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August 2017

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

August Calendar

8/1 - TrailMark News Update

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**8/5 - TrailMark Night at
Pirate's Cove**

8/10 - HOA Board Meeting

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**8/27 - TrailMark Concert
Series "Coverado"**

Visit TrailMark.org for the most
current neighborhood news.

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board@trailmarkhoa.org

Open Position on TrailMark HOA Board

Patrick McClammer, member at large, has resigned from his position on the HOA Board effective July 2017. The HOA Board is taking nominations for his replacement from now until August 8th. The Board will officially appoint a replacement at the HOA Board Meeting on August 10th. The duration of that position on the Board is from August 2017 to November 2018. All nominations should be emailed to board@trailmarkhoa.org. Please [click here](#) to view and print the nomination form.

TrailMark: A quality community

We've received reports of mischief around the neighborhood - ringing doorbells and dashing off; shutting off power to homes; swimming in the pond, etc. Although it may seem harmless to those who are doing it, there is the potential for negative consequences. We all value the quality of our community. Be aware of your safety and the safety of those around you. If you have children, please talk with them about the potential ramifications of these actions and encourage them to be a positive member of our community and neighborly.



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News from the Common Area Committee

We are in mid-summer and bushes and trees are looking good. South Suburban and Mountain High Lawn and Landscape mowed all the common areas along TM Pkwy at about the same time this year. The tall grasses on the North side of the parkway are getting tall and marking a distinction between native grasses and bluegrasses just as the original landscape architect intended.

We are going to begin improving two of the medians that look very barren right now. This is an ongoing project that will eventually include all the medians that do not have plantings already. Our goal is to add some interest, some color and not impair the sight lines for safety.

It is always a challenge to keep the lawn green and be wise about water usage. It was a tough winter for many grassy areas, so be patient and understand that we do live in a relatively arid area and cannot expect golf-course green.

There is a survey on the [HOA's Facebook page](#) about the potential of placing some fitness stations along some of our trails. The survey is to judge the level of interest only but does not discuss the details of how the equipment will be funded, who will maintain it nor the potential impacts to the community. Let's hear from all of you.

We'll see you at the Concerts in the Park or at the Food Truck Thursdays.



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From our Management Company

The HOA is currently addressing many topics that the community have expressed are important:

The HOA has offered community members the opportunity to execute two projects. The first project is a “little library” and the second is the addition of recreational equipment. Both projects have been discussed with South Suburban and they are willing to listen to ideas. At this point, any community member interested in taking part in a committee to finalize and maintain these projects should let the [Board](#) know or attend a board meeting to hear the latest updates! The board has started the process, and it's up to community to initiate the work and see it through to completion!

The HOA Board is also considering a few policy changes. The use of Social Media, Community Signage and Committee Regulations are just a few. The Board is working hard to make the TrailMark community an efficient operation and positive neighborhood in which to reside. The Board is also working on a document explaining the areas of responsibility for the Board, South Suburban, the Metro District, residents, etc. This will outline the roles of each party in the community. Be on the lookout for this over the next few months.

Your Design Review Committee has been very busy considering home improvement requests. It is important to remember that all exterior projects must receive approval before starting the work. All information needed can be found on the TrailMark website: www.trailmark.org. The paint colors can also be found on the website, under the [Documents and Forms](#) page, or you can submit a request to the [management company](#) to review the paint books which have actual paint chips of approved colors. The website is a great reference for all Design Review questions!

Neighborhood block parties are a great opportunity to get out and meet your neighborhood families. The Littleton Community Development Office announced that they are still taking block grant requests which provides funding for neighborhood parties. The funding is first come, first served so if you are interested in having a block party, submit your application for a Community Grant at the city's website <https://www.littletongov.org/my-littleton/neighborhood-resources>.

Happy One Year Anniversary to Fire Station 19!

August 13th



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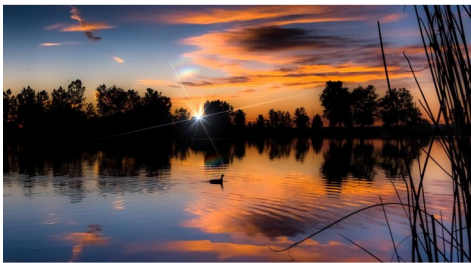


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Fairview Reservoir

During the past month, some young people were seen swimming in Fairview Reservoir. Not only is swimming not allowed in any of TrailMark's ponds, but it is also dangerous - not to mention unhealthy. Ice skating and boating are also not permitted on the ponds, with the exception of South Suburban Parks & Recreation and the contractors who maintain the ponds. Fishing from the shore is allowed with a state-issued fishing license.

