

# TRAILMARK TRACKS



## December 2009

### ALPINE WASTE AND RECYCLING

Remains our waste removal company!

**Y**our Board of Directors for TrailMark asked for and received proposals from 4 different trash/recycling companies to compare price and services before we hired a company for 2010. The contract for 2010 was ultimately awarded to Alpine for the second year in a row. Alpine offered TrailMark the lowest competitive pricing, and was willing to work with the Association over service provisions. Those homeowners in attendance at the Annual Meeting on November 12th, had the opportunity to ask questions directly of a representative from Alpine.

Our collection day remains on Fridays. Some immediate exceptions will be the pick-up days after Christmas 2009 and New Years 2010. After each of these holidays, our pick-up day will be the following Saturday.

Please keep in mind that trash pick-up will be on December 26th and January 2nd, 2010. **Please enter these days on your calendars!**

*Please refer to page 8 for additional information.*

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## ROUND-UP

A Word from your TrailMark HOA Board:

**T**he Annual Meeting of the TrailMark Homeowners Association was held on Thursday, November 12th, 2009.

The current Board consisting of Michael Glade, Sharon Gambrell Elms, Mike McMahon and Karen Millspaugh were present to conduct the meeting. Karl Block, our new Community Manager from Hammersmith, Management, Inc. was in attendance to certify the quorum and to explain the 2010 Homeowner's Association Budget. **Of important note to our neighbors was that the 2010 budget continues homeowner fees at the same rate, of \$96 per quarter.** Karl Block and the Board entertained questions from those attending the meeting regarding the budget, which was then ratified.

When the majority of homeowner had been checked in we were still 2 votes shy of having a quorum therefore we would especially like to thank our two "go to gals", Gabrielle Handley and Nicole Steranka for being willing to go knock on doors. We must have a quorum of homeowners (10% of 800 homes) to be able to conduct official business. This is just a reminder for the future – if you do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting – **Please remember to send in your proxy!**

Two members of the present Homeowner's Association Board, Stephen McKeon and Michael Glade, will be stepping down at the end of December of 2009. So an election for two new members was conducted. We are pleased to announce that Doug Filter and Wayne Lupton were chosen by the community to represent the Association for the next two years.

The meeting was then turned over to the TrailMark Metropolitan District Board to present their budget. Metropolitan District Board members in attendance were Tim Strunk, Bob Chavez, Sherm Steed and Karen Millspaugh. Joel Meggers, of CRS Management, presented the proposed 2010 Budget. TrailMark neighbors asked questions and presented ideas for the TMMD Board to consider. A revised budget was to be presented at the regular meeting of the TMMD on November 17th, 2009. The Metro District must certify the mill levy to the

## ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE BOARD IN 2010

- planned update to the Reserve Study
- obtaining an accurate mapping of the TrailMark community
- writing and adopting charters for the various committees
- establishing greater communication between the Association and the Metropolitan District

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

state of Colorado on December 15th. So the TMMD Board is taking input from the community that will be used in this determination.

The meeting then reverted back to the Homeowner's Association for the regular business agenda. Discussion was held to help the newly elected members understand their roles on the Board and to discuss new and old business. Sharon Gambrell Elms had announced that she would be resigning as of the meeting and Lesa Rangel was appointed by the sitting Board to fill out the final year of Sharon's term (until December 2010).

Some of the items to be addressed by the Board in 2010 will be the planned update to the Reserve Study; obtaining an accurate mapping of the TrailMark community (which, if you are not aware, includes South Suburban Parks and Recreation, the Metropolitan District, and Association responsibilities); writing and adopting charters for the various committees; and establishing greater communication between the Association and the Metropolitan District.


























