

TRAILMARK TRACKS



October 2009

ROUND-UP

A Word from your TrailMark HOA Board:

As the HOA Board began the planning process for Budget Year 2009, it became apparent that we would have a negative budget for 2009 due to increased maintenance and administration costs. The large increases in trash removal, grounds maintenance and repair, and the newsletter indicated that we would no longer be able to fund all items at the same levels. To maintain a balanced budget, the Board severely slashed several items for 2009 and lived with this budget.

The 2010 Budget will be sent to you via US mail in October and will be ratified at the Annual Homeowner's Meeting held on November 12, 2009 at the TrailMark Children's Learning Center. Homeowners are encouraged to attend the Homeowner's Meeting in person (or by proxy) and participate in the budget discussion and balloting. We will also be electing two new Board members. These positions must be filled by homeowners from TrailMark. We would like to encourage you to run for one of the two open positions on the Board that helps define and maintain our wonderful community.

TrailMark Board

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A NOTE REGARDING YOUR COVENANT INSPECTOR:

In November 2008, the TrailMark HOA Board made the decision to hire an individual to monitor the TrailMark Community for covenant infractions. This was done to provide a systematic and even-handed approach to seeming covenant violations. Working hand-in-hand with our property manager, our covenant monitor has routinely and regularly patrolled our neighborhood, taken pictures of all violations, and reported all suspected violations to Hammersmith. If a violation report appears valid, a hearing is scheduled. At the hearing a homeowner may offer additional information regarding the reported violation. The process proceeds as outlined in our governing documents.

The following numbers are individual reports of covenant violations that have been reported by our Covenant Monitor between November 2008 and September 2009:

Boats and RV's	75	Trash bags or containers	210
Dead trees	16	House repairs	21
Dead grass	47	Unauthorized signs	27
Trailers	52	Basketball hoop or sports equipment	29
House paint	81	Unsightly yards	18
Unauthorized sheds	31	Derelict vehicles or oil leaks	16
Commercial vehicles	33	Christmas lights	9
Building material or equipment	106	Weeds	15

The inspector has gone back for verification for Hammersmith, 14 times, and has taken 1246 photos.

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If you would like to volunteer for the project planning committee,
please contact the Metropolitan District at www.tmmd.org or telephone CRS at 303.381.4960.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 CU vs West Virginia DBG Corn Maze	2 Newsletter Mailed 	3 CSU vs Idaho Southwest Plaza Farmer's Market Cedaredge Applefest 10 am - 2 PM
4 Broncos vs Dallas (H) Highlands Ranch Farmer's Market Cedaredge Applefest 10 am - 2 PM	5	6	7 6:30 pm Design Review Committee	8	9 	10 CU vs Texas CSU vs Utah (H) Pumpkin Festival at DBG 
11 Broncos vs New England (H) Pumpkin Festival at DBG 	12 COLUMBUS DAY	13 6:30 pm HOA Board Work Session at Learning Center	14 6:30 pm TrailMark Musicians Gathering	15	16 	17 CU vs Kansas (H) CSU vs TSU
18  Breckenridge Oktoberfest	19 Broncos vs San Diego	20 6:30 pm TMMD Meeting at Learning Center	21 6:30 pm Design Review Committee	22	23 	24 CU vs Kansas State CSU vs San Diego St. (H) UNITED NATIONS DAY
25	26	27	28	29	30 	31 HALLOWEEN CU vs Missouri (H) CSU vs Air Force (H) Corn Maze Ends BOO at the ZOO 

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Broncos vs Baltimore BOO at the ZOO 	2	3 ELECTION DAY Vote on Additional Debt - TMMD	4 6:30 pm Design Review Committee	5	6 	7 CU vs Texas A&M (H) CSU vs UNLV
8	9 Broncos vs Pittsburgh (H)	10	11	12 VETERANS DAY  6:30 pr., TrailMark Musicians Gathering 6:30 pm TrailMark Annual Meeting	13 	14 CU vs Iowa St
15 Broncos vs Washington	16	17 6:30 pm TMMD Meeting at Learning Center	18 6:30 pm Design Review Committee	19 CU vs Oklahoma St.	20 	21 CSU vs New Mexico
22 Broncos vs San Diego (H)	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING  Broncos vs NY Giants (H)	27 CU vs Nebraska (H) CSU vs Wyoming (H) 	28
29	30 6:30 pm Covenant Committee Meeting					

Schools Thanksgiving Break

"Our greatest glory is not in never failing but in rising up every time we fail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT *Thank you from: Erica Shields*

We would like to thank all TrailMark home owners who participated in our inaugural 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, August 29th to raise money and awareness for children suffering from Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG). Thanks to your support, we were able to raise over \$4200 to help a 3-yr old girl named Maryn Cella, get the desperate help she needs.

