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April 2021

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

April Calendar

- 4/1 - News Update**
- 4/1 - Assessments Due**
- 4/1 - Food Truck Thursday**
- 4/2-4/4 - Easter Egg Hunt Window Walk**
- 4/3 - Easter Bunny Event**
- 4/15 - Food Truck Thursday**
- 4/24 - State Park Pass bulk order deadline**

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Split Rail Fence Painting in Filing 3

TrailMark is planning to begin painting the split rail fence in Filing 3. This includes the "Filing 3" area on the map, as well as Star Canyon Condos and Patio Homes, and the fencing along the southwest of the neighborhood.



Click on image for enlarged map.

Please remove any foliage, branches or bushes that may interfere with the painting of the outside surface of your split rail fence that faces the open space. This includes any wire fencing or chicken wire on the outside of your fence. If you wish to place this on your fence to keep little dogs in and big snakes out, it needs to be on the inside of the split rail fence. It is impossible to properly prepare the outside surface with this wire in place. If it is not removed, the paint crew will remove it and set it inside your fence. There are a number of loose or rotten posts that will be replaced prior to painting, along with a good number of rails that require replacement. We plan to begin the prep phase by mid-March and commence painting as soon as it is warm enough in April.

Easter Egg Hunt Window Walk

Back by popular demand!

Participate in our Easter Egg Hunt Window Walk! Just post an image of an Easter egg (or eggs) in a visible window before Friday, April 2nd. They can be hand-colored, or printed, or whatever you create! Families can then walk around TrailMark throughout Easter weekend while searching for the hidden images! Happy Hunting!

Please stay off Monuments and Water Feature

Friendly Reminder: Rock climbing may be fun and kids are naturals at it, but the decorative monuments in TrailMark and the water feature in Star Canyon were not designed nor built for this purpose. Please remind your children to stay off of these structures.

From the DRC (Design Review Committee)

In March the [Design Review Committee](#) reviewed 20 requests, a total of 41 for 2021 thus far.

The DRC's vision and philosophy is to encourage consistent design expression while allowing homeowners individual expression when making home improvements.



Photo by Chris Martinez

When the DRC reviews home improvement requests, the committee must consider the impact the proposed change will have on the community as a whole and determine whether the change compliments and continues to blend with the community's natural surroundings and maintains a cohesive, attractive appearance, as outlined by Shea in the [Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions \(CCR's\)](#).

When we drive, walk and bike through TrailMark and we see spectacular views and houses and yards that compliment the community and the natural surroundings, we are seeing that the Design Review Committee is following the vision set forth in the TrailMark CCR's.

The DRC continues with the development of a swimming pool standard and a standard for minor repairs not requiring DRC approval.

It's Time to Clean Your Dirty Dryer Ducts



**By Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist
South Metro Fire Rescue**

For many of us, spring cleaning begins in earnest in April. Targeting clutter in the garage and closets makes sense after a long winter and our global pandemic.

It's also a great time to target fire hazards.

When was the last time you cleaned the lint screen in your clothes dryer? Most people clean the screen after every load. That's the best practice, especially if your clothes shed as much as mine.

When was the last time you cleaned the duct work that vents air from your dryer? Lint, hair, and dust that collect in that ductwork is flammable. Worse, it collects along a channel for superheated air.

Remember, only three components are needed for a fire: oxygen, heat, and fuel. The fuel absorbs heat. Initially that heat causes any water content to evaporate, and then it causes solid fuels to disintegrate into their gaseous form. With adequate heat, those gaseous particles can ignite.

The ductwork from your dryer isn't strong enough to prevent flames from escaping into walls. Fires in dirty duct work can grow into the dryer and laundry room, ignite the exterior wall, and spread fire within wall spaces.

A duct full of lint, such as the one in the photograph, also reduces the efficiency of your dryer, which means you spend more money on energy.

This spring, save money and prevent fires by cleaning the lint from inside and outside your dryer.

For information on other safety issues, visit www.southmetro.org or contact us at ReducingRisk@southmetro.org.



TrailMark Dumpster & Donation Truck Day

Saturday, May 8th

South of 9975 W Baden Drive, on S Johnson Street

Details to come!

Updates on the COVID-19 Vaccination Process

Colorado is currently vaccinating eligible Coloradans for Phase 1A, 1B.1, 1B.2, 1B.3 and 1B.4. After all of Phase 1 is complete, we will proceed with Phase 2. If you are part of an eligible group, we encourage you to make an appointment now if possible. Please know that because vaccine supply is very limited, it may take several weeks to get the vaccine. Learn about the [COVID-19 vaccine](#) and [how to get it](#) once you are eligible.