The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,






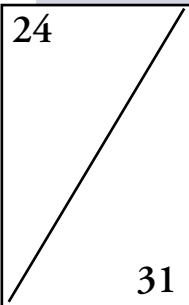

*Karen Millspaugh*

Karen Millspaugh

# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:30 pm Design Review Committee	3	4 6:30 pm Parade of Lights - Golden  Blossoms of Lights - Denver Botanical Gardens until Jan 3rd  Denver Parade of Lights 	5 Georgetown Christmas Market    
6 Broncos vs Kansas City 11 AM  Georgetown Christmas Market 	7   PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8 6:30 pm Common Area Committee Mtg	9	10 6:30 pm Board Meeting for Hearings Only	11  	12 Georgetown Christmas Market  
13 Broncos vs Indianapolis 11AM  Georgetown Christmas Market	14	15 6:30 pm TMMD Meeting at Learning Center	16 6:30 pm Design Review Committee	17	18  	19
20 Broncos vs Oakland (H) 2:05 PM	21    SCHOOLS WINTER BREAK - December 21st to January 5th 	22	23	24  CHRISTMAS EVE	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26   
27 Broncos vs Philadelphia 11 AM  	28  	29  	30    SCHOOLS WINTER BREAK - December 21st to January 5th 	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE  		

# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010 	2 
3 Broncos vs Kansas City (H) 2:15 PM	4	5	6 6:30 pm Design Review Committee	7	8	9
SCHOOLS WINTER BREAK - December 21st to January 5th			STUDENTS RETURN			
	TEACHER/STAFF DEVELOPMENT					
10	11	12 6:30 pm Common Area Committee Mtg  6:30 pm Board Work Session	13	14 6:30 pm HOA Meeting in Learning Center	15	16
						
17	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  NO SCHOOL	19 6:30 pm TMMD Meeting at Learning Center	20 6:30 pm Design Review Committee	21	22	23
						
24 	25 6:30 pm Covenant Committee Meeting	26 6:30 pm Common Area Committee Mtg	27	28	29	30
31						

## COMMON AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

### RAIN SENSORS

If you remember the rainy days this summer, you will be happy to know that we have installed rain sensors on the sprinkling systems to avoid watering during a downpour. This not only saves precious water, but really helps on the water bill as well.

### TRAIL IMPROVEMENT

Our friends at South Suburban took our suggestion and carved out a nice trail from the south side of Fairview Reservoir #1 to the gates opening up to Hildebrand Ranch. **I think you should join me in thanking South Suburban Parks and Recreation District for a great job on maintaining and improving our Trailmark Trail System. Send them a thank you email at [www.SSPRD.org](http://www.SSPRD.org)**

### HORSESHOES AND MORE

The shelter and horseshoe pit area have been completed on the SW corner of the property. It looks terrific (see below), and provides a good venue to get together and play some horseshoes. It is also a convenient shelter from a sudden hail storm or from the beating sun in the summertime.

**Look for additional small projects in the new year that keep Trailmark a unique place to live and enjoy the open space and our excellent trail system.**



### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

No they weren't elves.....it was members of the Common Area Committee (CAC) putting up the wreaths for Christmas on November 28th. It was also the first night we turned on the tree lights. We hope you enjoy the temporary decorations that help us through the long winter nights.

### TREE DONATIONS

We have had a few tree donations in the past from residents who have too many trees, or have trees too large to fit in your yard. If you would like to donate a tree please contact the CAC on the website [www.trailmarkhoa.org](http://www.trailmarkhoa.org) (click on CAC) and we will have someone come out to see if it can be transplanted to the open space.

*Thank You South Suburban Parks and Recreation District for a great job on maintaining and improving our Trailmark Trail System.*

## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### MEET YOUR NEW TREASURER

**M**y name is Lesa Rangel and I'm pleased to be your new board member. I have lived in TrailMark since 2003 and in the southwest Littleton area since 1989. During this time, I've volunteered for the TrailMark HOA Common Area Committee for 5 years; serving as its chair for the last 4. It has been fun to watch the CAC grow into a solid core of 9 homeowners dedicated to helping keep the open areas of TrailMark looking great! While on the CAC, I have participated in many TrailMark HOA board meetings, TMMD board meetings and South Suburban/City of Littleton meetings. I have met a lot of wonderful neighbors through the HOA and have learned a lot about the entities that have a hand in administering TrailMark.

I am a Certified Public Accountant and have been practicing in Colorado for 18 years. With the recent resignation of Sharon Gambrell-Elms, who was treasurer of the HOA, I was invited by the HOA to serve out the term of her position until the end of 2010. I accepted. Taking this on I will also be the chair (and sole member) of the Finance Committee. I will be on the lookout for new recruits!