We would also like to give special thanks to the TrailMark HOA, all the volunteers and the following homeowners without whose help, this event would not have been possible: Ron Shields, Alexa and Taylor Nofsinger, the Lonnie and Michelle Somers family, Brett and Kathy Rose, Mike and Debbie Elbeck, James and Mindy Dean family, Russ McConaha, Michael Haynes, Todd and Susan Gentry, Brittney Ure, and the Steve and Kathryn Drager family.

**Mark your calendars now for
the 2nd Annual
Maryn's Hope 5K Run/Walk
on Sat. August 21, 2010**

www.marynshopefoundation.org



LITTLETON DISTRICT IV MEETING

with Councilwoman Debbie Brinkman

The meeting will be on October, 17th (Saturday) at 1pm - 3 pm at the Carson Nature Center, Solar Classroom.

Jim Thelen will be her guest - he is the City's Director of Codes and Inspections. He will talk about the permit fee waiver that was recently approved by Council and answer questions on codes and compliance.

Tim McEntee, from Wood Partners, the developer for Alta Aspen Grove, will also be there to share information about the apartment complex development that is being built west of Aspen Grove and east of the Carson Nature Center.

Debbie will provide an update on upcoming issues and will be ready to answer questions and concerns. She wants to hear from the citizens of District IV.

Debbie can be contacted at:

dbrinkman@littletongov.org

303.797.3427

Her future meetings will be on Jan. 16, April 17, July 17 and October 16, 2010

Mark you calendars - same time and same place!

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING THE COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL PROJECT

TrailMark Metropolitan District

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (Board) of the TrailMark Metropolitan District (District) surveyed the community in May 2009 to obtain community input on proceeding with design and construction of a community center and/or swimming pool and;

WHEREAS, the input from the community was in favor of proceeding with said community center and swimming pool as indicated by the following results:

Leave the School Site as it is today	246 votes
Build a Community Center on the School Site	320 votes
If a Community Center is built, should a Pool be included in the improvements	YES 314 votes NO 247 votes

and;

WHEREAS, the Board formally approved the conduct of an election to be held on November 3, 2009, to ask the eligible electors of the District for funding authorization for said community center and pool; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to outline in this Resolution the estimated costs associated with construction of the community center and pool, as well as providing additional information to the eligible electors of the District regarding the upcoming election and other pertinent matters that may be of benefit to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports construction of the community center and swimming pool because they will:

- provide a much needed indoor and outdoor gathering place for the community that can be utilized year-round, daytime or evening;
- further enhance TrailMark's community attributes for activity and fitness;
- be carefully crafted to fit into the existing look, feel and character of TrailMark;
- become a community asset, enhancing the value of property while reinforcing the sense of community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the TrailMark Metropolitan District in Jefferson County, State of Colorado, that:

1. The Board holds a District meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the TrailMark Learning Center. This meeting is open to the public.
2. The Board has established a website at www.tmmd.org, which allows the community access to the approved Board meeting minutes, and posting of agendas for upcoming meetings, in addition to other District business.

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REGARDING THE COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL PROJECT
(cont'd)**

3. The Board has approved the conduct of an election on November 3, 2009, as the District is unable to issue additional debt in the amount of \$2.5 million without the favorable vote of the eligible electors of the District.
4. This ballot is a separate ballot from the county ballot that may be received by eligible voters. The TrailMark Metropolitan District ballot must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2009 at either the office of the Designated Election Official (3855 N. Lewiston Street, Suite 140, Aurora, CO) or at the drop-off location within the District at the TrailMark Learning Center (9743 South Carr Way, Littleton, CO).
5. The certified ballot question for said election may be found at www.tmmd.org.
6. The District currently collects sufficient funds from each household within the District to cover the debt service and operations budget of the new facilities. There will be no increase in the current annual tax level to the residents of the District.
7. The District's debt service schedule will be extended to the year 2024 or earlier depending on the actual funding and interest rate the District will negotiate on the new bonds if the election passes.
8. South Suburban Park and Recreation District has approved a resolution consenting to the construction and operation of the community center and pool, which meets the statutory requirements for preventing duplication of services and dual taxation between it and the District. The resolution may be found at www.tmmd.org.
9. After extensive interviews, the Board retained Sink, Combs & Dethlefs as its design team for the project. Neighborhood meetings will be scheduled for community input and said meetings will be posted on the website referenced above. A "Facilities Design Committee" comprised of District residents will be established.
10. The preliminary design and platting must be approved by the City of Littleton.
11. The project summary may be found at www.tmmd.org.
12. The project timeline may be found at www.tmmd.org.
13. Sue Blair of Community Resource Services will serve as the District's Designated Election Official. Her contact information and other election documents have been posted on the District's website referenced above.

