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August 2020

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

August Calendar

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Shea Property Update

The Board recently listened to a presentation by Shea Homes regarding possible development of the property along Wadsworth. Currently, Shea Homes is looking at the development of single family homes in that area. They will be ranch style homes to fit with the existing look of

TrailMark. Please note, Shea Homes will be providing the HOA with a document to explain their proposed plan. Once received, it will be posted on the [TrailMark website](https://trailmark.org). Should you wish to be involved with the committee assessing the Shea property, please contact [Property Manager Angie Kelly](#).



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Public Works storm drainage work to take place in TrailMark

The City of Littleton Public Works Department has alerted us that sometime during the first few weeks of August, storm drainage construction work will begin at the following locations:

- **Field Way cul-de-sac**
- **W. Freiburg Place, south side**
- **S. Johnson Lane, south side**

Please take care when driving and/or walking in these areas.



Drivers: Reminder to Stop when School Bus Lights are Flashing

As we start a new school year, we would like to remind residents that when the school bus lights are flashing **RED**, drivers must stop from every direction.

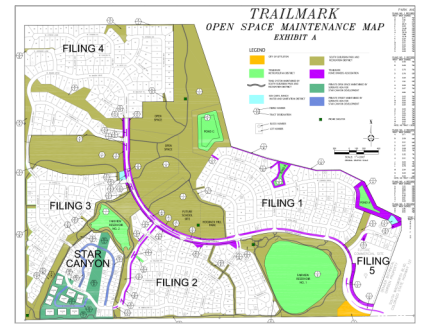
Colorado law states: "You must stop your vehicle at least 20 feet before reaching a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing whether it is on your side of the road, the opposite side of the road, or at an intersection you are approaching. You must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are no longer operating. Watch carefully for children near the school bus and children crossing the roadway before proceeding."

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TrailMark Metro District Pond Update

This summer has been difficult for the water features in TrailMark. The heat and lack of rain resulted in more stagnant water with algae blooms and smells. The District hires aquatics professionals to monitor and treat the water but only so much can be done when Mother Nature doesn't help. The TMMD thanks those who have called to report conditions.

For your reference the map shows the entity responsible for maintenance of the open space areas in TrailMark.



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POND G

Many questions have been received about why the water level in Pond G has been lower than usual.

Pond G (in the open space near the Two Brands Trail in the Hilderbrand Ranch Open Space) was designed to be a detention pond that collects stormwater and slowly releases it downstream (in this case, to the Botanic Gardens). Over the past few years, the water has been elevated over its designed level due to the outlet structure being blocked with silt. The City of Littleton Water Resource Manager inspected Pond G in 2019 and required the TMMD to clean the outlet so the water flowed as was designed. While the pond level is much lower than in the past few years, it is now operating as designed. With the water level lower after being high for a few years, there is a smell to the drying out process. It has improved in the past few weeks with the heat. The District has an ongoing aquatic maintenance company and they will work to reduce algae and odor while trying to keep good water quality. While Fairview Reservoir #1 is stocked for fishing, the only fish that are stocked in pond G are grass carp designed to help with vegetation control.

Compliance with federal, state and local stormwater is a complicated issue that has become more regulated in recent years. It is inevitable that the silt will fill the outlet again, and therefore will be cleaned routinely in order to comply with stormwater regulations (the outlet was last cleaned in 2013).

Below is the contact information for those who would like to learn more about the requirements of the city and the approved TrailMark stormwater system design:

Carolyn Roan, PE, CFM

Water Resource Manager
Public Works
2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, Colorado 80120
303-795-3836
720-982-9235 (mobile)
303-795-3865 (front desk)

Fairview Reservoir #2 (Beaver Pond)

This water feature near Star Canyon is also part of the overall drainage system and is suffering from the heat and lack of fresh water. The pond has a solar aeration system to help water movement, and repairs have been ongoing this summer. It is not a fishing feature and if anyone sees dead fish, they were not meant to ever be in the pond and may be the result of the fish moving thru the water drainage system. The odor can be the result of an algae die off due to treatment or water not moving enough.

