The different agencies gave varied interpretations and they all finally deferred to the Colorado State Patrol for the final answer because CSP enforces this intersection.

CSP GUIDELINES FOR SOUTHBOUND WADSWORTH ONTO WESTBOUND TRAILMARK PARKWAY, RIGHT TURN ON RED

1. Stop not required: Southbound - The right, curb-side, turning lane onto TrailMark Parkway is a continuous flow right turn lane (delineated by a solid, north-to-south white line), which continues around the corner, onto TrailMark Parkway. Furthermore, there is no white stop line on southbound Wadsworth at the traffic light. Therefore, a stop is NOT required for a southbound Wadsworth driver, who is making a right-hand turn onto westbound TrailMark Parkway.
2. Stop optional: Whereas a stop is not required, as discussed above, the turning driver still has the legal right to stop on red before making the right turn.
3. When right turn on red is not allowed: When a pedestrian or bicyclist is anywhere in the intersection, right turns on red (stopping or non-stopping) are not allowed. The pedestrian or bicyclist always has the right-of-way, and they must clear the intersection before a right turn on red is allowed.
4. It is possible that a "Yield" or other guidance sign may be placed at this turn. That sign decision is a longer-term review and designation process.
5. If there is an accident at this intersection, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department will hand it off to the Colorado State Patrol.



Easter Egg Hunt postponed

A new date is yet to be determined. Stay tuned!

Instead, participate in our Neighborhood Window Walks! Just print or draw a picture(s) to post in a visible window before the given date. Families can get out and exercise while the search for the hidden images!

Remaining Window Walk dates:

- **April 1st - Jokes!**
- **April 4th - Easter Eggs**



Photo by Deahna Visscher



Photo by Robert Cannady

Summer Concert dates are set!

All concerts are 5:30-7:30 pm. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets. Bring your own food, or enjoy our food truck! See you all there!

June 7 - Rebecca Folsom Band

Aug 2 - South Austin Moonlighters

Aug 30 - Cindy and the Protractors

UPCOMING EVENTS

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TrailMark HOA Board

Food Truck Thursdays

FIRST EVENT OF 2020

Thursday, May 7th

5:30-8:00 pm

S. Field Way near TrailMark Park

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!



Photo by Linda Jagiello