

May 2020

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

May Calendar

5/1 - News Update

**5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28 -
Food Truck Thursdays**

5/14 - HOA Board Meeting

**5/16 - Graduation
Celebration**

5/19 - TMMD Meeting

**5/27 - Delayed Garbage
Pick-up Day**

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Generosity throughout TrailMark

Through these challenging times, the residents of TrailMark have been making life a bit more special for us. Here are a few...



(upper-left) **The Easter Bunny makes a socially-distant visit to the neighborhood, thanks to the Keith family and the social committee** (photo by Darcy Hickman)

(top-middle) **Lonnie Somers hosts a dance party, at a distance of course**

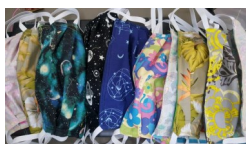
(upper-right) **T-Rex roams the neighborhood in honor of Jurassic week** (photo by Deahna Visscher)

(mid-left) **Scott Neil plays his bagpipes at sundown** (photo by Scott Neil) and **The Visscher family creates a game of Chutes & Ladders for families to enjoy** (photo by Deahna Visscher)

(lower-left) **Catherine Riegler, Barbra Sobhani, Lisa Neil, Elisa Gray and others make face masks for their neighbors** (photo by Catherine Riegler)

And a "woot woot" to those who howl and cheer at 8 pm!

Please report other generous acts that have been spotted in the neighborhood, which will be considered for publication in the June newsletter. communications@trailmarkhoa.org



State Park Pass update

Park Pass vouchers are expected to be distributed by mid-May. (Vouchers can be turned in at a state park for your vehicle's Annual Park Pass.)

<https://www.trailmark.org/colorado-state-park-pass.html>



Congratulations to Dalton Keene and the whole Keene family of TrailMark!

Dalton has been drafted to the New England Patriots.

His bio from Virginia Tech's website - <https://hokiesports.com/sports/football/roster/dalton-keene/9567>



Spreading cheer in TrailMark

As you are seeing around the area, holiday lights are going back up to offer a bright spot in this difficult time. TrailMark HOA would be happy to see many of you do the same! The regulations for holiday lights will be put on hold for the time being. This is not an indefinite allowance for holiday lights, but feel free to put them back up and spread some cheer. The HOA will ask that the lights come down once restrictions are lifted and people are starting to move

about normally again. While we are unsure when this is, the HOA will continue to put notices on the website, in the newsletter and on social media to ensure everyone is informed.

Signs of the Times

You may have noticed these temporary little additions to the TrailMark entrance, brought to you by our HOA board. Please stay healthy and safe!

(photos by Ken Colaizzi)



CAC Member Opportunity

Wanted: TrailMark resident with landscaping/gardening experience to join the Common Area Committee. Please contact Mary Kreeger at secretary@trailmarkhoa.org

Garbage & Recycling Updates

Garbage pick-up delayed to May 27th

TrailMark's garbage & recycling pick-up will be delayed from Tuesday, May 26th to Wednesday, May 27th due to the Memorial Day holiday. <https://alpinewaste.com/>

Keep Trash Cans inside until morning of pick up

Trash containers may only be placed curbside the morning of pick up - [TRAILMARK POLICY](#)! A bear was reported in TrailMark last month. PLEASE keep your trash bins inside until Tuesday mornings, for the safety of our residents and our bears!



Alpine/GFL Automated Sustainability Report for TrailMark
March 2020

Letters from concerned TrailMark Residents

• Star Canyon trails are private - Please use them with respect

It is so nice to see so many families out together enjoying our beautiful TrailMark neighborhood and trails! With that being said, we in the Star Canyon Patio Homes and Condos would like to ask you to respect our landscaping when you come through. The trail which goes through the Patio Homes is actually a “private” trail, that is, it is owned and maintained by the Patio Homes’ own HOA. We are happy to have it open to all of TrailMark. However, when you go off the trail, you are in our community open space and also in our back yards. We pay to have this area maintained and it can be easily damaged, especially by bicycles going over the grassy hills just off the trails. We don’t have fences to protect our private property, but please be aware it is our private property and be respectful. Thank you!

Star Canyon resident

• “The Self-Walking Dog”

There was a small dog (chihuahua?) at the west side of the big pond the other day. It was on the sidewalk/grass and trail along the side street. There was no owner, no leash, and no collar that I could see. It did its business on the grass, walked around, and then crossed the street and “headed home.” I had stopped my walk, at a safe distance, to figure out if it was loose, lost, etc. and to look-up a number for animal control as I didn’t want a coyote, angry goose, or car, to get it if its owner didn’t show up. A neighbor advised that it lives nearby.

If you could post a reminder about dog-leash/owner rules it’s appreciated, as this seems a bit risky for the dog, wildlife, and humans.