I pledge to be a good custodian of the finances of the HOA by being fiscally responsible and encouraging transparency of financial information. I also hope to promote policies in the HOA that encourages community involvement and good communication to the residents.

On a personal note, TrailMark is an awesome place to live. I moved to TrailMark because of its strategic location near the many trails and parks in the area. I enjoy the outdoors as much as I can, usually bicycling, hiking, skiing or snow shoeing.

**Q**

#### A NEIGHBORHOOD QUESTION:

"Why didn't we have the Corn Maze as a Social Event this year?"

**A**

#### ANSWER:

With the Social Budget reduced for 2009, it was decided to use the social budget money for other socials, i.e. the Summer Concerts and other smaller events. The Corn Maze is a VERY expensive activity, plus TrailMark lost its damage deposit of \$500, two years in a row – due to damage caused by participants.

The Social Committee will look at their budget and decide which community events will be sponsored in 2010. If you are interested, and would like to be part of that planning process, please contact Social@trailmarkhoa.org.

### AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL TRAILMARK COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

Please come join the Community Center Design Forum at  
6:30pm, December 10th, 2009  
at the TrailMark Day Care Center.

#### **The design team is eager for your input!**

Learn about the process and progress as well as the next steps for the design.

Let us know how you would like to use TrailMark's first community building!

For status updates, future meeting dates and architect's progress designs, please visit the TrailMark Metropolitan District web site at [www.tmmmd.org](http://www.tmmmd.org).

Thank You,

Dennis Rodriguez, AIA

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# School News

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### CHATFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

<http://jeffcoweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/high/chatfield/>  
303-982-3670

December 17, 18 – Final Exams (half days)  
December 21 - January 5 – Winter Break for Students  
January 4-5 – Staff Development – NO SCHOOL  
January 6 – Semester 2 Classes Begin  
January 18 – Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL  
February 10 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30 to 8:00 pm  
February 12 – Staff Development - NO SCHOOL  
February 15 – Presidents’ Day - NO SCHOOL

### FALCON BLUFFS MIDDLE SCHOOL

<http://jeffcoweb.jeffco.k12.co.us/middle/falconbluffs/>  
303-982-9900

December 21 - January 5 – Winter Break for Students  
January 4-5 – Staff Development – NO SCHOOL  
January 6 – Semester 2 Classes Begin  
January 18 – Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL  
February 1-5 – 6th Grade to Outdoor Lab  
February 12 – Staff Development- NO SCHOOL  
February 15 – Presidents’ Day - NO SCHOOL

### SHAFFER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

<http://sc.jeffco.k12.co.us/education/school/school.php?sectionid=242>  
303-982-3901

December 21 - January 5 – Winter Break for Students  
January 4-5 – Staff Development – NO SCHOOL  
January 6 – Semester 2 Classes Begin  
January 18 – Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL  
January 19 – Kindergarten Registration for the  
2010-2011 School Year  
PTA/Accountability Meeting  
February 12 – Staff Development - NO SCHOOL  
February 15 – Presidents’ Day - NO SCHOOL

*Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield*  
<http://www.botanicgardens.org/content/our-gardens-chatfield-location>  
303.973.3705

**Trail of Lights Opens Wednesday, December 4, 2009**  
Open Wednesday through Sunday evenings,  
5:30-10:00 PM (Last tickets sold at 9:30 PM)

**Admission:**  
\$9 Adults  
\$7 Adult Member, Student, Senior (65+)  
\$6 Child  
\$4 Child Member

**Group of 10 or more: \$7 per person (no advance reservation necessary) -- please arrive as an entire group to purchase tickets.**



*Winter Break*  
**DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 5**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP**