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SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS AND RECREATION

50th Anniversary

50 Cent Fall Fun at Cornerstone Batting Cages and Goodson Recreation Center

South Suburban Parks and Recreation's 50th Anniversary celebration continues with 50 cent Fridays

at the Cornerstone Batting Cages, 5098 S. Windermere Street, Englewood. On both Friday, October 2 and 16, baseball and softball enthusiasts will enjoy 16 pitches for only 50 cents from 4-9 pm. The Cornerstone facility features nine cages, six for baseball and three for softball, with adjustable hitting speeds of 17 to 85 miles per hour.

On Friday, October 30, come to Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd., for 50 cent specials including admission from 5 am to 10 pm. Check out the weight and cardio equipment or visit a drop-in fitness class such as Cardio Muscle, Power Hour or Walk-N-Tone. Families can splash in the pool until 8:45 pm. Bring along your pals for a friendly game of basketball in the full-size gymnasium. Goodson Recreation Center will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on Friday, October 30, at 12 pm, with the opening of a time capsule that was filled in 1979.

Visit www.sspr.org and learn about the other exciting 50th Anniversary celebration activities.

South Suburban Recreation Centers Host Blood Screenings

South Suburban Parks and Recreation is hosting comprehensive blood screenings conducted by the University of Colorado Hospital from 7:00 to 9:30 am at the following recreation centers:

- **On Tuesday, October 20, 2009,**
at Lone Tree, 10249 Ridgeway Circle,
Lone Tree – 303.708.3514
- **On Wednesday, October 21, 2009,**
at Goodson, 6315 S. University Blvd.,
Centennial – 303-483-7082
- **On Thursday, October 22, 2009,**
at Buck, 2004 W. Powers Avenue,
Littleton – 303-730-4610
- **On Friday, October 23, 2009,**
at the Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria
Street, Centennial – 303-708-9500

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 have fasted for 12 hours before blood is drawn. The fee is \$40 per person.



South Suburban Celebrates Halloween with a "Spooktacular" Event

South Suburban Parks and Recreation will host one of the season's first Halloween celebrations, Spooktacular and Spooktoddler.

Little ghosts and goblins, ages 11 and under, will delight in costume contests, carnival games, a haunted house, temporary tattoos, crafts and lots of treats,
**on Friday October 23,
from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.**

The fun will happen at the Goodson Recreation Center, 6315 S. University Blvd, in Centennial.

Prepay for the evenings festivities

at www.sspr.org

by 7pm on Wednesday, October 21,
and receive the discounted rate of \$4.

Starting on October 22, the fee will be \$6.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information telephone Erik Reis at

303.483.7064.

SCHOOL NEWS

CHATFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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

October 14 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00 PM
October 15 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:00-6:00 PM
October 16 – Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL
October 17 – PSAT Test
October 31 – PLAN Test
November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
December 17, 18 – Final Exams (half days)
December 21 - January 5 – Winter Break for Students
January 4-5 – Staff Development – NO SCHOOL

FALCON BLUFFS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

October 8 – Final Picture Re-take Day
October 14 – Early Dismissal at 12:55
Parent Teacher Conferences, 1:30-8:00
October 15 – Early Dismissal at 12:55
Parent Teacher Conferences, 1:30-8:00
October 16 – Teacher In-service Day – NO SCHOOL
November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
December 21 - January 5 – Winter Break for Students
January 4-5 – Staff Development – NO SCHOOL
January 6 – Semester 2 Classes Begin

Thanksgiving Break NOVEMBER 23-27 NO SCHOOL

SHAFFER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

October 8 – Science Fair, 4:00-6:00 PM
PTA Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00-7:00 PM
October 11 – Shaffer Stampede 5K Fundraiser
for Technology, 7:30 AM
October 12-15 – Book Fair
October 14 – Fall Conferences, 4:00-7:00 PM
October 15 – Early Release, Buses run at 1:00
Fall Conferences, 1:00-7:00 PM
October 16 – Staff Development – NO SCHOOL
October 20 – Accountability Meeting, 6:00 PM
October 22 – Picture Re-Takes
Oral Interpretation Festival, 6:45 PM
October 23 – Fall Dance, 3:45-5:30
November 13 – Report Cards Go Home
November 17 – Accountability Meeting, 6:00 PM
November 20 – PTA Movie Night, 4:00-6:00 PM
November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Chatfield State Park

<http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/Chatfield>

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield

[http://www.botanicgardens.org/content/
our-gardens-chatfield-location](http://www.botanicgardens.org/content/our-gardens-chatfield-location)
303.973.3705



STAR CANYON PATIO HOMES

submitted by Joy Carlson
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BOARD BANTER

Save that date. Wednesday, November 11th at 6:30 is the date and time of the 2009 annual HOA meeting. It will be held, as usual, at: Mortenson Elementary School, 8006 South Iris Way, Littleton, CO 80401.

