

June 2018

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

June Calendar

6/1 - TrailMark News Update

6/1-6/2 - Garage Sale

6/7 & 6/21 - Food Truck Thursday

6/10 - TrailMark Concert Series: Ryanhood

6/17 - Curb Appeal Contest Deadline

6/26 - Meet, Greet & Eat

Visit TrailMark.org for the most current neighborhood news.

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Email the HOA Board: board@trailmarkhoa.org



TrailMark Garage Sale TODAY & TOMORROW!

June 1-2, 2018

8:00 am-4:00 pm

Important Notice from the Property Management Company

The property management company, <u>Community Resource Services of Colorado (CRS)</u>, has recently experienced a few residents noting that they were unaware of the management change. The payment of HOA assessments is most affected by this. Therefore, if you have not changed your ACH payment information since April 2017, please contact the property management company ASAP. There are a number of delinquent accounts that appear to have stopped paying after April 2017. CRS can be reached at 303-381-4960 or akelly@crsofcolorado.com.

New HOA Board Member

Great news! The HOA Board of Directors has appointed a resident to fill the vacancy. We would like to welcome Michael Day and thank him for volunteering for the position. The Board had two great candidates to chose from and appreciate the willingness to volunteer. We are looking forward to working with Michael!

Meet, Greet & Eat - TrailMark Park

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:00-6:00 pm at TrailMark Park

Littleton's Meet, Greet & Eat event gives citizens an opportunity to meet neighbors and talk with the Littleton City Manager and Littleton City Council members. The event will feature displays from city departments, and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Free pizza, water and dessert will be available. Additionally, there will be a variety of fun activities for kids. For more information, call 303-734-8400.

About the SHEA Property

The recent listing of the SHEA property at the north side of TrailMark's entrance was discussed during the bi-monthly Board meeting. The HOA Board and the Metro District are aware of the issue and are monitoring it. The community will be advised when additional information becomes available.

From the Common Area Committee

You all may have noticed that we have **new benches** on the east and the west on the trail around Fairview Reservoir! Working with SSPRD, we have also added two new benches overlooking the sled hill to the north of the Hogback Hill Parking lot. These are a great vantage point to relax and view the Botanic Gardens to the northeast, and watch your children slide down the sled hill for those winters when we get enough snow. There are no trails out to these benches as yet, and hopefully they will be cut in next year.

Privacy Fences along TrailMark Parkway and Independence are due for replacement in the next year or two. Currently we are trying to decide whether to replace the fencing as it currently appears, along with a regular painting and maintenance schedule. Or possibly to go to a TREX type of fencing as you can see in many parts of Highlands Ranch. This will not require painting on either side, and should resist



Photo by Linda Jagiello

decaying at ground level. The third option is to change it up to a concrete type fence, which some varieties can be seen along our freeway systems. It is a substantial investment for our community and costs are split between the TrailMark HOA and the TrailMark Metro District (TMMD). If you have an opinion, let's hear from you.

We are continuing to **beautify and enhance the landscaping** in TrailMark. A good noticeable place to start is on the north side as you enter TrailMark. There is a bed that is approximately 25 X 80 feet that we will completely redo by adding color and interest. Then we will move to the raised wall area and put in plants in the first 4 feet that are visible from the road. From there, we will begin to enhance the medians starting from the front of the neighborhood and continuing to the Filing 5 area. We are only limited by our budget each year, and we will get as much done as budget allows.



TrailMark 4th of July Bike Parade

Wednesday, July 4, 2018 9:00 am at TrailMark Park

Dress up your bikes, wagons and scooters for the Annual TrailMark July 4th Bike Parade! Be sure to stay afterward and enjoy the fun at TrailMark Park (playground) including popsicles, face painting, bounce houses, plus coffee and donuts for the adults! Volunteers Needed - Please contact the social committee at social@TrailMarkhoa.org.



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South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) - Equestrian Trail Use

A question recently surfaced regarding the permissibility of horse riding on the trails in and around TrailMark, who can use the trails, who is responsible for the trails, and whether there are ordinances addressing the use and upkeep of the trails especially with regard to horse dung.