CITY/COUNTY	DATE/LOCATION	CONTACT	COMMENTS
<p><b>Littleton, City of</b></p> <p>Open to City of Englewood and City of Littleton residents only. Proof of residency required.</p>	<p>Sept 12 &amp; 19, 2009</p> <p>Englewood Service Center 2800 S. Platte River Dr. Englewood, Arapahoe, Colorado 80110</p>	<p>303-795-3834</p>	<p>8 am - 2 pm. \$20 co-pay.</p> <p>Will take antifreeze, automotive batteries, flammable liquids, gasoline, kerosene, small mercury-containing devices, garden/lawn chemicals, used oil, oil-based paint (no latex), and propane tanks.</p> <p>Will not accept business or commercial wastes or latex paint. For more information: City of Littleton</p>
<p><b>Jefferson County</b></p> <p>Open to residents of unincorporated Jefferson County and the cities of Arvada, Edgewater, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Golden, and the towns of Lakeside, Morrison and Mountain View, only.</p> <p>CESQG program available</p>	<p>Permanent, Rooney Road Recycling Center 151 Rooney Rd Golden, Colorado</p>	<p>303-316-6262</p>	<p>Wednesday and Saturday by appointment only. \$20 fee for dropoff, \$30 fee for curbside pickup. Up to 75 pounds of chemicals per appointment; batteries (limit of 5), tires, motor oil, lamps (up to 5), and up to 10 one-gallon cans of latex paint do not count towards the 75 pounds.</p> <p>Will take antifreeze, bathroom cleaners, car cleaners/waxes, cell phones, cleaners, computers, televisions, copiers, degreasers, deodorizers, drain cleaners, electronics, expired medications, flea powder, floor cleaner/waxes, furniture polish, insecticides, fertilizers, pesticides, lacquers, laundry products, mercury and mercury-containing devices, moth balls, oven cleaners, paints, paint thinner, petroleum products, photo chemicals, rug cleaners, rust removers, silver cleaners, spot removers, toilet bowl cleaner, used oil and filters, tires, window cleaners, and wood preservatives.</p> <p>Will not accept ammunition, biological waste, compressed gas cylinders, explosives, fireworks, radioactive material, or recyclable materials like aluminum, cardboard, glass, mixed paper, plastic or steel.</p> <p>Slash Pile - any resident of the state can bring in tree branches/limbs for disposal (not construction debris or lumber). Open 10 am - 3 pm Thursday through Sunday; pricing tier depending on whether bed-high or cab-high, measurements taken for larger trailers and trucks.</p> <p>Jeffco Hazmart - chemical reuse program open to the public at no cost.</p> <p><b>For more information:</b> Rooney Road Recycling Center</p>

**PICKUP CHARGES FOR COMMON EXTRA ITEMS**

Item	Price
Sectional Sofa	\$20
Couch	\$15
Hot Water Heater	\$15
Stove	\$15
Washer or Dryer	\$15
Desk	\$15
Large Chest of Drawers	\$15
Large Chair/Recliner	\$10
Dresser	\$10
Large Console TV	\$10
Entertainment Center	\$10
Mattress	\$10
Box Spring	\$10
Dishwasher	\$10
Table	\$10
Door	\$10
Toilet	\$10
Small Chair	\$5
T.V.	\$5
Extra Yardage on Ground	\$7 per cubic yard*



\*Loose trash on the ground will be picked up on a complimentary basis in amounts less than one cubic yard. Special pickups of dumpsters may be performed at the customer's request. Alpine charges the extra yardage rate times the cubic yardage of the dumpster as the special pickup charge. For example, Alpine would charge \$21.00 for a special pickup of a three-yard dumpster.

Effective July 1, 2007, Colorado state environmental laws prohibit us from accepting any tires for disposal.



## SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS AND RECREATION

### FITNESS RESOLUTION ASSISTANCE

### TOPS SOUTH SUBURBAN'S GIFT LIST

**Did you resolve to become more fit in 2010?** Have you been hesitant to use the elaborate strength-building and cardiovascular fitness-enhancing equipment at your local recreation center? If so, South Suburban has the help you need. In January, three of South Suburban's recreation centers: Buck, 2004 W. Powers Ave., Goodson, 6315 S. University Blvd., and Lone Tree, 10249 Ridgeway Circle, will be offering FREE orientations on state-of-the-art fitness equipment. At various times from January 4-28, professional, experienced staff will be instructing small groups of individuals on equipment use. Class sizes are limited to increase individual attention, pre-registration is required at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org) or 303.347.5999 for these one hour and fifteen minute daytime and evening sessions.

