



December 2020

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

December Calendar

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12/3 - HOA Special Meeting
12/8 - Night at the Lights
12/12 - Lights & Car Parade
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12/19 - Santa in TrailMark
12/20 - Santa in TrailMark

Visit TrailMark.org for the most current neighborhood news.

TrailMark's CAC Elves decorate the Front Entrance

The TrailMark HOA Board would like to thank all of the [Common Area Committee](#) members and volunteers who worked tirelessly on Saturday, November 21st to decorate the front entrance of TrailMark for the holidays. The Common Area Committee decorated the entrance with holiday wreaths and garland to get the neighborhood excited for the holiday season.

Again, thank you to all who donated your time and efforts to make the front entrance of TrailMark look so festive. HO HO HO!!!



Photo by Andy Marquez

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board@trailmarkhoa.org

What's the DRC up to?

Check the newsletter each month to see how the [Design Review Committee](#) is updating our design guidelines to address the maturing of the neighborhood.

The DRC has recently had several requests for additional signage of address on homes and properties. Two sets of house address numbers are permitted on each lot with only one being on the residence itself. It is recommended that the house number be placed either above the garage door, or to the side of the garage door closest to the front door. Numbers should be no larger than 7 inches in height. If placing address on stone, you should use a plaque with a contrasting background for ease in reading.

The DRC received 8 applications from homeowners during the month of November. Seven were approved and one was sent back to the homeowner noting that DRC approval is not required for putting up holiday lights.

The DRC continues their discussion regarding swimming pool standards and the defining of minor repairs that may not require DRC approval.

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Find all of TrailMark's Websites and Pages, as well as emergency and non-emergency information, on one page.

Friendly Reminder about Holiday Decorations

All exterior holiday decorations and lights utilized as season displays must be removed and properly stored by February 1, 2021.

Zoom Recording of Town Hall available

On Thursday, November 12th, the HOA sponsored a Town Hall, providing homeowners an opportunity to get to know the HOA Board candidates. For those homeowners who could not attend, you may tune into the Zoom recording of that meeting.

Go to: https://zoom.us/rec/share/C3kV5yi6i9U9RI6wIS2KNGSecGAASIWLJ8to4W_pWeJ8QgpPrVUD9shB81XSbGE_.K9ddOubYAnPC9mtn?startTime=1605230480000

Enter passcode: RZL8^RML

If you have any questions, please send them to board@trailmarkhoa.org.

Garbage & Recycling Update



Alpine/GFL Automated Sustainability Report for TrailMark
October 2020



Risk Reduction Specialist to contribute to TrailMark Communications outlets

TrailMark welcomes Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist for [South Metro Fire Rescue](#) at Station #19. Einar brings a wealth of expertise and experience with fire safety, injury prevention, disaster preparedness, and much more. Einar will be a contributor to our newsletter and other news outlets, on a variety of subjects, and will attend some of our HOA Board meetings. We are very fortunate to have Einar join our TrailMark family.

Welcome to TrailMark, Einar!!

Holiday Movies are Full of Safety Messages

By Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist
South Metro Fire Rescue

Emergencies don't stop during the winter holiday season. In fact, many injuries and incidents, from heart attacks to cooking fires, increase between November and January.

Watching Christmas movies is one of my holiday traditions and I've realized that several of my favorite movies contain safety messages. I hope these movies and their risk reduction tips resonate with you and your families.

***A Christmas Story.* Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. 1983.**

It's so important to buy age-appropriate gifts for children (and adults). A gift in the wrong hands can lead to injured eyes, bonked heads, choking, burns, and other injuries.

***National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.* Hughes Entertainment. 1989.**

This movie is ripe with safety messages including making good choices when decorating your homes and businesses with holiday lights. Strings of holiday lights are not designed for permanent installations and make sure the lights outside are designed for outside conditions.

***The Ref.* Touchstone Pictures and Don Simpson/Jerry Bruckheimer Films. 1994.**

During a dinner scene in this movie, actors wear wreaths with burning candles on their heads in honor of Santa Lucia. That's not a good idea. Candles should only be used on solid, noncombustible surfaces, and remember to blow out each candle before you leave the room.

***Die Hard.* Gordon Company and Silver Pictures. 1988.**

It's easy to take your feet for granted. Wear socks to keep your feet warm and shoes that stabilize your ankles and provide good traction on slippery surfaces.

***Elf.* New Line Cinema. 2003.**

Sugar! While there tends to be plenty of candy, candy canes, candy corns, and syrup available during the holidays, remember to eat a balanced diet from the mainstream food groups, too. A balanced diet helps prevent diabetes, heart attacks, strokes, and general malaise.