Thank you,
TrailMark resident

• Follow-up from our HOA Board

TrailMark Residents - Please consider your neighbors and our environment when enjoying the great place in which we live. Our open spaces and trails are maintained to protect and restore the original foothills environment and tranquil setting. However, people walking across the open spaces, dogs running off-leash, and children riding bikes off-trail are damaging our trails and open spaces.

TrailMark’s HOA does not have jurisdiction over these issues. Our community trails and open spaces are the responsibility of South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR), and the trail that goes through the Star Canyon patio homes is owned and maintained by the patio homeowners. Help us keep our community beautiful and safe.

If you see something, say something. To report issues about our trails and/or open space, contact SSPR at 303-798-5131 or go to their website at <http://www.ssprd.org/contact-us>. TrailMark leash laws are enforced by the City of Littleton. Leash law offenders may be reported to the City of Littleton police department’s non-emergency number, 303-794-1551. (Pictures and locations are helpful.) However, we hope that all will be responsible neighbors and will enjoy our surroundings with respect.

City of Littleton, title 6 0 Police Regulations state:

6-2-3: RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED:

(A) Responsibility Of Owner: It shall be unlawful for any owner to have a dog running at large within the city. It shall not be a defense to this section that the owner did not permit the dog to be running at large.

(B) Animals Injured While At Large: Dogs or cats injured on public property while running at large shall be removed by the animal control officer and given adequate veterinary medical treatment if deemed necessary by the officer, pending notification of the owner. The owner of such animals shall be liable for all veterinary expenses and impoundment fees.

(C) Animals Found Dead After Being At Large: If any dog or cat dies while running at large in the city, the owner shall be liable for disposal fees established by the animal shelter in addition to penalties for violation of this section. (Ord. 18, Series of 1982)

6-2-4: INADEQUATE RESTRAINTS PROHIBITED:

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit such dog to be off the premises of such owner unless such dog is on a leash no longer than six feet (6') and strong enough to control such animal and held by a person competent to restrain such animal. (Ord. 21, Series of 1977)

TrailMark Paint Sample Book

Due to COVID Stay-At-Home and the potential danger of passing on the virus, the TrailMark exterior paint scheme books will not be distributed to homeowners at the present time. The color schemes were scanned to make them available on our website but the scanned colors are significantly distorted. Homeowners, then, have a few options:

1. Using the color scheme chart on the HOA website, go to any open Sherwin Williams store to get paint chips. See the chart here: https://www.trailmark.org/uploads/3/9/0/8/39089355/approvedpaintcolors_sw_201907.pdf. If the color scheme you choose is one of those in the paint books, paint chips are not required with your request.
2. Select a color scheme of your own. Please keep in mind that TrailMark's standard color scheme is brown, earth tones for siding, fascia, trim, exposed beams and garage doors - to blend with our community and surrounding environment. Complimentary colors for shutters, entry doors, front porch railings are considered. If you create your own color scheme, you must submit paint chips with your request.
3. Delay house painting until the Stay-At-Home directive is cancelled and the paint sample books will again be available. Homeowners who have received an exterior paint violation will receive a short-term extension.

A reminder: All exterior projects require DRC review and approval **prior** to initiating a project. Go to <https://www.trailmark.org/hoa-documents-amp-forms.html> to obtain the forms. The DRC reviews project requests the first and third week of every month. To ensure your project receives timely review, have your forms and relevant project documentation to the management company the Friday prior to the DRC review. Send to designreview@trailmarkhoa.org.

Littleton Programs & Services



Senior Refund Program: Since 1977, the Littleton City Council has annually renewed its Senior Refund Program, providing the city's senior residents with a refund. A letter to past recipients was mailed recently.

The program is available to both renters and property owners. For property owners, the refund is based on the property's assessed valuation. Refund amounts range from \$10 to \$100. Refunds for renters range from \$10 to \$30.

For those whose property title was transferred to a trust or other legal entity for estate planning purposes, they may now be eligible for a property tax refund based on the property's assessed valuation.

Applicants must have been 65 years of age or older on or before December 31, 2019 and resided within the Littleton city limits for the entire year of 2019. Newly-eligible residents can obtain forms and information from the City of Littleton Finance Office at finsb@littletongov.org. The deadline for filing is October 31, 2020.

Bemis Library: The library has added a new chat service on the [Bemis Library home page](#) where citizens can connect with a librarian to get help accessing eBooks, using digital resources, get recommended reading lists, find online homework help, and much more. The chat service is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shop Locally: It's important to shop locally and support Littleton restaurants and businesses whenever possible. To find out more about #LittletonCurbside visit go2littleton.com.

From the TrailMark HOA Facebook page...

Chip is responsibly keeping his distance from people, other dogs, and geese.

