

September 2020

## TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

## **September Calendar**

9/1 - News Update

9/3 - Food Truck Thursday

9/10 - HOA Board Meeting

9/15 - TMMD Meeting

9/17 - Food Truck Thursday

9/22 - Corn Maze Night

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## **Shea Property Update: Proposed Building Plans**

Shea has sent over their proposed plans with a letter for those who would like to review it.



View letter and plans here.

## **Pond Water Quality Update**

The TMMD is aware of the extreme algae in Fairview Reservoir #2, located off of TrailMark Parkway between Independence St and W Danzig. Unfortunately, the water level is two feet lower than normal and the temperature is 80 degrees, conditions for prime algae growth. Algae treatments are being done as often and as strongly as can be with the current water conditions. The aeration system is not running as it would make the conditions worse with the lack of water (the diffusers are located in the pond's bottom sediment and without enough water, will stir more dirt in the water instead of oxygenating it). As a reminder, there are not supposed to



Photo by Andy Marquez

be fish in that pond so those in place are invasive, not stocked. As a result of the algae treatments plus a low water level, it is likely some fish will die off – precisely why this pond is not a fishing feature – it cannot support a healthy environment.

We apologize for the conditions and hope that Mother Nature will help with some rain in the near future!

## A message about Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

Please note that the Botanic Gardens reached out to the HOA with significant concerns about the interaction between TrailMark residents and their employees.

The Gardens have received complaints from TrailMark residents each time they attempt to care for their property near the TrailMark border. TrailMark residents have been unpleasant to both the applicator doing the work and the resource center when calls are made to complain. In addition, TrailMark residents have been dumping yard debris over the fence onto the Botanic Gardens property.

The HOA is disappointed to hear of the treatment of the staff of the Botanic Gardens and asks that **all residents refrain from these actions immediately**. As a reminder, the Botanic Gardens are bound by State law to control weeds and their applicators are all licensed. They spray when conditions are allowable with herbicide label guidelines. Also, the Chatfield Farms property is managed by Denver Botanic Gardens and casual trespassing is not something their liability insurance will cover. The property is not open space or a park for TrailMark resident use. Please stay on the trails and open space provided otherwise. Finally, the Gardens has asked us to remind all residents that Colorado is a freedom to farm state; agricultural activity can be pursued without harassment.

Please, the HOA is asking, let's be better neighbors.



https://co-pub.coloradoforestatlas.org/#/

## Wildfire Risk & Preparedness

TrailMark is surrounded by the risk of a wildfire. Read here about what to do before and during a possible wildfire.

https://www.wunderground.com/prepare/wildfire

## **Garbage & Recycling Update**



Alpine/GFL Automated Sustainability Report for TrailMark

**July 2020** 



The Annual Meeting is coming up in November. We need people to return proxies so please be on the lookout for mail with the meeting notice, 2021 budget, and proxy.

## TRAILMARK EVENTS AND COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

TrailMark will continue to offer social events 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

## HOA ZOOM BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, September 10th** 7:00 pm

https://zoom.us/j/96474532710

Phone: (346) 248-7799 / Meeting ID: 964 7453 2710

All are welcome.

# TRAILMARK NIGHT AT THE CORN MAZE



Photo by Linda Jagiello

Tuesday, September 22nd 5:00-8:00 pm

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield Farms

As with everything this year, our Night at the Corn Maze is going to look a little different. Due to limited participant allowance by the gardens, SIGN UPS AND ADVANCED PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED. THERE WILL BE NO WALK UPS.

At publishing time for this newsletter, ALL SLOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED. Please visit our SignUpGenius page to check for cancellations/openings.

Cost: \$5/person, AGE 3 and up must pay

Masks are required upon entry and on the grounds. Social distancing is required as well.

More upcoming events on next page...



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# FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS WITH ONLINE ORDERING

**Thursdays, September 3 & 17** 5:00-7:30 pm near TrailMark Park DO NOT TRY TO ORDER BEFORE 5 PM



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#### 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.

## TMMD REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, September 15th** 6:30 pm

Location/Zoom TBD

# TM5K & FAMILY FUN RUN



Sunday, October 18th 10:00 am Hogback Hill Park

Photo by Hal Sports

8:30 am - 5K Start (first group, following groups every 5 minutes)

11:00 am - Mike Elbeck Family Fun Run Start, approx 1 mile (first group, following groups every 5 minutes)

- Enjoy the beauty of fall and TrailMark
- All participants receive a custom shirt
- Surprise gift to all participants
- Costume contest
- Free Photos
- Virtual option

#### Register here!

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We are looking for sponsors from neighborhood business owners. If you are interested in sponsoring part of the event, please email the Social Committee at social@trailmarkhoa.org.