



August 2018

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

August Calendar

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Shea Property - Update

The Shea property was discussed at the July 12th HOA Board meeting. The property has a potential buyer who has submitted a preliminary property proposal to the City of Littleton. It is important to note that this is a proposal and a formal plan has not been submitted for evaluation.

What we know so far is that the entity considering the property purchase is proposing a senior living center. The proposal includes three buildings, 156 parking spaces, and "significant" green space. A four story building is planned for independent living with attached community center, and a two story building is planned for assisted living.

The architect has requested a meeting with the City of Littleton to discuss a variance for an additional 10 ft of building height equaling 60 ft in total height. In addition, the architect must request a modification to the existing planned development documents to allow a new type of use. This is not a zoning change but an amendment to the original plans. This will require a community meeting and we encourage everyone to watch the [website](#) and [TrailMark HOA Facebook page](#) for information on when that meeting will take place. The Facebook page and the website will be updated most often as we receive more information.

TrailMark Night at Pirate's Cove

Saturday, August 4th, 6:30-8:30 pm at [Pirate's Cove Water Park](#), 1225 W Belleview Ave, Littleton. \$3 per person. Cash only! 2 and under, free. 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. Any volunteers to help with ticket sales, please email the social committee at social@trailmarkhoa.org.



TrailMark Night at the Corn Maze

Tuesday, September 25th, 5:00-8:00 pm at [Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms](#), 8500 W Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. \$3 per person. Cash only. Kettle corn, hay rides, barrel rides and face painting are included!



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Notice from City of Littleton Public Works

The City will start a construction project on TrailMark Parkway near Cambridge Place on August 7th. The work is a rehabilitation of the failing/moving culvert wing walls. Traffic on the Parkway will be maintained during construction, but may be slightly shifted around the construction area. Work is projected to take approximately one month.

Garage Door Standard

During the July HOA board meeting, the board approved a Design Review Committee request to add a new paragraph to the Design Guidelines regarding garage doors. With the increase in the number of requests to install new garage doors, the DRC decided to simplify requests by consolidating all requirements into one, concise paragraph. You will find the paragraph posted on the HOA website at: <https://www.trailmark.org/garage-door-standard.html>

Common Area Committee Report

June and July are the big growth months for the lawns and the weeds. It is a challenge keeping up with the mowing of the native grasses, which are only mowed about 3 times a year, and keeping the weeds under control. South Suburban mows the native, and Mountain High Lawn and Landscape mows the rest, including the bluegrass. You may have noticed along TrailMark Parkway on the north side, every other section that is left natural is also not irrigated. We have planted tall grasses in between the sections so they are more delineated.

Just had an annual meeting with South Suburban Parks and Rec District. George the arborist says that the emerald ash borer is still a ways north of us, but the lilac ash borer could be infesting and killing your ash trees in TrailMark. They can be treated by an arborist, so check out any you may have on your property. The Japanese beetles are infesting some linden, crabapple and some elm trees. Check the leaves of your trees and if they are eaten leaving only the stem, you may have a problem. Pinewood nematodes, a microscopic worm has been infesting some Scotch and Austrian Pines in the Lone Tree area. None have been discovered yet in our area, but let us know if a pine tree dies. They do not affect the ponderosa pines, which are more native to Colorado. An Austrian Pine has a cluster of three needles in a clump. The ponderosa pines have only two needles to a clump. We have both types here in TrailMark in various locations.

If your yard backs into open space, and you have a tree or two that are on common areas, **please help out the irrigation and water them yourselves**. Many areas have irrigation, and often it is inadequate for the weather conditions. Examples are long hot spells like we are having now, or dry cold winters without much moisture, whether it be rain or snow. If you like the trees and enjoy them behind your house, even though they are in open space, please give them some additional water. Please!

We are thinking of adding a nine hole **Frisbee golf** course to the open area to the west of the shelter in Hogback Hill Park. Please let us know if you think that is a good idea or not. We will also, eventually, be expanding a **new trail** from the parking lot to the viewpoint benches at Sled Hill and then on to the east to connect to the regular trail.

Drivers: Reminder to Stop when School Bus Lights are Flashing

As we start a new school year, we would like to remind residents that when the school bus lights are flashing **RED**, drivers must stop from every direction.

Colorado law states: "You must stop your vehicle at least 20 feet before reaching a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing whether it is on your side of the road, the opposite side of the road, or at an intersection you are approaching. You must remain stopped until the flashing red lights are no longer operating. Watch carefully for children near the school bus and children crossing the roadway before proceeding."

Privacy Fence Replacement Plans

The TrailMark Fence Replacement Subcommittee has been exploring various material options for privacy fence replacement, to begin in 2019. Privacy fences refer to the 5 foot and 6 foot tall fences as seen along TrailMark Parkway, South Independence St. and various other parts of the neighborhood. This does not include the split rail fences. It is expected that the HOA & TMMD boards will make a decision on privacy fence replacement during their September meetings.

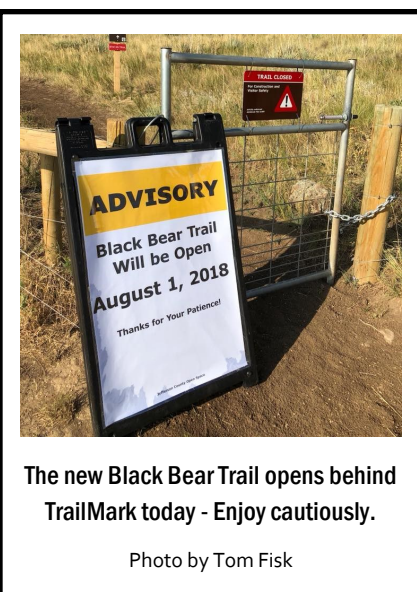


TM5K & Family Fun Run October 20th, 2018

Celebrate Fall with your neighbors and friends and join us for a morning full of fun. The festivities will include a 5K Run/Walk, a 1 Mile family fun run, face painting and bounce houses! But that's not all because we want to see you and yours in your best Halloween costume, prizes will be awarded for best costumes!

Registration opens on August 1st. [Click here](#) to register.

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.



The new Black Bear Trail opens behind TrailMark today - Enjoy cautiously.

Photo by Tom Fisk

Please note that the date for the next HOA Board Meeting has been changed from September 13th to September 20th.

**August 7th is National Night Out.
Get outdoors! Meet your neighbors!**

Food Truck Thursdays

Thursday, August 2nd
Thursday, August 16th

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.



Photo by Linda Jagiello

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TrailMark Concert Series

["Barefoot Movement"](#)

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5:30 pm
Hogback Hill Park



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