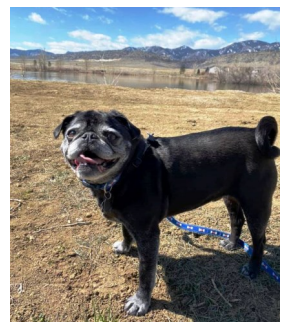


Photo by Chris Martinez



CAITLYN BEDENBENDER is proud to graduate as a Columbine Rebel. She will forever cherish the friendships & memories made there. She thanks her teachers and principal Mr. Christy for believing in her. Caitlyn looks forward to continuing her education and traveling.



LIZZIE BLASCHKE is graduating from Mullen High School. Lizzie was varsity cross-country team captain both junior and senior years. Additionally, she was an officer for the National Honor Society and a member of the tennis team, Kairos, and Lasallian Youth. Lizzie will attend Colorado College with a Presidential Merit Scholarship. She plans to major in Environmental Science.



CLAIRE CARTWRIGHT is graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She will be attending Grand Canyon University for nursing.



CLARA COFFEY is graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She is the 2020 class valedictorian. Clara has been involved in Relay For Life, the Mountain Bike Team, Science National Honors Society, and other volunteer organizations. Clara will be attending the University of Utah on a full academic scholarship and plans to major in Biomedical Engineering.



EMMA DERSHEM will be graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. Emma will be attending the United States Air Force Academy this summer and is planning to major in Biology or Chemistry. Following graduation and commissioning she plans to apply to Medical School and pursue a career in the Air Force Medical Service field.



SAMANTHA EVERETT will be graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She will be attending Adams State University to study Pre-Physical Therapy. She will also be continuing her soccer career as she will be playing women's soccer for Adams State this fall.



MACY GANTNER is graduating from Chatfield High School. She will be attending the University of Colorado. Macy plans on pursuing the medical field.



MARISSA HART is graduating from Dakota Ridge High School and will be pursuing a degree in Fashion Merchandising at CSU in the fall. Marissa was part of her high school's cheer and poms dance teams. She will graduate with a license in Esthetics through a partnership at Warren Tech. Marissa was recently recognized by the National Technical Honor Society.



JENNIFER HENRY is graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. Jenni is excited to be attending Colorado State University in the Fall. She will be studying sociology with a concentration in criminology and criminal justice.



LIZZIE HETZEL is graduating from Columbine High School. She will be attending UNC as an acting major. She also plans on pursuing fine art alongside acting, maybe even minoring in painting. She is so excited to continue her career on the stage!



BOLTON HICK will be graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. He will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering and then going onto Law to possibly become a Patent Attorney. He hasn't decided on a school just yet, but is leaning toward CU Boulder or NM Tech.



LOGAN HICK will be graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. He will be attending Northern Arizona University next year where he will be studying Anthropology or some related major. Beyond this, he's not really sure what he wants to do, but is excited to figure it out!



LAUREN HILL is graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She will be attending Loyola Marymount University in the fall studying Political Science.



MARY KATHERINE HOWARD is graduating from Rock Canyon High School. She plans on attending college.



EMMA LONGBRAKE will be graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She will be attending Regis University to study Exercise Science and Spanish. Emma is excited that she will also continue to play soccer. She plans to further her education to receive a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.



RILEY POLLARD will be graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She will be attending the University of Tampa, double-majoring in Business Finance and Cyber Security.



NICHOLAS RASMUSON is graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. Nick is planning on studying Neuroscience at Baylor University in Texas.



E J ROSE is graduating from D'Evelyn High School. He has been accepted to CBU (California Baptist University) and plans to go into Biblical Studies.



ZACHARY SAWICKI is graduating from Columbine High School. He plans to major in both, Biomedical Sciences specializing in Anatomy and Physiology, and Business at Colorado State University. Zachary's goal is to become a doctor and own a successful medical practice. He will explore specialties as part of his undergraduate degree and then choose a medical school accordingly.



ASHELY SOMERS will be graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She is planning to either attend USC or stay closer to home and go to one of Colorado's great colleges. Ashely plans to major in performing arts and hopes that it will lead her into a career on stage or in film. She is honored to be selected as a Daniels Fund Scholar and as one of her class of 2020 Valedictorians.



ASPEN SOMERS will be graduating from Chatfield Senior High School. She is planning to attend USC or Grinnell College in the fall. Aspen plans to double major in some area of performing arts and business. She hopes to be performing on stage or behind the camera while her ultimate sites are set on working her way up to CEO of Disney. Aspen is honored to be one of the Valedictorians for her class.



JADE SWICKARD is graduating from Mullen High School. She is going to Ole Miss this fall for nursing.



ANNA WALLEN graduated from the University of Nebraska High School in April. She plans to go to the University of Kansas next fall for a degree in biology pre-med.