***Last Holiday.* ImageMovers. 2006.**

There are so many distractions during the holidays that even an open cabinet door can lead to an injury. Instead of wearing a helmet 24/7, be aware of your surroundings and fix potential hazards before an injury occurs.

***Joyeux Noël.* Sony Pictures Classics. 2005.**

The holidays have a magical way of adding stress to our lives, whether it's a rush of Black Friday shopping or discussions at the dinner table. This movie reminds us to give it a rest – Let It Go, to reference Disney's Frozen (2013) – during the holidays. Grant your family members and yourself grace and stop the battles at least for a few hours.

***It's a Wonderful Life.* Liberty Films. 1946.**

On a related note, mental wellness is important throughout the year and especially during these winter holidays. If you, a loved one, or coworker is hurting from anxiety, depression, or other ailments, reach out to a therapist, a faith leader, a confidant, suicide prevention helplines such as 1-800-273-8255, or even 911 if you are having an emergency.

Finally, I hope we can all consider a modified message from ***How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* (Cat in the Hat Productions 1966)**. COVID-19 will certainly change plans for most of us, but it can't stop Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or any other winter holiday from coming. Be safe out there and visit www.southmetro.org for other safety tips.

TrailMark's Holiday Festivities



TRAILMARK NIGHT AT THE LIGHTS

Tuesday, December 8th
5:00-8:00 pm
Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

SIGN-UP REQUIRED

There are patron limits at the Gardens again, so you **MUST** sign up and pay in advance to enjoy the lights AND see Santa this year. Please read through all sign-ups carefully, as a separate sign-up is required to see Santa. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you are able to volunteer for part of the evening, please sign up here as well!

[Night at the Lights Entrance](#) • [Santa Sign Up Volunteer](#) • [Sign Up](#)

Photo by Robert Cannady



New Event!

TRAILMARK HOLIDAY LIGHTS & CAR PARADE

Saturday, December 12th
6:30 pm

JOIN THE PARADE!

Join us for a car parade through the neighborhood to view TrailMark's festive decorations! Line up along Holland Street, across from Hogback Hill Park, before 6:30pm (bonus points for decking out your car!). A festive lead car will start the parade at 6:30 pm and lead us through a route that will hit as many decorations as possible. If you don't want to drive the route, you can watch the cars go by along the route (still to be determined and advertised a few days before the event).

GET ON THE MAP!

Get your holiday decorations up and fill out this [google form](#) by December 6th to get on the map! We will do our best to hit as many houses on our route as possible! If we miss you on the parade route, this map can be used by families at their own leisure!

Photo: Williams family home in TrailMark 2017



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TRAILMARK!

Santa will be coming to TrailMark for a visit again this year (weather permitting)! He will be on the corner of TrailMark Parkway and South Everett Way on the **evenings of Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th.**

Volunteers would be appreciated to donate time or set up additional lighting to make Santa's corner even more spectacular! Please contact Gregory Goggin at goggin2u@yahoo.com.

Santa will also be taking the necessary precautions!

Photo by Andy Marquez

JINGLE BELLS IN TRAILMARK!

On Christmas Eve at 6pm, come outside to ring a bell for 2 minutes to spread joy and Christmas Spirit in TrailMark. Then, do it again on New Year's Eve at 6pm to bring togetherness and hope for the New Year!

Please observe [COVID-19 restrictions](#) for all events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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Thursday, December 3rd
7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/98468236018>
Phone: 669-900-9128
Meeting ID: 984 6823 6018

HOA Election Results Announcement Meeting.
Ballots were mailed out November 13th.

Agenda

All are welcome.

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Saturday & Sunday
December 19th & 20th
Evenings

Corner of TrailMark
Parkway and South
Everett Way



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FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS WITH ONLINE ORDERING

Thursdays, December 3 & 17
5:00-7:30 pm near TrailMark Park
ORDER AFTER 5 PM



Photo by Linda Jagiello

SOCIAL DISTANCING IS MANDATORY!

- Order food AT HOME
- Send 1 PERSON to pick it up
- Stand 6 feet apart
- Go home to eat
- NO CONGREGATING AT THE PARK!
- Respect those who live on that street
- For trucks that use Truckster: Download the Truckster app, hit magnifying glass at the bottom, type in the truck name, click on menu button
- 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. 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.
- Food truck selections subject to change.
- Due to WEATHER, events may be canceled. Please check trailmark.org for cancellation information.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be strictly followed for everyone at this event.

HOA ASSESSMENTS DUE JANUARY 1st

As a reminder, HOA Assessments are due January 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Kelly at [Community Resource Services](http://CommunityResourceServices.com).

TrailMark HOA Board