Commercial Vehicle Policy

Our HOA Board is excited to announce that the Board unanimously passed the Commercial Vehicle policy at the Board meeting on March 11th. The new TrailMark Commercial Vehicle Policy is currently effective as of March 11th, 2021.

[Commercial Vehicle Policy](#)

Thank You to the City of Littleton

The following letter was sent to the City of Littleton by our HOA President Ken Colaizzi, in appreciation of the clearing of the streets in TrailMark after the March 14th blizzard.

March 15, 2021

Dear City of Littleton,

On behalf of all of our residents in TrailMark, our entire HOA Board would like to extend the most sincere thank you to all of your crew for plowing all of our streets throughout TrailMark. Many of us HOA Board members have been contacted from multiple residents who have thanked us profusely about how well the streets were taken care of by the City of Littleton.

I realize it takes a lot of time, man power, and energy to come plow the streets, but our entire HOA Board is grateful for your endeavors today. We appreciate all of you!

Thank you,

Ken Colaizzi, President / Social Committee Liaison
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New Social Committee Event!

Knowledge Share Fair

Date: May 22, 2021

Time: 9am-Noon

Location: Hogback Hill Park

Description: The event will be a time for adults to get together as neighbors and friends to share skills, talents and knowledge as well as swap books. A time to build community through getting to know our neighbors better through the sharing of our skills, talents and abilities. The social committee will work together with individuals, with information to share and books to swap, to create a space for sharing at the park. This event is intended for adult individuals sharing as a neighbor in the community and not as part of a business or as a vendor.

What We Need: Volunteers with skills, talents and knowledge they believe is useful to the community. Please email the social committee by May 1, 2021 at social@trailmarkhoa.org to volunteer and tell us about your knowledge, talent or skill. Some examples of skills, talents and knowledge:

Gift Wrap/Ribbon Tying – the person providing this information would bring their own ribbon, gift wrap, etc. to demonstrate their skill

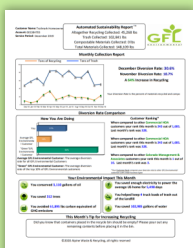
Beetle Prevention – the person providing this information could bring handouts of the information they are sharing for later reference.

Acrylic Pour Painting – the person demonstrating this would bring their own paints, canvases, etc. to demonstrate how the technique is done. They would not bring supplies for other people to try it. It would only be for demonstration purposes. People attending could make videos of the demo on their phones.

What to Bring: Volunteers sharing information should bring a table, chair and/or pop-up tent. If they don't have those items, let us know and we will look to the community to donate them for the day. We also ask the individuals to bring their own supplies and information to support the knowledge, skill or talent they would be sharing. For the book swap, we ask individuals to bring their books to the park prior to 9:00 am the day of the event so they can be arranged on tables. Any un-swapped books will be donated.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be strictly followed for everyone at this event.

Garbage & Recycling Update



Alpine/GFL Automated Sustainability Report for TrailMark

February 2021





Happy Spring -

Here’s the annual update from the TrailMark Metro District (TMMD).

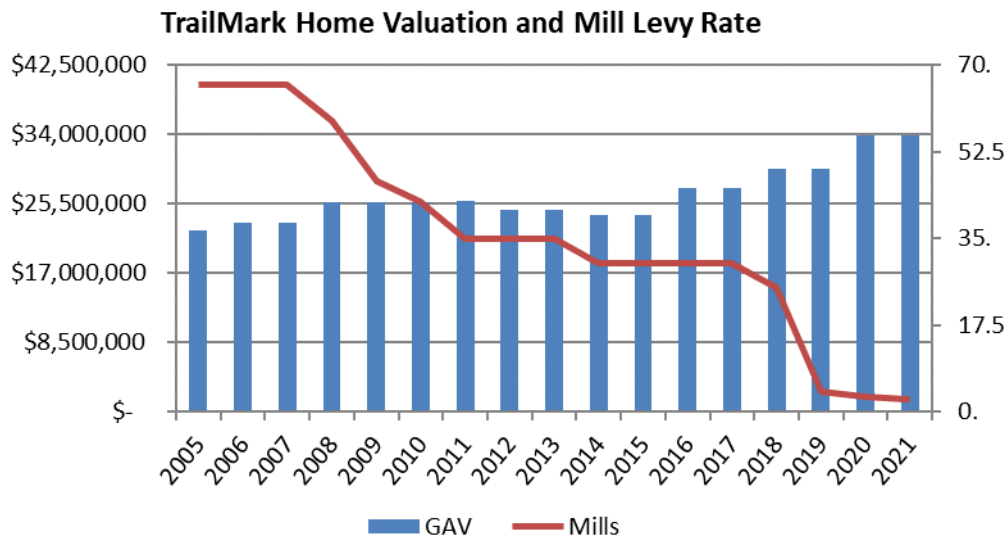
FOR THOSE NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD – What is the TrailMark Metro District?

