

TRAILMARK TRACKS

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Letter from your HOA Board

Happy Spring to all! After a mild winter, it's nice to see the crocus flowers revealing their color and the start of the daffodils and tulips.

Whew! Your HOA Board has been busy! NOTE: READ THE GREEN ARTICLE BELOW. It affects future TrailMark Tracks publications. Our activities:

- The HOA Board is working with Hammersmith Management and their attorney to keep the community informed of all the legislative compliance requirements for HOA's. Watch for more information on the trailmark.org website.
- The HOA website will receive a bit of updating throughout 2010 to make it more user-friendly. Do you have suggestions? Tell us, we would love to hear from you!
- We have great open space in the neighborhood which is managed by either your HOA, South Suburban, or the Metro District. The HOA is researching to prepare a map that outlines who is responsible for the various open spaces. The targeted completion is June.
- Committees are vital to the operation of your HOA. As an HOA Board, we have identified a board member liaison for each committee. Charters for each of the committees as well as budgets will be approved at the next HOA meeting (May 13).
- The TrailMark Metro District will elect three new directors in May. The HOA Board will initiate dialogue with the New Metro Board after the election to discuss how the two parties can work more closely.

Thank you to all the volunteers that are supporting your HOA and their activities. We are always looking for good people to help. If you are interested in volunteering time (any small amount of time is a huge help), send an email to board@trailmarkhoa.org.

Sincerely,
Your HOA Board

trailmarkhoa.org



TrailMark Tracks is going green. Your HOA will publish, print, and distribute three (3) additional newsletters before we go fully green and provide online versions only. You have the option to receive an email notification when a new Newsletter is available for viewing. Do you want the email notification? Send an email to subscribe_newsletter@trailmarkhoa.org. We will store your email address for Newsletter purposes only and never sell or distribute your email address to any other party.

Web Help Needed!

As TrailMark goes electronic, we need another person or two to help out maintaining the web site. If you are a student studying web design or an adult with a little extra time, send an email to webmaster@trailmarkhoa.org to volunteer your time. Your community will appreciate your efforts!

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VOTE! Let your voice be heard!

WATCH FOR YOUR TRAILMARK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECTION BALLOT!

There are three positions.
Four residents are running for office:

MICHAEL ROGERS
CATHERINE LACLAIR
TIMOTHY STRUNK
RICHARD HANDLEY

MAY 4TH
Ballots must be received by May 4th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE TRAILMARK METRO DISTRICT
OR VISIT

WWW.TMMD.ORG

~Coyote Tips~

Presented by the Littleton Police Department

The issue of human-coyote interaction is timely as coyote pups will begin to emerge from their dens during the spring months. It is important to remember that coyotes can live in almost any environment, and many have adapted to living in an urban area. Humans should practice avoidance as much as possible when dealing with coyotes, particularly if there is a den in the neighborhood. While coyotes are typically afraid of human interaction, they can get aggressive on occasion.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife recommends that if humans come across coyotes while walking or hiking, they should make themselves as "big and loud" as possible. Using noisemakers like an air horn, or yelling and clapping can aid in deterring a coyote from investigating your presence. Humans are advised not to turn their backs on coyotes. You should face them and back away slowly if they exhibit aggressive behavior.

If you have any questions about coyote behavior, visit the Colorado Division of Wildlife's web page. The city's Humane Officer, Terry Carr, is also available to answer questions, and can be reached at 303-795-3877. If you are confronted by an aggressive coyote or other wild animal, please dial 911 and a police officer will respond.

Safety Committee:

BE AWARE OF RECENT CAR THEFTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

There have been three car thefts in TrailMark in the first week in April. The first vehicle was stolen while it was idling in the driveway. The second vehicle was in the garage with the garage door open and the keys in the console. The third was in the garage with the garage door open and the keys in the car.

In all these instances, the vehicle owner could have done things differently to secure their property. Don't leave your keys in the car. Don't leave your car idling in the garage or the driveway. Don't open your garage door until you are leaving. Don't leave your garage door open if you are not outside. There have been five vehicles stolen within the City of Littleton over a 2 day period in April - all had keys available to the thieves.