Fairview Reservoir #1

The largest water feature in TrailMark, Fairview #1 is meant to hold water and be a fishing and visual amenity. However, water is released according to water law requirements so the water level can fluctuate. The water in Fairview #1 was spot treated for surface algae mats in May and has been treated on a weekly basis since late June for a problematic phytoplankton bloom with major treatments performed regularly. While some improvement in water clarity was evident, a third phytoplankton treatment will likely be needed this month to curb the ongoing bloom and stabilize water quality conditions. There is also aeration in Fairview to help with water quality and the system has been working correctly.

We all enjoy having water and wildlife nearby and try to preserve it when possible. However, it is a balancing act with regulations and Mother Nature's input.

Mosquito Treatment

As for mosquitos, the District hires Vector Disease Control International to test and treat mosquito activity at all our water sites. This company also does the Botanic Gardens (including fogging) and have had reports of high mosquito activity in the area. The District has asked for the areas to be checked again, but depending on when it rains, the heat and the timing of their visits to TrailMark, mosquito activity can vary. The testing also looks for West Nile or other insect borne diseases.

Garbage & Recycling Update

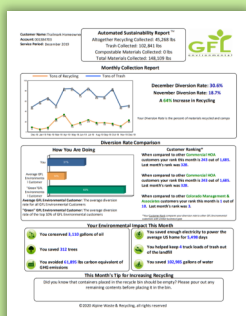
Help save our Bears: Wildlife and Trash Don't Mix

Please remember, you purchased a home that is close to wildlife. This means that leaving trash cans out will attract bears, raccoons, etc. As a member of the community, putting your trash cans in the garage is the best way to avoid unwanted visitors in your yard or your neighbor's yard. The rule for trash day is that your container cannot be out before the morning of pick-up. This also helps to keep the unwanted visitors out of the neighborhood.



Possible Electronic Recycling and Dumpster Day

The HOA is working with the trash company to set up a day that provides a large dumpster and electronic recycling. At the great suggestion of a TrailMark resident, the HOA would like to offer this service as we know many of you are organizing and cleaning during this stay at home time. While we cannot offer exact details yet, further messaging will be sent out regarding an event. Please check the website and watch for further email communication and social media posts.



Alpine/GFL Automated Sustainability Report for TrailMark June 2020

TrailMark Night at Pirates Cove a Covid-19 Success

It has been reported to the HOA board that the residents and participants at the Pirates Cove event were in full cooperation with the Covid-19 guidelines. Those who were swimming in the pools were not wearing masks (of course) for obvious reasons. However, the swimmers were wearing their face coverings as they exited Pirates Cove. Good for them!!!

There were quite a few parents who sat on the sidelines and watched their kids. Those who weren't swimming were wearing masks and social distancing from one another. Pirates Cove even had periodic hand sanitizer stations scattered throughout the park for people to clean their hands.

The limited number of participants attending the function this year seemed to help as well. Limiting participation to 240 people was great for the kids who wanted to swim. The variety of slides and pools was readily available and user friendly to every kid and/or person swimming. Restricting the number of participants may be something to consider at future water park events. If less crowded, it can bring a better experience to all.

All in all, the event was a success. Neighbors respected the rules of Pirates Cove as well as the Covid-19 guidelines. It's a positive report to all of us.



Photo by Deahna Visscher

TRAILMARK EVENTS AND COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS - UPDATED

TrailMark will continue to offer social events in August to contribute to our sense of community. As previously published, with the COVID-19 pandemic, these events will continue provided all participants do so in a safe, responsible manner. This means observing social distancing and wearing face coverings.

We understand that some may feel uncomfortable attending these events given the uptick in COVID cases. However, if you wish to participate you must agree to "play by the rules" – Participants must wear a face covering and observe 6-foot social distancing between family units.

- Children 10 years and younger are not required to wear masks because the evidence so far has shown that children in this age group are much less likely to spread COVID-19 than older children and adults. It is also less likely that children of this age will wear a mask correctly.
- Children ages 2 and under should NOT wear masks or cloth face coverings.