For an inside look at your fitness, comprehensive blood screenings conducted by staff from the University of Colorado Hospital will take place from 7 to 9:30 am at the following recreation centers. Make a reservation for a blood screening at the phone numbers listed below:

Lone Tree, 10249 Ridgeway Cir., 303.730.4610, Tuesday, January 19  
 Goodson, 6315 S. University Blvd., 303.483.7082, Wednesday, January 20  
 Buck, 2004 W. Powers Ave., 303.708.3514, Thursday, January 21  
 Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria, 303.708.9500, Friday, January 22

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. Participants must be at least 18 years old and 12 hours of fasting are recommended before blood is drawn. Fee is \$40 per person. **Supplemental tests can be requested for an additional cost. For other South Suburban wellness activities visit [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).**

[www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org)

### SOUTH SUBURBAN OFFERS DIET KNOW-HOW AT FREE LECTURES

Did you overindulge during the holiday season? South Suburban Parks and Recreation has assistance to get you back on track with a more healthy diet in 2010. Professional nutritionist, Mary Schreiner, will provide knowledgeable guidance and consultation in three informative FREE sessions. Gain insight regarding ways you can improve your diet and your health. One session is repeated for the public's convenience and all sessions take place at Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., in Centennial.

**Monday, January 18, 10:30 am:**  
Just Tell Me What to Eat

**Saturday, January 23, 10 am:**  
Comparing Diets

**Wednesday, January 27, 6 pm:**  
Just Tell Me What to Eat

South Suburban Parks and Recreation is dedicated to finding economical solutions to meeting the wide variety of wellness needs of families and individuals in the south metro area. Watch for other free and low cost health and wellness activities at [www.sspr.org](http://www.sspr.org).

### RECYCLE IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

**Your Christmas tree can serve another useful purpose as mulch for trees and shrubs in your backyard and neighborhood.** South Suburban Parks and Recreation will recycle Christmas trees from December 26 through January 10. Residents can dispose of Christmas trees at the Willow Spring Service Center, 7100 South Holly Street, Centennial. Trees will also be accepted at Cornerstone Park parking area, enter from Windermere Street south of Belleview Avenue in Littleton. All lights, ornaments, garland, tinsel and stands must first be removed. Flocked trees, leaves, branches or other refuse will not be accepted at the recycling sites.



During the recycling effort, trees will be mulched and free mulch will be available shortly after the recycling process begins. Residents can obtain mulch Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at each of the two sites. **Call the South Suburban Administrative office at 303.798.5131 for more information.**

## STAR CANYON PATIO HOMES

### BOARD BANTER ANNUAL MEETING

Jeff Pugh led his final HOA meeting as its president on November 11th. Thanks to Jeff for his hard work over the past three years. He is largely responsible for controlling our expenses and eliminating any need for a dues increase. Please welcome Harry Brunett who was elected to take Jeff's place. Becki Vigil has agreed to join the Design Review Committee replacing Mary Ann Gehan. Our gratitude goes out to Mary Ann for her tireless work on the DRC.

### FUTURE PROJECTS

During 2010 the board will investigate the feasibility of adding water saving sprinkler controllers to our irrigation system. Additionally, look for a continuation of the exterior painting of our homes (15); selective shrub, tree and window well replacement; and a joint project with the condos to spruce up the fountain area (volunteers needed).

### VENDORS

Our primary vendors for 2010 will be: Schultz Industries, Inc. (snow removal), Integrity Painting (exterior home painting), and Environmental Designs, Inc. (grass, shrubs & trees).

Joy Carlson [jcarlson1347@comcast.net](mailto:jcarlson1347@comcast.net)

**If you need information about Star Canyon, you need to contact the HOA.**

Send an email to:

Milagros Matos, [MMatos@associacolorado.com](mailto:MMatos@associacolorado.com).

You can also reach Milagros at: 303.232.9200.

You may also cc it to:

[jeff.pugh@hispanic-contractors.org](mailto:jeff.pugh@hispanic-contractors.org) (Jeff),

[louzier@hotmail.com](mailto:louzier@hotmail.com) (Lou), or [jobsrus@qwestoffice.net](mailto:jobsrus@qwestoffice.net) (Jerry).

