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TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

September Calendar

9/1 - TrailMark News Update

9/6 - Garbage Pick-up Day

9/7 - Food Truck Thursday

9/19 - TMMD Regular Meeting

9/21 - HOA Board Meeting

9/26 - TrailMark Night at the Corn Maze

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New Board Member

We welcome our newest member to the HOA board! Amy Howard will be our Member at Large. Amy and her husband Philo have lived in TrailMark for 17 years. They built their first home in TrailMark in 2000 and then moved to their current home in 2007. They obviously love TrailMark! Along with being a wife and mom, Amy enjoys hiking, biking, skiing and running the trails here in TrailMark.

Recreational Vehicle Parking

We are mid-season for recreational vehicles and it seems apparent that not everyone is aware of the rules and restrictions. Covenant Enforcement receives many calls regarding the parking of recreational vehicles which includes but is not limited to motorhomes, campers, boats, ATVs - and yes, utility trailers open or enclosed. As you know, TrailMark is a common interest community and does have its own restrictive covenants established to maintain the appearance, safety and integrity of the neighborhood.

While Coloradoans love their outdoor life and their toys, we would like to remind everyone that those toys should not be a nuisance or safety hazard to others. Parking in the community is not plentiful and the streets are not overly wide. It may be convenient to park a recreational vehicle in the street but it really does impact everyone else. Streets become cluttered, cords are stretched across sidewalks, parking becomes limited, views become obstructed and most importantly, visibility for motorists and others becomes limited causing serious safety concerns.

Please be considerate and respectful of others and park your RV in your driveway for provisioning. These types of vehicles including utility trailers are permitted in your driveway, but for the limited time of 48 hours in a one-month period. If parked in the street, the Littleton Police Department will be notified and they do have the authority to tag those RVs or trailers in the street, require their removal after 48 hours, and if the vehicle is not removed within the 48-hour timeframe they have the authority to ticket and/or tow the vehicle.

Because of the large number of complaints and continued violations within the community, the Littleton Code Enforcement and or LPD will be patrolling and looking for parking violations. If you notice an RV or trailer parked in the street for a time period exceeding 48 hours in a one-month period, please call the **City of Littleton Code Enforcement at 303-795-3831** or the **Littleton PD non-emergency number at 303-794-1551** to report such vehicles. If you notice an RV parked on private property for a time exceeding 48 hours in a one-month period, please call **TrailMark Covenant Enforcement at 303-422-4473** or email at ccompliance@comcast.net.



Board Members

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Email the HOA Board:
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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."



Household Hazardous Waste Roundup coming

This year the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup will be on Saturdays, September 9 and 16.

There is a \$20 co-pay for anyone who wants to get rid of hazardous waste including motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, oil-based paint, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, batteries and CFL light bulbs. There will also be an electronics recycler to accept any electronics. Details about electronics recycling will be posted on littletongov.org closer to the event.

Latex paint will not be accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup because it can be dried out and disposed of in a regular trash can.

The event will be at the Englewood Service Center located at 2800 South Platte River Drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 303-795-3834.

Reminder: Reporting TrailMark non-emergency issues/concerns:

TrailMark is a beautiful community and we want to keep it that way. We rely on homeowners and residents to keep a watchful eye for issues that need might need attention. Many are the responsibility of the City of Littleton. The City has a non-emergency reporting mechanism available called [Click & Fix Littleton](#).

- **If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1.**
- For police issues, use the [Police Comments Form](#).
- For street light outages, use [Xcel Energy's Outdoor Lighting Outage Report](#)
- For technical support with **Click & Fix** (web or mobile), email contact@seeclickfix.com directly.

Report non-emergency issues or concerns with **Click & Fix Littleton** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Submit issues such as potholes, icy or damaged sidewalk, graffiti, missing or damaged street signs, abandoned vehicles, weeds or trash, and other code violation concerns.

- City staff will respond to the reports Monday through Friday during business hours.
- Issues reported outside the [city limits](#) will generate a warning that the location is not
- within the city's boundary.

