



July 2018

# TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

## July Calendar

- 7/1 - TrailMark News Update**
- 7/1 - HOA Assessments Due**
- 7/1 - Last day to vote for [Curb Appeal](#)**
- 7/4 - 4th of July Bike Parade**
- 7/12 - HOA Board Meeting**
- 7/15 - TrailMark Concert Series: SHEL**
- 7/17 - TMMD Meeting**
- 7/19 - Food Truck Thursday**

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## SHEA Property Update

The HOA met with the Legend Partners representative, the entity listing the SHEA property at TrailMark's entrance (Wadsworth and TrailMark Parkway). The current status is that a Purchase-Sales Agreement is being negotiated. Due to contractual agreements between SHEA and Legend, we are not privy to who has submitted the offer nor the intended use for the property. Once the agreement is signed, the listing agent stated that he will help the HOA gain a meeting with the developer to begin discussions regarding neighborhood concerns with the use of the property. Once we know more, we will publish that information.

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Photo by Darcy Hickman

## TrailMark Night at Pirate's Cove

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## Help Plan the Future of our City

Littleton has always been a great place and we want it to stay that way! With your help, the City of Littleton is thinking about the future of our City over the next 10-20 years through Envision Littleton. By planning for our future we can be proactive and seize the opportunities that match up with the unique values of everyone that lives, works, and plays in Littleton. Join the conversation and please fill out the short survey at [EnvisionLittleton.org](http://EnvisionLittleton.org).



# JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE BAN

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has issued a temporary Fire Ban. This temporary fire ban became effective on June 28, 2018 and shall remain in effect until superseded or repealed. It applies to all lands in Jefferson County, for which TrailMark is a part.

Below is an abbreviated version of the Fire Ban specifics:

The Fire Danger Rating in unincorporated Jefferson County is high. The warmer and drier conditions that are forecast are expected to elevate the rating, and the overall trend of hot and dry weather is expected to continue.

The following activities are prohibited pursuant to Stage 2 fire ban:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using any fire.
- No recreational fires, including recreational campfires.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.
- Open Burning including "bon fires" that require a permit from the fire authority having jurisdiction, will not be allowed during this ban.
- The SALE, USE and POSSESSION of ALL fireworks, as defined below, are prohibited within Jefferson County.
- Shooting tracer rounds or explosive type targets.
- Operating a chain saw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arresting device properly installed and in proper working order, and having an extinguishing source, water, pressurized water extinguisher, or a proper chemical pressurized extinguisher, large enough to handle nearby hazards, and possessing at least one large size pointed shovel with an overall length of at least thirty-six inches. All must be readily available for quick use.
- Welding and cutting torch appliances shall only be operated within an area that is barren or cleared of all combustible material at least 30 feet in all directions from the operating equipment. This operation may only be done during a declared "Fire Ban" upon receiving a permit from the Fire Authority having jurisdiction over the operating location.
- Use of an explosive initiation system requiring a burning fuse line.

**Exemptions** approved under this temporary Stage 2 Fire Ban:

- ◇ Use of liquid or gas fueled appliances
- ◇ Approved wood pellet grills
- ◇ Permitted professional fireworks displays only when specifically approved by the fire service agency of jurisdiction issuing the permit to ensure that adequate safety measures to prevent uncontrolled fires are in place.
- ◇ Open fires or open burning by any federal, state, or local officer in the performance of official fire suppression functions.

Individuals operating under any of the above exemptions shall take adequate measures to prevent uncontrolled fires. Possible measures include, but are not limited to:

- Containers of adequate water or dry soil nearby.
- Shovels, fire extinguishers, or other extinguishing agents nearby.
- Coordination with the local fire department or district to be on scene or standby during an activity.

This temporary Fire Ban became effective at 8:00 a.m. on June 28, 2018 and shall remain in effect until superseded or repealed.

To get the entire announcement, go to <https://www.jeffco.us/517/Fire-Restriction-Details>

**KEEP TRAILMARK SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND EVERY DAY!**

# Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms

## PRAIRIE RESTORATION TRIALS

Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms is working with researchers at the University of Colorado in Boulder to bring back native prairie to our local farm! Before the area was settled for agriculture and cattle, it was shortgrass prairie, rich in native grasses and dotted with local wildflowers. Now, decades after the cows have left and the farming has shifted, some areas of Chatfield Farms are stuck in a degraded grassland, dominated by a few persistent weedy species.

Over the next few years, we will be testing a variety of restoration methods to determine what will work best to put back native species. The restoration will occur in stages, with native seeding planned for spring of 2019.

**Step 1: Weed Control** Currently, the field is largely covered by smooth brome, whitetop, Scotch thistle and cheatgrass. All are aggressive, non-native species that can push out native plants. The first step in restoring native communities is to get rid of the weeds. We will be testing a number of weed control methods over the next 12 months. This process will involve tilling up a large amount of grass, which will be re-planted.

**Step 2: Seeding Native Plants** Seeding native prairie species can happen either in the fall or in the spring. In the fall, the seed will need to survive the winter and then come up when the weather warms. In the spring, the weather is already warm, but if there isn't enough rain, the seeds won't emerge. If it's too dry, irrigation might be needed to make sure the seeds can grow. We're going to test both options, with a small seeding trial in October 2018, and a larger trial in April/May 2019. We'll be seeding lots of native species, from grasses like Blue gramma and green needlegrass to native wildflowers like sand lily and coneflower.

**Step 3: Monitor the Results** and Native Species Maintenance Program We'll be surveying the plants communities as they grow and change. Results can inform other prairie restoration efforts, allowing us to be more efficient and effective as we continue bringing native plants back into degraded areas around the region. Monitoring will also help us make changes to the restoration if they are needed, pulling weeds when they become an issue and adding additional species when we can.

**Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms** For further information, please contact Denver Botanic Gardens at 720-865-4346.

## Keeping our Neighborhood Beautiful

In response to a growing number of poop piles, and a growing number of citizen complaints, the Jefferson County Animal Control office has partnered with local park districts and homeowner associations to bring you this public service announcement:

### The Facts About Dog Poop

#### **Dog Poop Doesn't Biodegrade Like Wild Animal Poop**

Because we feed our dogs food that's different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. And due to the large number of pets in suburban neighborhoods and local parks, this hardy dog waste accumulates.

#### **Dog Poop Contains Harmful Bacteria, Parasites**

Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E coli, Giardia, Salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and Cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to you or your pet and may cause health problems.

#### **Dog Waste Pollutes Groundwater, Water Bodies**

Bacteria in dog waste can harm water quality in creeks and rivers and alter the ecosystems of these stream corridors. Humans who come in contact with creek water can also face health hazards.

#### **County Ordinances Require Cleanup**

Jefferson County ordinances make "failure to clean up dog feces in public places" a petty offense with a fine of at least \$30. Many local park districts have similar regulations and fines.

#### **How You Can Help**

Please share this message with your friends and neighbors. Together, we can debunk the poop fairy myth and clean up our county.

Source: <https://www.jeffco.us/416/Myth-of-the-Poop-Fairy>

## HOA Assessments Due July 1st

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**Thursday, July 12th**

7:00 pm

Fire Station 19

All are welcome.

## TMMD Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, July 17th**

6:30 pm

TrailMark Learning Center, 9743 S Carr Way

## TrailMark Concert Series

**"SHEL"**

**Sunday, July 15th**

5:30 pm

Hogback Hill Park

Future concert: August 19th



## Food Truck Thursdays

**Thursday, July 19th**

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](http://www.trailmarkhoa.org) for an updated list of food trucks.



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