The trails in and around TrailMark are managed and maintained by South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR), the regional provider of parks and recreation services for several municipalities including the City of Littleton. Our trails intersect the Two Brands Trail that runs north and south to connect to the Jefferson County Open Spaces and are open for use by residents living in the SSPR area of responsibility. For more information about SSPR's area of responsibility, mission, and responsibilities go to https://ssprd.org/About-Us

Yes, equestrian use on TrailMark's trails is allowed. It is also common courtesy for horse riders to come back after their ride to clean up after their animals. Unfortunately it rarely happens. However, if one sees the telltale signs of horse traffic on the trail (dung) you can report it to the SSPR Ranger Hot Line at 303-435-8227. They will, in turn, dispatch a ranger to clean it up.

For those unfamiliar with SSPR's equestrian rules, please see below:

EQUESTRIAN RESPONSIBILITIES (as provided by SSPR)

- Slow to a walk within 100 feet when approaching oncoming riders or overtaking another rider
- Pass to the left
- Ride single file when passing or being passed
- Glance over your shoulder frequently for approaching cyclists and joggers
- Look both ways before entering or crossing a trial to avoid collisions
- Walking, trotting and slow cantering are proper etiquette on horse trails
- Reflectors should be worn below the knees for night riding
- Put the horse in a walk on any paved surface
- Wear a helmet
- Horses have right-of-way over bikes
- Request a bicyclist to hold up if your horse is nervous



TrailMark Spring Curb Appeal Contest

Brought to You By:

Damian Caya & Colorado Home Finder Realty

Hey TrailMark Residents,

Show off all of your hard work this Spring! Here in TrailMark we have some beautiful front yards and landscapes, so let's show them off!

Submit up to 4 photos of your front landscapes and gardens, or of a neighbors' display, by posting them to the <u>TrailMark</u> <u>HOA FaceBook page</u>. Or email them to the <u>Social Committee</u> and they will be posted to the HOA Facebook page on your behalf.

Title them 'Curb Appeal Spring Contest' and add the address. Deadline for submissions is Sunday, June 17th.

Vote for your favorites using the "Like" button on any Facebook post. Deadline for voting is Sunday, July 1st.

Prizes awarded: $1^{st} = 150.00 , $2^{nd} = 100.00 , $3^{rd} = 50.00 in the form of Gift Cards from Home Depot or Lowes, winner's choice.

CURB APPEAL - n. the attractiveness of a property and its surroundings when "viewed from the street."

~ FRONT YARD PICTURES ONLY ~

Call Damian (720) 203-4247 or Anne (720) 383-8313 if you have any questions.

This event information is provided by the TrailMark Homeowners Association. However, this event is not sponsored by the Association and the Association is not liable for any actions resulting from this event.

Volunteer on National Trails Day with Jeffco Open Space



Register Today!

https://offero.jeffco.us/ActivityRegistration/a22bf1c3-62e9-45f4-9809-c55b37c6e05f

When: June 2nd, 8am-2:00pm Where: Hildebrand Ranch Park

Why: The first Saturday in June is National Trails Day. Events held throughout the United States help promote awareness of the wide variety of benefits that trails provide, encourage people to discover their local trails, raise awareness of trail issues and instill excitement for the outdoors.

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING: Volunteers will be giving back to the trails they utilize and love by helping to maintain areas that need a little TLC. Participants will also be removing fencing and noxious weeds that can be detrimental to wildlife.

As a sign of our gratitude complimentary lunch will be provided to all volunteers as well as a chance to win prizes!

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TrailMark Concert Series

"Ryanhood"

Sunday, June 10th

5:30 pm

Hogback Hill Park Future concert dates: July 15th, August 19th

ryanhood

Food Truck Thursdays

Thursday, June 7th & Thursday, June 21st

5:30-8:00 pm S. Field Way near TrailMark Park

A variety of savory and sweet food trucks will be joining our community for purchase. Please bring a picnic blanket or chairs, and your appetite! Truck selections will vary. Visit the

HOA website for an updated list of food trucks.



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TM5K & Family Fun Run

October 20th

- Costume contest and prizes for top racers.
- Details on registration and race events to come.
- 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.

If you have content that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact communications@trailmarkhoa.org with requested copy for approval.