Be aware! There are thieves that are always looking for opportunities. Don't make it easy for them to commit their crimes!

Call the City of Littleton Police to report any suspicious activity: 911 for Emergencies and 303-794-1551 for 24/7 non-emergency access.

COVENANTS CORNER

As spring comes back to TrailMark, please remember your covenant on boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles. You can park these items in your driveway or on the street, but the time cannot exceed 72 hours in a 7 day period or 96 hours in a 14 day period. This is 3 days during one week or 4 days over two weeks. This gives you ample time to prepare for a trip and clean up afterwards but puts reasonable limits on how long the vehicles can be parked in the community.

Annual Garage Sale
June 11-12

For more information,
visit www.trailmarkhoa.org

Concerts in the Park

June 6
August 8



JULY 4TH

**PARADE & GAMES
IN THE FIELD**

As the last mounds of snow are melting away are you noticing that something has been chewing, scratching, rubbing or otherwise causing serious damage to your plants over winter? Hungry rabbits, field mice and voles can cause extensive damage to trees and shrubs in TrailMark as they chew the bark at the soil line and strip bark several feet off the ground. This year one homeowner had their tree nearly 50% debarked by an animal—likely an elk, deer or bear. So how do you care for a plant that has been damaged by animals over winter?

Treating Multi-Stem trees and shrubs:

If the bark was eaten away from a multi-stem plant you are in luck. Watch for new buds to form just below the feeding damage. Prune away the damaged branches above the new buds. Your plant will be reduced in size but will recover and eventually regain its previous size and form.

Treating a Single-Stem tree with bark damage:

If the bark was eaten away from a single-stem tree, the chance for a recovery depends on the amount of bark removed from the circumference of the trunk. If the bark has been damaged all the way around then the animal has effectively girdled your tree. The only way to save a girdled tree is to perform a "bridge" bark graft. If 25-50% of the bark was removed around the circumference of the tree (damage is kept to one side) then you may lose some branches and growth may be slower but the tree will likely survive. If 20% or less of the bark was removed then the tree will likely recover.

Contact a certified arborist or a certified nursery professional for plant care advice and techniques for helping your plants survive the damage.



SLOW DOWN!!!

Spring is arriving and the weather is getting warm. Kids are playing outside. So, slow down and keep your eyes open!

STAR CANYON

BOARD BANTER

With Spring fast approaching, our attention will soon shift to our beautiful landscapes. Please remember to direct all irrigation, lawn, tree and shrub concerns directly to our property manager, Milagros Matos. She may be contacted at MMatos@assoccolorado.com or (303) 232-9200. She will then make appropriate arrangements with Environmental Designs, Inc. to handle your needs.

You may also cc :

louzler@hotmail.com (Lou),

jobsrus@qwestoffice.net (Jerry),

hbrunett@gmail.com (Harry).

Our community website is www.assoccolorado.com.

Click on "Community Websites" and choose Star Canyon.

You must set up an account.

Your street number is your user name to register.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

- 🍴 The Lunch Bunch: Days vary per month
- 🍴 Dinner Club: on hold for now
- 📖 The Star Canyon Book Club 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
- 🎲 Bunko: 1st Tuesday, at 6:45
- 🀄 Mahjongg: 3rd Tuesday, 12:30 pm
- 🎬 Movie Club not specific, scheduled as desired per movie
- 🍳 Men's Breakfast 2nd Tuesday

For information on any of the above events,
contact Joy Carlson jcarlson1347@comcast.net

Condominium News

By the time this newsletter comes out, it will be spring. We're sure most people will be glad to see the snow gone and see the warmer weather. We have had several illnesses and injuries in our little community this winter, so we hope everyone is on the mend.

We continue to have excess water usage in the 9895 building- usage almost double that of any other building! The water company told us that it is moving at the same rate as that of a toilet refilling every 5-10 minutes. All buildings should check your toilets again. We all need to be aware of any faucet or toilet leaks. Water rates are going up and the leaks affect all of us, not just the person with the problem. The Condo Board had to raise dues this year and we would hate to have to do it again just because someone doesn't know how to fix a leak or just doesn't care.