AMELIA POLLARD will be graduating from Regis University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

TrailMark Graduation Ceremony and Car Parade

CALLING ALL TRAILMARK GRADUATES, High School, College or above! Join us for a make-shift graduation ceremony on May 16th from 10 am - 12 pm (approximate) at Hogback Hill. Sign up for a 5 minute time slot to be recognized at a ceremony with your family. You may submit a photo and 2-3 minute bio to Lonnie Somers at lonnie@halsports.net. Include where you are graduating from, any degrees, other significant accomplishments from your high school or college career, plans for next year, etc. Whatever you want to highlight! Lonnie will read your bio as he announces you through the graduation arch and backdrop. Come in your cap and gown or whatever you chose. Bring your cameras and family for a photo op at our graduation arch and background. A professional photographer will also be available to take photos! Feel free to Zoom, Face Time, Skype with family and friends to hear and see your accomplishments.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP AND SUBMIT BIOS IS MAY 10TH at 8 PM. Please [sign up](#) for the earliest available time slot, to avoid gaps in the celebration. Also, arrive at least 10 minute prior to your scheduled slot to avoid any delays and respect others time. *Note, this portion is open to graduates and their families only and we will have cones/signs to meet proper social distancing requirements!

THEN, have your cars/trucks decorated and ready to go, for a social-distancing **car parade** through the neighborhood to show off your graduate to all the neighbors! A designated start time and meeting location will be announced once we have our time slots for the ceremony filled. A route will be provided to the neighborhood, so everyone can come out and cheer on the graduates!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE ALL OF OUR TRAILMARK GRADUATES!



Photo by Deahna Visscher

Food Truck Thursdays to start up on May 7th with NEW Online Ordering

Food trucks will start coming to TrailMark on Thursday, May 7th, from 5:00-8:00 pm by TrailMark Park. There will be two trucks each Thursday in May with an online ordering system! Order your food through the trucks' websites or the [Truckster](#) app (for some trucks). Trucks that will be available, along with their menu and ordering site, will be posted each week. The truck will message you when your order is ready. Come pick up your food and stay safe adhering to social distancing!

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY DATES THIS MONTH: May 7, 14, 21, 28

Awesome turnout for this year's "Egg Hunt"

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Easter Egg Window/House Hiding and Hunting! Amazing participation! Even when we can get back to our normal hunt, we may keep this going next year!

Congrats to our best hunters

Thurber Family (over 500 eggs found!)
Myers Family
Starritt Family
Fells Family
Versaw Family

And to our top 5 houses (separate from the best hunters)

9831 S. Flower Ct
9617 W. TrailMark Pkwy
9540 S. Flower Way
9345 S. Hoyt Ct
9445 W. Freiburg Pl

A special thanks to Janet Weymiller for providing [Chick-fil-A](#) coupons as prizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Truck Thursdays with NEW Online Ordering!

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28
5:00-8:00 pm near TrailMark Park



Photo by Linda Jagiello

There will be 2 trucks each Thursday in May with an online ordering system! Order your food through the trucks' websites or the [Truckster](#) app (for some trucks). The truck will message you when your order is ready. Enjoy your meal while social distancing!

TrailMark Graduate Car Parade

Saturday, May 16th
Time TBD (approx. noon-ish)
Streets of TrailMark

A social-distancing car parade through the neighborhood to show off our graduates to all of the neighbors! A route will be provided to the neighborhood, so everyone can come out and cheer on the graduates!

TMMD Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, May 19th
6:30 pm

Due to COVID restrictions, the May 19th Regular meeting of the TrailMark Metro District will be held as an online Zoom meeting. The agenda will include the link for the public to participate and will be posted on the TMMD website on May 15th. This meeting finishes the terms of Directors Fankhouser and Handley and we thank them for their years of service. Also at the meeting, Ray Hallquist will be sworn in as a new Director to the Board.

*Circumstances permitting

Weekly Window Walks

April 27-May 3: Zoo Animals
May 4-May 10: Mom

Each week we'll post the topic/item. Have your windows ready to go by that Friday and leave them up for the weekend (or until the next week's item is posted!)

TAKE A PICTURE, from inside or outside, of your themed decor in it's window and post it to the [HOA's Facebook page](#). The photos will be posted on our [Window Walks web page](#). Now use the photos to hunt for the theme of the week!

HOA Board Meeting

Thursday, May 14th*
7:00 pm
Fire Station 19

All are welcome.

TrailMark Garage Sale

**Friday, June 5th* &
Saturday, June 6th***
7:30 am-2:00 pm

Sponsored by Sunny Puckett. If you plan to participate, get your house on the map! Email trailmarkgaragesale@sunnypuckett.com

Summer Concert Series

REBECCA FOLSOM BAND

Sunday, June 7th*
5:30-7:30 pm
Hogback Hill Park



Bring your own food and drink, or visit the Food Truck!