For more information, forms and/or guidance go to <https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/click-fix-littleton>.

We appreciate your willingness to assist with keeping TrailMark a beautiful and safe neighborhood!!



The Ash Borer: Taking Preventative Steps

Lilac/Ash Borer

The lilac/ash borer is a common wood borer associated with ash throughout Colorado and a species that is native to North America. Damage is caused by the larvae which tunnel into the trunks and lower branches of ash trees. These feeding injuries produce irregular gouging wounds under the bark and tunneling frequently extends deeply into the heartwood. Almost all larval feeding activity occurs in the lower trunk, particularly around the soil line. Lower scaffold limbs may also be attacked and infestations may extend about 10 feet up the trunk. Feeding damage can often be found in the mid and upper crown of trees above areas that were treated with contact insecticides.



External evidence of lilac/ash borer activity in trees can include irregularly round exit holes of about 1/4-inch diameter on trunks. As larvae near full-development some sawdust may be expelled from these holes and, when adults emerge, the pupal skin often remains extruded from the hole. Ash trees heavily damaged by lilac/ash borer often show some disfiguring of the trunk, with areas of irregular, gnarled growth, and often development of excessive branching. Extensive tunneling of the lower trunk may seriously weaken plants and cause them to break. Trees may be killed by this insect, although that is rare.

High-risk ash trees may benefit from control of lilac/ash borer. These could include recently transplanted trees, trees in poor sites, trees receiving limited water, or trees that show significant effects of previous damage. Activities that can relieve tree stresses, such as provision of supplementary watering, should be considered part of any program for lilac/ash borer control.

Treatments involve use of insecticides applied to the bark in a preventive manner to kill larvae before they enter the trunk. Trunk sprays should be applied shortly before or coincide with the anticipated time of egg hatch. This occurs about 10-14 days after adults begin to emerge from trees, typically sometime between in mid-April and mid-May.

Emerald Ash Borer

The most serious pest of ash in North America is the emerald ash borer. The emerald ash borer is an Asian insect that is not native to North America, but was accidentally introduced into the US and first found in the Detroit area in 2002. Since then emerald ash borer has devastated all North American species of ash—including the green ash and white ash grown commonly in Colorado—killing tens of millions of trees. As of 2013 it had extended into 22 states and was first found in Colorado in September 2013. Presently the infestation of this insect within the state is thought to be confined to Boulder but it is expected to spread over the next decade to include much of northeast Colorado.



Emerald ash borer is a very different insect than is lilac/ash borer and is far more damaging to ash trees. The pattern of injury that it produces is different.

Information on ash borer in Colorado is available through county offices of CSU Extension, Colorado State Forest Service offices and the Colorado Department of Agriculture website: www.eabcolorado.com.

The TrailMark HOA is requesting that all property owners take preventative steps in treating their ash trees. Those who do not take preventative measures run the risk of losing not only their own mature ash trees but also exposing their neighbors' trees, common area trees and trees in our parks and open space.

Upcoming Events:

Garbage Pick-up Delayed to September 6th



TrailMark's garbage & recycling pick-up will be delayed from Tuesday, September 5th to Wednesday, September 6th due to the Labor Day holiday. <http://alpinewaste.com/>

Food Truck Thursday

Thursday, September 7
5:30-8:00 pm
TrailMark Park



Photo by Deahna Visscher

Our coordinator just snuck one more in! A variety of savory and sweet food trucks will be joining our community for purchase. Truck selections will vary. Please bring a picnic blanket or chairs, and your appetite!

TMMD Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th
6:30 pm
TrailMark Learning Center
9743 S Carr Way



HOA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 21st
7:00 pm
Fire Station 19



All are welcome.

TrailMark Night at the Corn Maze

Tuesday, September 26th
5:30-8:30 pm
Denver Botanic Gardens
Chatfield Farms



Photo by Gail Raether

Cost is \$3.50 per person. Kettle corn, hay rides, barrel rides and face painting are included! Food trucks will be available for food purchase.