The Board is working hard to keep the community looking good. We need your help in doing this. We will be having a lot of repairs from winter damages going on over the next few weeks. Our eyes can't always see everything, so please let Caron Realty or one of the Board members know if you think something needs our attention. Also, several people have been letting the pickup of dog droppings go undone this winter. We need all of you to help with this pickup. When the workers come to cleanup for spring, they will not take care of areas with dog droppings that are not picked up. If you have a pet, please be responsible for them and their business. Those of us without animals do not appreciate having to look at your dog's mess.

Star Canyon Condominiums, in conjunction with Star Canyon Patio Homes, will be working on the fountain landscape this year. We did some plant removal of unwanted and overgrown plants earlier this year and are now ready to add some plants back into the area.

Have a great spring! Remember the Block Party June 26th!

Submitted by Lynn Ester

STINKY BUSINESS

Pets live alongside all of us in TrailMark. The natural landscape in our neighborhood makes it a perfect place to enjoy the outdoors with your pet. Be considerate of your neighbors: Don't let your dog relieve themselves in your neighbor's yard. We take pride in our lawns and some dogs kill the grass. And always clean up after your pet whether you are in the neighborhood or on the open trails.

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As the weather gets warmer, the nature we co-exist with is waking up. TrailMark is fortunate to have many types of wildlife living among us and that includes snakes. The snakes are searching for the warmer surfaces. You will often find them on rocks and the trails throughout the neighborhood. Rattlesnakes are quite common. Be aware of your surroundings. They are watching you and will get out of your way!



This spring you will notice a new tree planted near the shelter at Hogback Hill Park. Wilhelmina Sprague, the great-grandmother of Allison Phillips (both residents here in TrailMark), will be donating a Red Horsechestnut tree in honor of her great granddaughters accomplishment in winning the park naming contest of 2009. The planting day details are not yet decided. Details will be posted to the HOA website as they become known.

Design Review Committee Update

Spring is coming soon and as we move into the warm weather months, many will consider outside projects. The Design Review Committee (DRC) wants to remind you of the guidelines for approval of outdoor projects.

Examples of Exterior Projects include:

- Exterior house painting
- Landscaping
- Changes to the exterior of the home such as solar systems, and home additions
- Exterior buildings/projects such as sheds and greenhouses, decks, patios, fencing
- Projects that affect the interior yard (inside the fencing)

The Design Guidelines (http://trailmarkhoa.org/docs/TrailMark_Design_Guidelines.pdf) are posted on the TrailMark HOA website and outline what you can and cannot do as well as how to submit a request to the DRC prior to starting your project.

Exterior Painting Projects

- Our paint colors are designed to blend with the natural surroundings of TrailMark and compliment our natural beauty
- Books with approved color combinations are available for you to review and help you choose a paint color. This can also be viewed at: <http://trailmarkhoa.org/qaFaqs.html#paint>
- Before starting your painting project, submit a request to the Design Review Committee with:
 - The pre-approved scheme
 - If not using a pre-approved scheme, submit the paint color names, color samples, and where on your house you will paint each of the colors.

The DRC meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Submit your request for your outdoor project by the previous Friday to Hammersmith Management: clientservices@e-hammersmith.com. Request forms can be found on the TrailMark web site at www.trailmarkhoa.org.

The DRC is here to help maintain the aesthetics value and visual integrity of the community. We are here to help you understand the guidelines and comply with them. Always make sure to receive approval for your outdoor project before commencing work.



South Suburban Recreation Facilities Host Blood Screenings

South Suburban Parks and Recreation is hosting comprehensive blood screenings conducted by the University of Colorado Hospital from 7 to 9:30 am at the following recreation facilities:

Lone Tree, 10249 Ridgeway Cir., Tuesday, April 20
Goodson, 6315 S. University Blvd., Wednesday, April 21
Buck, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Thursday, April 22
Family Sports, 6901 S. Peoria St., Friday, April 23

This high-quality laboratory screening with rapid turnaround of results consists of 30 tests, including a lipid profile. Test results will be sent directly to your home. Supplemental tests can be requested for an additional cost. Participants must be at least 18 years old and 12 hours of fasting are recommended before blood is drawn. Fee is \$40 per person and no reservation is required.

