



February 2018

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

February Calendar

2/1 - TrailMark News Update

2/5 - New Trash Carts delivered to each TrailMark Home

(Start date: February 5th)

2/28 - TrailMark Skate Night
6:30 pm at Skate City

Visit TrailMark.org for the most current neighborhood news.

Board Members

President

Sally Janssen

Vice President

[Vacancy]

Secretary

Mary Kreeger

Treasurer

Amy Howard

Member-at-Large

Kim Gritzmaker

Email the HOA Board:

board@trailmarkhoa.org

Meet the 2018 HOA Board

Introducing your HOA board for 2018 -

President: Sally Janssen is a long-term resident moving into TrailMark in 2003. She is a retired Army officer with 23 years of service, followed by employment with the National Park Service and Denver Public Schools. Sally has been a volunteer for the Design Review Committee (DRC) since 2004 and a Board member since 2012. She enjoys skiing, gardening, stand-up paddle boarding, hiking and traveling.

Vice President: [Vacancy] There is a vacancy on the board. Interested parties may inquire at board@trailmarkhoa.org.

Secretary: Mary Kreeger and husband Dennis live in the Star Canyon patio homes. Original owners, they have lived here since June of 2003 having moved from Illinois following Dennis's retirement. In Illinois she was Director of Special Services for a school district where she previously taught SPED. When moving to Colorado, she went back to the classroom and taught in Littleton at Euclid Middle School. Since retiring in 2010 Mary volunteers at her grandchildren's schools, and helps in her daughter's classroom as well. Hobbies include walking her dog, cycling, golfing, traveling and spending time with her 9 grandkids.

Treasurer: Amy Howard and her husband Philo have lived in TrailMark for 17 years. They built their first home in TrailMark in 2000 and then moved to their current home in 2007. They obviously love TrailMark! Along with being a wife and mom, Amy enjoys hiking, biking, skiing and running the trails here in TrailMark.

Member-at-Large: Kim Gritzmaker is an original homeowner, living in Colorado since 1996 and TrailMark since 2003. She works at Charles Schwab in Lone Tree as a Senior Team Manager. Kim and husband Brian have 3 children – Emma, 15, Quinn, 12 and Chris, 12. Kim is active in running, triathlons, soccer, hockey or just hanging out with family and attending one of the many kids' sporting events. Kim is volunteering for the HOA Board to assist with keeping the neighborhood beautiful and representing the community.



All exterior holiday decorations and lights utilized as seasonal display must be removed and properly stored in a timely manner following the conclusion of the holiday, but, in no case later than 30 days following the expiration of the holiday.



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Chatfield Project – Wadsworth/TrailMark Parkway Trail Closure

Due to the trail closure sign at Wadsworth and TrailMark Parkway, a trail frequented by TrailMark residents, a question was posed to the Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company asking whether the closure is permanent and if not, when it will re-open. The Mitigation Company responded:

January 11, 2018

The trail at Wadsworth Boulevard and TrailMark Parkway (“TrailMark trail”) is included in the day use areas, roads, and trails that are closed for the first season of construction activities, effective January 2, 2018. We anticipate that the TrailMark trail will be reopened by May 2018.

Unfortunately, the TrailMark trail was closed earlier than anticipated due to the construction of a temporary access road to the horse stables. We apologize that prior notice of the closure was not provided. Based upon your inquiry, we have updated our construction map to reflect that the trail is now closed.

We reached out to Chatfield State Park and the general contractor to determine if a trail access solution could be provided, however after further review, it was determined that the trail must remain closed due to safety concerns.

For the most updated information on closures and construction activities, we encourage you to continue to visit our Construction Updates web page (<https://chatfieldreallocation.org/construction/>). Please feel free to pass along this information to the TrailMark Residents and the HOA Board.

Sincerely,

Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company

We hope this information is useful for those who used to frequent the trail. Hopefully construction schedule will stay on target and we will be able to access the trail in May 2018.

From the Common Area Committee

Some of you may have noticed that there are two benches out at the top of the sled hill. This is news to many, because we did not have much snow until last weekend. The plan is to work with South Suburban Parks and Rec District to erect two permanent benches at the top of the sled hill. Eventually we will build a trail from the parking lot to the top of the hill, then on to the East to connect to the trail heading north into the open area. We hope you enjoy having a place to sit while the kids enjoy Hogback Sled Hill.

With the changes to the trash containers, it is a good time to remind everyone that it is required that even their recycling is in a container with a lid. This will prevent any winds from spreading trash and any foraging animals from disturbing the trash and making a mess of your yard and our open space. Enjoy our beautiful Colorado Winter.



Photo by Rick Gonzales

Fall and Winter Watering

Quick Facts

- Water trees, shrubs, lawns, and perennials during prolonged dry fall and winter periods to prevent root damage that affects the health of the entire plant.
- Water only when air and soil temperatures are above 40 degrees F with no snow cover.
- Established large trees have a root spread equal to or greater than the height of the tree. Apply water to the most critical part of the root zone within the dripline.

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Trash & Recycling Q&A

Following are some common questions about the upcoming trash service change, as well as some important information about this change that will take place in TrailMark HOA.