**Our Community website is: [www.associacolorado.com](http://www.associacolorado.com).**

Click on "Community Websites" & choose Star Canyon. You must set up your account. Your street number is your User Name to register.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
TRAILMARK!**

### TRAILMARK TRIVIA:

33% of men and 31 % of women say they have done this in the last 24 hours

See answer below.

### SOCIAL HAPPENINGS:

**The Lunch Bunch:** The December lunch will be December 17 at the Briarwood in Golden at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00. Contact Peggy Fitzgerald to RSVP.

**The Star Canyon Book Club:** We have no meeting in December as we combine it with The Lunch Bunch. The next meeting is January 12 when we will discuss *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon. Meetings start at 10:00.

**Bunko (or Zilch/Farkel)** is the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m.

**Mahjongg** is on hold until January. We will meet the third Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

**Movie Club:** This club does not have a regular "outing" day. If there is a movie you would like to see with a group contact Joan Flenner or Karen Milspaugh.

*For any information on these events, contact me, Joy, at [jcarlson1347@comcast.net](mailto:jcarlson1347@comcast.net)*

**Men's Breakfast** is the 2nd Tuesday morning of each month when the gals are having book club.  
*Bernie Gehan is the contact person.*

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Taken a nap!

(trivia courtesy of The Mindbender, Dom Testa, Mix 100)





## NEWS FROM THE STAR CANYON CONDOMINIUMS

### FROM THE BOARD

Please mark **Thursday, February 4, 2010**, on your calendars, as that is the date of our Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the TrailMark Learning Center, 9743 S. Carr Way, beginning at 6:30 P.M.

We will be ratifying the 2010 budget, and electing one new Board member. **Therefore, it is very important that you be present, or have previously turned in your proxy so that a quorum can be established.** Without a quorum being established, official business cannot be conducted and the meeting will have to be re-scheduled.

Homeowner packets will be provided, either by email or U.S. Mail, to all condominium homeowners, approximately 10 - 14 days before the meeting. Please take the time to look over the budget, and be prepared to ask questions. Also, if you are interested in being on the Board, please notify Caron Realty, Inc. at 729-283-3300. If you are a condominium homeowner, or even a non-owner resident, it is very important that you are aware of your community's needs and problems.

### LANDSCAPING:

As you are all probably aware, our common areas were prepared for a "long winter's nap"; in that bushes were trimmed, mulch applied around trees, grassy areas rototilled and fertilized and water lines "blown-out" and turned off. Also, the pond/waterfall was emptied and the water turned off. When the pond has been drained, the lights in the pond are observable, and in the past have been vandalized by individuals throwing rocks. If you see this behavior going on, please talk to the individual/s or report it immediately to Caron Realty.

When snow is on the ground, please remember that it is still necessary to pick-up after your dogs. While most of our dog-owners are very conscientious, some owners feel that snow and cold weather is an excuse to not "pickup". You can imagine that in the spring our landscapers are faced with a "poopy" problem as they begin their work.

### ICE AND SNOW ... AND PARKING:

As all of those of us who have lived in the condominiums through a winter are aware - snow and ice tend to accumulate on the South side of Freiburg Drive. One way to help the situation is to not have your car on the street when snowplows will be needed. This helps to prevent hard packed snow which quickly turns to ice. Another way is to use the "ice-melt" on sidewalks and around mailboxes. The "snow-melt" is available to every building.

### SOCIAL EVENT:

Please keep Saturday evening, February 13, 2010, open for the Beer/Wine Tasting Party. As in the past, Lynn Ester has volunteered her place at 9895 W. Freiburg Drive G for the festivities. Everyone is invited to come, and bring their favorite beer or wine. Prizes will be awarded.

As we begin this month of friends and festivities – let us reflect on our own blessings and think about reaching out to those less fortunate. *May each of you have a wonderful Holiday Season!*

Sharon Gambrell Elms [gambrellelms@aol.com](mailto:gambrellelms@aol.com)

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## **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **TRAILMARK HOA MEETINGS**

*Meetings are held every other month on the 2nd Thursday  
of the month and always at 6:30 P.M.*

**January 14, 2009**

**Meetings are held  
at the TrailMark Learning Center  
9743 S. Carr Way**

Please remember there are no adult chairs available, bring your own if you like.