The TrailMark Metropolitan District (commonly referred to as “TMMD”) is a quasi-governmental entity and is a separate organization from the TrailMark Homeowners Association (HOA), a private organization. While the TMMD and HOA occasionally collaborate on some neighborhood issues, both organizations have their own Board of Directors and completely different purposes. The TMMD sets an annual mill levy for TrailMark property owners. Beginning in 2020, taxes collected by TMMD will primarily be used to maintain the health and quality of the neighborhood’s ponds and reservoirs; for the annual painting of split rail fencing; for TMMD general operating costs.

MILL LEVY (TAXES)

Even without a reassessment in TrailMark Taxable Assessed Valuation, the TMMD was able to lower the certified Tax Mill Levy to **2.5 mills for 2021**, a decrease of .5 mill from 2020.

One mill is equal to 1/1000 of a dollar of the property’s assessed value as determined by Jefferson County. The chart below shows the annual mill rate for TMMD and the Average Assessed home value (GAV) since 2005. More information on TMMD Taxes and Mills can be found under the TMMD tab on the TrailMark web page (www.trailmark.org).



TMMD BOARD CHANGES

Ray Hallquist was elected to the Board in May, 2020. As there was only one candidate for two Board positions, a vacancy was declared and the Board appointed Rick Handley to fill the position until the next election, May 2022.

(TMMD Annual Update continued on next page.)

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RESERVOIRS AND PONDS

TrailMark has 2 reservoirs and 2 ponds for which TMMD is responsible. TMMD contracts a specialist to maintain the quality of the water and health of these water bodies. Maintenance includes things such as algae monitoring and treatment, debris removal from outlet areas and aeration system maintenance. Fairview #1 is the largest body of water and had outlet work in 2020 with more expected in 2021. Water releases are required per legal water agreements but the water depth allows for fishing. It is stocked with fish as needed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Fairview #2 is a shallow reservoir and therefore not a healthy environment for fish. Both reservoirs have aeration systems to improve the water quality.

Pond G (north of the 'sledding' hill) required outlet maintenance in 2020. Pond G was originally constructed to be a **detention pond** to slow TrailMark's water run-off as it flows to the Denver Botanical Gardens. However, during the past few years there has been a significant buildup of silt at the outlet effectively making the operation of the outlet ineffective. As a result of the reduced flow of water through this outlet, the water level in the Pond increased to a level never anticipated in its construction. To restore the function of the outlet and lower the water level to its original design, the TMMD contracted a company to remove this buildup of silt during the early part of 2020. With the completion of this project, you will notice a permanent reduction in the water level of Pond G consistent with its original design.

FENCES

The annual painting of the **common area 3-rail fence** (split rail) will continue as it has in past years. This painting is broken into segments: Filings 1 & 5 painted one year, Filing 2 the next year, Filing 3 & Star Canyon the next, Filing 4 the last. The TMMD is responsible for the annual fence painting while the HOA is responsible for fence maintenance and repairs; the TMMD and HOA cost-share for these responsibilities.

This spring, Filing 3 and Star Canyon will be painted by Gantner Painting. The painting crew will not need to enter yards but will instead shield your yard while painting the outside of the fence. The inside of the fence is the responsibility of the homeowner and may be painted according to TrailMark Design Guidelines. Gantner crews will offer homeowner painting with this filing. Homeowners must contract with Gantner directly and information will be provided to Filing 3 homeowners. The interior of Star Canyon fences will be done by Gantner and paid for by the Star Canyon HOAs. Please remove any vegetation or items attached to the fence so the crews can do a thorough job.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The TMMD meeting calendar for 2021 is noted below. All meetings begin at 6:30pm and are held via Zoom for the time being.