Additionally, South Suburban will offer adult fitness tests in tandem with the April 21 blood screenings at Goodson Center. Tests include cardiovascular, BMI, strength, flexibility and blood pressure. Call Ellen Martin for an appointment, 303-730-4610. Fee is \$15, \$10 for South Suburban residents. For other South Suburban wellness activities visit www.sspr.org.

www.ssprd.org



SWING INTO SPRING AT LONE TREE TENNIS GRAND OPENING

Grab your racquet and tennis balls and head to South Suburban Parks and Recreation's Lone Tree Tennis Center, 9810 Sunningdale Blvd., for a few spring swings. Individuals and families can celebrate at Lone Tree Tennis Center's FREE event on Saturday, May 1, from 11 am-2 pm. Try a mini-lesson, check your serve speed on a radar gun, use the ball machine, demo a racquet and enjoy other tennis games and contests. Please pre-register for class # 805995, at www.sspr.org or 303-347-5999. All ages and abilities welcome.

Starting May 1, the Pro Shop at Lone Tree Tennis Center will be open Monday-Friday, 10 am-5 pm, for reservations, program/lesson assistance and merchandise sales. Visit the six-court center with two lighted courts and sign up for adult or junior classes, leagues or tournaments. Lone Tree Tennis Courts are open dawn to dusk. Open play is available as long as courts are not previously reserved or programmed. For more information call 303-768-8109. South Suburban Parks and Recreation has several other convenient tennis facilities located throughout the community. Find out where at www.sspr.org.



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Twelve Candidates for South Suburban Park and Recreation Election

Twelve individuals have filed as candidates for three South Suburban Park and Recreation District board positions. Voters will be asked, through a mail ballot, to elect three candidates for a four-year term. Ballots will be mailed to homes mid-April and must be returned by May 4. The incumbent candidates are Mr. Harold Neal and Mr. John Ostermiller. Board members Ms. Kay Geitner and Ms. Sue Rosser will continue to serve in their terms, which are scheduled to expire in May, 2012. Mr. Jerry Call is restricted by term limitation statutes.

Candidates for the four-year terms, in alpha order by last name, are:

Michael T. Anderson
Mary L. Carter
Pam Eller

Peter Gabel
John Gillen
Roger Koons

Scott LaBrash
Gerald L. Lamb
Daniel J. Lowery

Harold L. Neal
John K. Ostermiller
Scott Watters

Final ballot order will be determined by lottery.

In addition, voters will be asked to consider an extension of the one-mill property tax, originally approved by voters in May 2000 for ten years. This question will also be on the mail ballot.

Voters/electors will be able to return their ballots by mail, or drop off their ballots at:

- **Administration Building, 6631 S. University Blvd., Centennial**
- **Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Littleton**
- **Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., Centennial**
- **Lone Tree Recreation Center, 10249 RidgeGate Cir., Lone Tree**
- **Sheridan Recreation Center, 3325 W. Oxford Ave., Sheridan**

An elector is a person who, on election day, is registered to vote in the State of Colorado; and either 1) has been a resident of the District for 30 days, or 2) who or whose spouse owns taxable real or personal property within the District regardless of residence, or 3) is obligated to pay taxes under a contract to purchase property within the District.

Eligibility requires voters to be registered with their County Clerk & Recorder no later than Monday, April 5, 2010.

If you have questions call the South Suburban Administrative Office, 303 798-5131 or visit www.ssprd.org.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TrailMark HOA Meetings

**Meetings are held every other month
on the 2nd Thursday, 6:30pm at the
TrailMark Day Care Center**

TrailMark Metro District Meeting: Tuesday April 20th

TrailMark Metro District Board Member elections: May 4th

TrailMark HOA Meeting: Thursday May 13th

TrailMark Metro District Meeting: Tuesday May 18th