The TrailMark Community will be changing over to a “side-load” residential cart trash system. There are a few goals associated with this change. One main goal is to ensure the neighborhood remains clean - By having containers with lids, animals and wind are less likely to spread trash and recycle all over the streets and yards.

Currently, the dates for the transition are as follows:

- **Week of January 29th** – Trash carts will be delivered and stored together near TrailMark HOA somewhere (the details of where are still in the works). Please do not take a cart from this area as the carts will be delivered directly to your home.
- **February 5th** – Alpine Waste & Recycling will begin delivering carts to homes. The carts will be placed at the curb of your home. Once delivered, please put the cart away. Below are answers as to what action to take should you not want the cart.

Q: What about the containers I already have?

A: You have a few choices on this matter: You may choose to make the container you currently have a recycle container by requesting recycle stickers from the management company. Recycling service is not currently changing and will remain the same, for now. The drivers will know to pick up the container as recycle if the recycle stickers are placed on the container.

You can also use the container as an extra bin for yard waste. If you have an Alpine container already, this is less of an issue. However, if you have a container that is not an Alpine container and decide to use that container still, Alpine will not be responsible for damage to the container.

You may have Alpine dispose of the container for you. If you would like Alpine to dispose of the container, then it will need to be left out by the curb the final day of container delivery in February. Currently, that is scheduled for Friday, February 9th. That date will also be posted on the TrailMark website once finalized.

Q: What if I do not want the container from Alpine?

If you do not want the container from Alpine, you will need to leave it by the curb on February 9th. Alpine will take any carts left by the curb after they are done delivering the containers. If you would like to continue using the container you already have, then Alpine will not take responsibility for any damage done to the container. If you already have an Alpine container, you can keep your old one and leave the new one out for pick-up. Or you can take your old container to the curb and keep the new one. However, all trash must be in a container to be picked up. If you do not have the trash in a container, it will be left.

Q: Can I get a smaller can delivered?

Every single-family home will be delivered a 95-gallon container and every condo/patio home will be delivered a 68-gallon container. If you would like the 68-gallon instead, you must take the 95-gallon container up to the Alpine Waste and Recycling office at 7373 Washington Street, Denver, 80229. They will change out the 95-gallon container with a 68-gallon container at their office. This applies if you would like a larger container and live in a condo/patio home as well.

Q: What about trash that does not fit in the container?

It is important to note that large item pick-up has not changed. If you need a large item picked up, you must call Alpine before trash day and they will send a separate truck to pick up the item. If items are not called in before trash day, they will not be picked up.

Q: Will the recycling pick-up change?

Recycling will not be changing yet. Perhaps in the future, but Alpine is focusing on changing trash service right now. The only recycling change is that you can use old trash containers for recycle pick-up. You may request stickers from the Property Manager, place them on a container, and Alpine will pick it up as recycle. The HOA would like to see as many people as possible move to recycle containers with lids to ensure the neighborhood stays as clean as possible.

Q: What about extra yard waste in the summer?

Currently the management company and Alpine are working on a plan for this. Extra containers are always an option for homeowners. However, alternative options are being discussed. Further communication will be provided once a solution has been presented and approved by the Board.

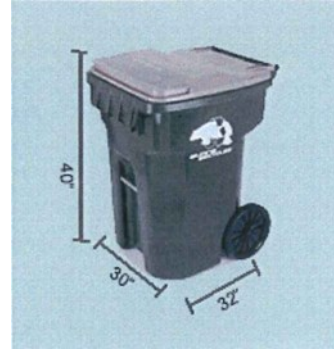
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Q: What if I want more than one container?

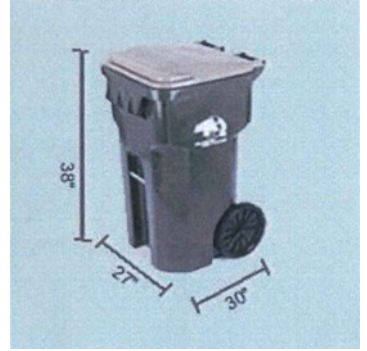
Please call Alpine Waste and Recycling and request another container. However, only the 1 cart is free of charge. Additional cart prices and dimensions are listed below.

SERVICE REMINDERS:

- ◇ Ensure cart is out by 7:00am.
- ◇ Place cart facing forward – handle and wheels away from street. Must be within 3 feet of the street and unobstructed from the front. Do not block with parking vehicles or additional trash items.
- ◇ Leave a minimum of 2-feet clearing on all sides.
- ◇ The lid should be able to close entirely.
- ◇ Schedule bulk items with Alpine Waste & Recycle Customer Service prior to the service day.
- ◇ All refuse must be kept in a covered container to protect it from wind and animals.
- ◇ Containers must be stored out of sight other than when it is necessary to permit pick-up.



95-gallon: \$80 + tax



68-gallon: \$70 + tax

Littleton City Council member-at-large Karina Elrod will be sending us letters throughout her term on council. Visit the TrailMark website for her latest messages.

<https://www.trailmark.org/>

TrailMark Skate Night

Wednesday, February 28th

6:30-8:30 pm

Skate City, 5801 S Lowell Way, Littleton

Come join us for a fun evening of roller skating.

\$3/person



TrailMark Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31st

9:00 am

Hogback Hill Park

All ages welcome.