- January 19, 2021
- March 16, 2021
- May 18, 2021
- July 20, 2021
- September 21, 2021
- November 11, 2021 - Annual Budget Meeting held in conjunction with the HOA

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TMMD CAN BE FOUND UNDER THE [TMMD TAB](#) ON THE TRAILMARK WEBSITE @ www.trailmark.org

Stepping On

Building confidence & preventing falls

Join our FREE seven-week workshop for exercises and ideas to prevent falls and live your best life

UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital

Wednesdays from 10:00 am – Noon

May 5 - June 16, 2021



Topics include:

- Balance and strength training
- The role vision plays in keeping your balance
- How medications can contribute to falls
- What to look for in safe footwear
- How to eliminate fall hazards from your home

Class requires strength to do exercises without use of an assistive device

Registration required. Contact Laurie Lovedale to register at 720-848-5165 or laurie.lovedale@uchealth.org

Jefferson County is under Level Blue on the Dial 3.0 Framework

Beginning March 24, [Jefferson County is under Level Blue](#) on the Dial 3.0 Framework by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

General Guidance for our community

Under Level Blue everyone must take these actions:

- Individuals in Jeffco are required to wear a mask in indoor public settings, as well as outdoor public settings where 6 ft. distancing cannot be maintained.
- When you go out, follow physical distancing requirements (6 feet of space between yourself and others).
- People who have COVID-19 symptoms should [get tested](#), and must isolate unless they have a negative test result. [Please read how to isolate](#).
- There is no longer a state limit on personal gathering sizes under levels green, blue and yellow. The state will follow [CDC's guidance on personal gatherings](#). The CDC still strongly recommends avoiding larger gatherings and crowds to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

TRAILMARK EVENTS AND COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

TrailMark will continue to offer social events to contribute to our sense of community. As previously published, with the COVID-19 pandemic, these events will continue provided all participants do so in a safe, responsible manner. This means observing social distancing and wearing face coverings. We understand that some may feel uncomfortable attending these events given the uptick in COVID cases. However, if you wish to participate you must agree to “play by the rules” – Participants must wear a face covering and observe 6-foot social distancing between family units.

- Children 10 years and younger are not required to wear masks because the evidence so far has shown that children in this age group are much less likely to spread COVID-19 than older children and adults. It is also less likely that children of this age will wear a mask correctly.
- Children ages 2 and under should NOT wear masks or cloth face coverings.

If you're comfortable, come out and enjoy yourself – listen to some summer music and/or indulge in food truck offerings. If you are concerned with being in a crowd, or are uneasy about participating, please stay home. Please be reminded that the TrailMark HOA assumes no responsibility for any illness caused by attending our events. If families, including children, do not observe social distancing and wear face coverings, you will be asked to leave. Failure to leave when asked, or if it is determined that attendees are not observing our simple rules, then for the safety of all TrailMark residents future events may be cancelled. If you attend our events, PLEASE, enjoy yourself and do so responsibly. We all thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT WINDOW WALK

Friday, April 2nd - Sunday April 4th
Throughout TrailMark

Participate in our Easter Egg Hunt Window Walk! Just post an image of an Easter egg (or eggs) in a visible window before Friday, April 2nd. They can be hand-colored, or printed, or whatever you create! Families can then walk around TrailMark throughout Easter weekend while searching for the hidden images!

Happy Hunting!

EASTER BUNNY PHOTO & EGG PICK UP

Saturday, April 3rd
9:00-11:30 am at Hogback Hill Park

In lieu of a traditional Easter Egg Hunt, come take your picture with the Easter Bunny! Bring your baskets to fill with eggs to hide for fun at home! Timeslots available between 9:00-10:00am and 10:30-11:30am

PLEASE only **sign up** for 1 time slot PER FAMILY ("Quantity": 1). There are 5 slots available per 15 minutes (i.e. about 3 minutes per family to get a picture and eggs), please be respectful of everyone's time and keep to your time slot. **Please observe social distancing between families and wear masks.**



Event sponsored by *Secure-All*
Security Doors

HOA ASSESSMENTS DUE APRIL 1st

As a reminder, HOA Assessments are due April 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Mat Birkeness at [Community Resource Services](#).

TrailMark HOA Board

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS WITH ONLINE ORDERING

Thursdays, April 1st & 15th
5:00-7:30 pm near TrailMark Park



Photo by Linda Jagiello

Order through each business's website by clicking on their link. Links are posted on the [trailmark.org](#) website and the [TrailMark HOA Facebook page](#).

PLEASE ORDER AFTER 5 PM

Please practice social distancing.

- Order food at home
- Send 1 person to pick it up
- Stand 6 feet apart
- Go home to eat
- Please, no congregating at the park
- Respect those who live on that street
- For trucks that use Truckster: Download the Truckster app, hit magnifying glass at the bottom, type in the truck name, click on menu button
- Other truck links: Go straight to the ordering button. (Some ice cream trucks don't have an online ordering option.)
- Links will go live at 5pm. You can't order until the truck turns the ordering system on.
- The truck will message you back and tell you when your order will be ready. Then come pick up your food while adhering to social distancing.
- Food truck selections subject to change.
- Due to weather, events may be canceled. Please check [trailmark.org](#) for cancellation information.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be strictly followed for everyone at this event.