Please plan to attend as this is our only scheduled meeting for the year.

Window Well Update. Since the window well maintenance is now the responsibility of your HOA, we'd like to take an inventory of those that may be in need of repair/replacement. Please examine the window wells on your house and determine if any fit the criteria for remedial care. They must have holes in them large enough that the surrounding dirt is leaking into the window well area and/or the metal is significantly bowed inward. **If either of these conditions exist, please advise Milagros so that she can arrange to have them examined and a determination made as to when/if action should be taken.**

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

Send an email to:
Milagros Matos, MMatos@associacolorado.com.
You can also reach Milagros at: 303.232.9200.

You may also cc it to:
jeff.pugh@hispanic-contractors.org (Jeff),
louzier@hotmail.com (Lou), or
jobsrus@qwestoffice.net (Jerry).

Our Community website is: www.associacolorado.com.
Click on "Community Websiles" & choose Star Canyon. You must set up your account. Your street number is your User Name to register.



TRAILMARK TRIVIA:

**They have been around for almost 100 years
and Americans will eat 600 million
of them this year.**

See answer below.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS:

The Lunch Bunch: No plans have been made yet for October and November.

Canyon Dinner Group: LOTS of NEWS!

- The Second Saturday Dinner is planned for Oct. 10th at 5:00 pm. It is at Bar Louie at the new South Glen Shopping Center.
- We will meet at homes on November 14th.
- The Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Dec. 11th at Fox Hollow Golf Course. **Please RSVP for these events to Peggy or Gabrielle.**

The Star Canyon Book Club will meet October 13th to discuss *Infidel* by Ayann Hirsi-Ali. The November book is *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. Meetings start at 10:00.

Bunko (or Zilch/Farkel) is the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. Upcoming meetings will be August 4th and September 1st.

Mahjongg IS CHANGING! We will now meet on the **THIRD** Tuesday at 12:30-3:00. October's date is the 20th.

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 the address above.

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: Hostess Cupcakes!!!

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

NEWS FROM THE STAR CANYON CONDOMINIUMS

From the Board

submitted by Sharon Gambrell Elms
Gambrellelms@aol.com

There has been concern that there has been some leakage around doors and windows in several of our buildings. Larry Peer, who is one of our homeowners and a former employee of Metropolitan Homes – walked the property with members of the Board, and discussed remediation. He stated that any leakage was probably coming from above the windows and that caulking might not be the answer. The Condominium Board, consisting of Lynn Ester, Tom Moulton and Trent Miesner met on September 21, 2009, to conduct business.

LANDSCAPING:

Watch as many of our trees and bushes begin to show evidence that our seasons are changing! In addition to our current plantings, there are plans to remove four diseased trees and plant three additional Autumn Blaze Maples this fall, so our next year's color will be even brighter. There will be an addition of cobblestone and boulders around the curb edge of building 9815, and at the northwest corner of the driveway between buildings 9876 and 9896, because the sod in these areas is frequently torn up by trucks and plows, especially during winter months. Trunk wrapping on small trees and the mulching of all trees, as well as fertilization of plants and shrubs will occur shortly. Also, in an agreement with the Patio Homes to share expenses, we will be renewing the pebble path, removing old and dead material and planting new, colorful plants next spring, near the water feature.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

The Block Party on Saturday, September 12th, went off without a hitch, due to Betty McGinnis' excellent organization and many helpers! Helping Betty get and set up canopies, set up tables, get foodstuffs, collect drinks, count paper goods, loan crock pots, clean up, etc. were Marcia Marquez, Darrell lee Otterstein, Joanie Eckhardt, Marianna Papoi, Lynn Ester, Trent Miesner, Scott Marquez and Wayne Lance. **Heartiest Thanks to all who helped, and all who braved a possible rainy day to share food and conversation with neighbors. We look forward to next year!**

In **Book Club**, we will be discussing Hannah Coulter on September 25th, at 9796 W. Freiburg Drive B and on October 23rd, we will be discussing *The Outliers* at 9876 W. Freiburg Drive D. You are invited to come even if you have not had a chance to read the designated book. We start at 1 P.M.

Canasta will be held on October 2nd, and will be at Sharon's, 9815 W. Freiburg Drive A, beginning at 6 P.M. Bring your appetite (as we will have dinner) and your card-playing skill (as this hostess hopes to win)! **This playing will be the last time for Betty for several months, as she will be heading for California shortly. Boo Hoo!**

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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.*

November 12, 2009 and 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.