If you're comfortable, come out and enjoy yourself – listen to some summer music and/or indulge in food truck offerings. If you are concerned with being in a crowd, or are uneasy about participating, please stay home.

Please be reminded that the TrailMark HOA assumes no responsibility for any illness caused by attending our events. If families, including children, do not observe social distancing and wear face coverings, you will be asked to leave. Failure to leave when asked, or if it is determined that attendees are not observing our simple rules, then for the safety of all TrailMark residents future events may be cancelled.

If you attend our events, PLEASE, enjoy yourself and do so responsibly. We all thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TrailMark Concert Series

WILDERMISS

Alternative/Indie Band

Sunday, August 2nd

5:30-7:30 pm

Hogback Hill Park



Bring your own food and drink.

Due to COVID-19:

- No bouncy castle
 - No food truck
 - Must distance and wear masks
 - Must stay 25+ feet away from the stage.
- Also, we know kids like to run around and get back behind the stage, but EVERYONE will need stay 25 or more feet in front of the stage.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be strictly followed for everyone at these events.

HOA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 10th

7:00 pm

Location/Zoom TBD

All are welcome.

Food Truck Thursdays with Online Ordering!



Photo by Linda Jagiello

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27
5:00-7:30 pm near TrailMark Park

DO NOT TRY TO ORDER BEFORE 5 PM
SOCIAL DISTANCING IS MANDATORY!

NO WAITING. NO LINES. JUST ORDER AND PICK IT UP.

- **Order food AT HOME** and send 1 PERSON to pick up your order at the designated pick up time. Stand 6 feet apart to pick up food. Go home to eat.
- **NO CONGREGATING AT THE PARK! Please respect the people who live on that street and keep your distance.**
- For trucks that use Truckster: Download the [Truckster](#) app, hit magnifying glass at the bottom, type in the truck name, hit on menu button - done.
- Other truck links: Go straight to the ordering button. (Some ice cream trucks don't have an online ordering option.)
- Links will go live at 5pm. Many order early so think about ordering late! **DO NOT TRY TO ORDER BEFORE 5PM.**
- You can't order until the truck turns the ordering system on.
- The truck will message you back and tell you when your order will be ready.
- Then come pick up your food while adhering to social distancing.

Thanks so much for following the guidelines to allow us to continue this opportunity for all!

Food truck selections subject to change.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be strictly followed for everyone at these events.

More upcoming events on next page...

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONTINUED...

Family Photo Day Series

Sunday, August 16th

6:00-8:00 pm

Path on east side of Fairview Reservoir

We have 3 amazing resident photographers offering 3 opportunities to get a free family portrait taken in our beautiful neighborhood. [Sign up](#) for ONE time slot and bring your family for 1 free family pose. THIS IS NOT A FULL SESSION. Please respect the photographers' time and generosity. Additional poses may be available for purchase IF TIME ALLOWS. If you like the result, consider hiring one of these lovely ladies to do a full session with your family!

***Note:** There are 4 family slots available per 30 minute time. Arrive early in your time slot and be first in line. When you arrive please adhere to social distancing guidelines and wait for your family to be called up by the photographer. Wait time, therefore, should be no more than about 25 minutes! Please only sign up if you can commit to being there!

Photographer:

August 16th - Julie Schwabauer

[CLICK HERE to sign up now!](#)

[COVID-19 GUIDELINES](#) will be strictly followed for everyone at these events.

TrailMark Concert Series

CINDY AND THE PROTRACTORS

TrailMark resident Ryan Bazz is in the band!

Sunday, August 30th

5:30-7:30 pm

Hogback Hill Park

Bring your own food and drink.



Due to COVID-19:

- No bouncy castle
- No food truck
- Must distance and wear masks
- Must stay 25+ feet away from the stage. Also, we know kids like to run around and get back behind the stage, but EVERYONE will need stay 25 or more feet in front of the stage.

[COVID-19 GUIDELINES](#) will be strictly followed for everyone at these events.

TMMD Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 15th

6:30 pm

Location/Zoom TBD

TrailMark Night at the Corn Maze

Tuesday, September 22nd

5:00-8:00 pm



*Circumstances permitting. Look for updated COVID info soon.