The water system in TrailMark was developed in conjunction with the Denver Botanic Gardens, Army Corp of Engineers, City of Littleton, and entities having water rights in the creek that feeds into Fairview #1. The water quality requirements in TrailMark must be maintained not only for those entities but also for the esthetics of those enjoying the ponds. The TMMD contracts with Aquatic Associates to maintain the water quality and when crews arrive, they aren't sure what treatment is necessary until they see/test the water. Some of the products necessary for treatment are not approved for human contact so increased water activity could hinder the ability to effectively treat the ponds as needed. Also, increased activity on the banks/shore could damage the pond's aeration system and erode the bank stabilization efforts done over the years. When South Suburban took over the parks and trails from the TMMD, they also gained the land surrounding the water meaning SSPRD controls and limits vehicle access and therefore the transporting of water vehicles to the pond. Certainly the TMMD's utmost concern is public safety. There is currently no scheduled supervision of the pond's use and signage reminds the public not to enter the water. Increasing uses could also result in unfortunate mishaps.

A Reminder about Crosswalk Safety

(Content originally posted on the TrailMark.org website in 2015)

The HOA Board was asked to publish the traffic rules regarding crosswalk safety. While most everyone already knows them, please take a moment to read them and re-familiarize yourself with the laws. We highlighted in **green** those portions that we felt were most applicable to crosswalk safety.

Please keep in mind that the HOA does not enforce traffic laws. If you are almost hit by a moving vehicle, please call law enforcement and report it.

Parents, we ask that you please share the pedestrian responsibilities with your children, especially the highlighted portions. During the summer months especially, more children are outside, riding bikes, going to the park, and going to friends' houses. Let's all do our part to keep everyone safe. Thanks!

DATA BELOW IS PER THE COLORADO DRIVERS HANDBOOK, 2015 ONLINE EDITION.

10.2 Right Of Way

Where vehicles or pedestrians meet one another, and there are no signs or signals to regulate traffic, there are rules that say who must yield the right-of-way. These rules tell drivers who goes first and who must wait in different traffic situations. The law states who must yield the right-of-way; it does not give anyone the right-of-way, even if your traffic signal is green. **You must do everything you can to prevent striking a pedestrian or another vehicle, regardless of the circumstances. When driving, you should yield the right-of-way to pedestrians under all conditions. Be particularly watchful for children, elderly and blind persons.** Most blind persons are easily recognized by the white cane they carry and/or by their guide dog. **Pedestrians have the right-of-way at all intersections and crosswalks. Drivers must come to a complete stop and let the person pass safely.**

15. Pedestrians

- Pedestrians are those people standing, walking or using a wheelchair on public streets, highways, and private property.
- As a pedestrian, you should avoid walking on the traveled portion of a road. When there is no sidewalk, you should walk on the outside of a curb or painted edge strip, if either exists.
- When walking along a road, you should walk on the side facing traffic.
- When vision is poor, such as at night, make yourself more visible by wearing light-colored clothing, a white cloth tied around your arm, or some reflective material.
- **You have the right-of-way at crosswalks and intersections whether the crosswalks are marked or not. However, you should always watch for vehicles. If there is an accident you are the one who will suffer.**
- Never walk across a freeway or expressway.
- **Do not leave the curb or sidewalk so suddenly that an approaching vehicle cannot yield.**
- Look for 'Walk' and 'Don't Walk' signals at intersections.

August 1st is National Night Out. Get outdoors! Meet your neighbors!

TrailMark Neighbor of the Month

Congratulations to our July "Neighbor of the Month" winners! They were nominated by TrailMark residents for the following:

Andrea and Eric Shearer - for helping with the 4th of July parade and helping neighbors in general. Andrea also volunteers at her kid's schools and with pet fostering.

Thank you for all you do!

Nominate someone for a good deed in our "[TrailMark Neighbor of the Month](#)" by simply posting their name and the action you wish to congratulate them for on the [TrailMark HOA Facebook page](#) (images welcome!).



TrailMark photo
by Jimmy Dean

Bears are visiting our neighborhood again! Please be vigilant! Keep your garbage cans locked up inside until the morning of garbage day. Repeat “visitors” may have to be put down by the city and we wouldn’t want that!

Jefferson County’s Fire Stages

It’s good to know the difference.

[Stage 1 Fire Restrictions](#)

[Stage 2 Fire Bans](#)

TrailMark Night at Pirate’s Cove

Saturday, August 5th
6:30-8:30 pm

Pirate's Cove Water Park
1225 W Belleview Ave
Littleton

\$3 per person
CASH Only



TrailMark is renting out Pirate's Cove, so please come join your neighbors for poolside fun! Concessions will be open for sale, but you can also bring your own food. Glass and alcohol not permitted. \$3 per person, children under 3 are free. <http://www.piratescovecolorado.com/>

Any volunteers to help with ticket sales, please email the social committee at social@trailmarkhoa.org.

Food Truck Thursday

Thursday, August 3
Thursday, August 17
5:30-8:00 pm



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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!

Please note: This is the last month of Food Truck Thursday this summer.

HOA Board Meeting

Thursday, August 10th
7:00 pm

Fire Station 19

All are welcome.

TrailMark Concert Series - “Coverado”

Sunday, August 27th
5:30-7:30 pm

Hogback Hill Park

