



June 2021

# TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

## June Calendar

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Visit [TrailMark.org](http://TrailMark.org) for the most current neighborhood news.

## Board Members

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Ken Colaizzi

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Sally Janssen

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Phil Kinney

### Secretary

Bill Kuenning

### Member At Large

CJ Haberkorn

Email the HOA Board:  
[board@trailmarkhoa.org](mailto:board@trailmarkhoa.org)

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for a list of  
TrailMark's  
Websites &  
Pages**

## Traffic Enforcement Increased

Recently, our HOA Board has received numerous complaints about careless driving throughout TrailMark. Most of the complaints that have been reported are in regards to speeding, reckless driving, and running stop signs. We even had a report of a vehicle doing "burnouts" on TrailMark Parkway near TrailMark Park.

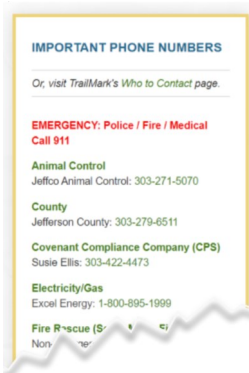
As many of you know, traffic enforcement is not a responsibility of our HOA. However, the safety of our community and our citizens is very important and a high priority to this HOA Board. HOA Board President Ken Colaizzi has had two conversations with the Commander of Traffic Enforcement for the Littleton Police Department regarding these traffic complaints here in TrailMark. We were assured that frequent traffic enforcement would take place in TrailMark. Almost immediately there was a Littleton Police officer running radar on TrailMark Parkway!

On behalf of our entire HOA Board, we want to give every resident a kind reminder that Littleton Police will be in our neighborhood and watching our driving habits. For the safety of everyone, please obey the traffic laws, watch for pedestrians and bicyclists, and try to keep your speed under 30 mph. Our HOA Board wants to see no one get hurt or injured because of unsafe driving. Furthermore, we would like to give you all a friendly warning - because we don't want to see any of you get a traffic ticket either. Please drive safely.

If you witness any traffic violation please report it to Littleton Police at 303-794-1551.

## Important Phone Numbers all in one place

Find a list of important phone numbers on the home page of the website ([trailmark.org](http://trailmark.org), right-hand column). Or go to the website's [Who to Contact](#) page for more detailed contact information!



# Home Fire Safety: Preventing Garage Fires



By Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist  
South Metro Fire Rescue



Photo by South Metro Fire Rescue

Although cooking is the most common source of home fires here in South Metro Fire Rescue's jurisdiction and across the nation, those fires typically are small.

Fires that start in the garage, on the other hand, occur less frequently, but tend to cause more damage because they can burn secretly for several minutes before occupants or anyone else notices the blaze. Residents also tend to store more expensive items within garages than kitchens.

The most common factors that lead to fires in garages, according to SMFR Lead Investigator Don Titzler, include electrical wiring that overheats, overcharging batteries, and improper disposal of smoldering ashes.

Each of these fires can be prevented by following some simple tips.

## Electrical Safety

- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Don't use extension cords and plug strips.
- Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) shut off electricity when arcing occurs. Have a qualified electrician install them in your home and your garage.
- Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers, or if wall outlets are discolored or warm.

## Battery Charging

- Use a proper battery charger/discharger.
- Use a fireproof safety bag, metal ammo box, or other fireproof container when charging, discharging, or storing lithium batteries.
- Do not leave charging batteries unattended.

## Disposal of Ashes

- Only dispose of ashes that are cold to the touch. If they aren't cold, they contain enough heat to start a fire if enough fuel and oxygen are present.
- When disposing of ashes from a fireplace or fire pit, place them in a fireproof container outside of your home.
- If the fireproof container is metal, place it on dirt, concrete, or asphalt to prevent heat from conducting to adjacent combustible surfaces.

For information on home fire prevention and other safety topics, visit [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org) or contact us at [ReducingRisk@southmetro.org](mailto:ReducingRisk@southmetro.org).

# Hummingbirds are back in TrailMark!

Here are some helpful tips and links to keep them safe, and your viewing a lot of fun.

## A) Nectar feeding

Making up your own nectar for your feeders is not only cost effective but can also better protect our tiny visitors throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall.

### 1) Feeding Warnings

Dyes, brown sugars and honey are bad for the birds. Dyes are not necessary and can cause some metabolic problems. Brown and non-cane sugars can contain other ingredients and are not digested well. Honey contains bacteria, and possibly fungus spores, which can harm the birds (even to the point that they cannot eat, and perish).

### 2) Sugar to Use

Only use Pure CANE White Sugar.

### 3) Nectar mixture

Anything from 4 parts water to 1 part pure cane sugar, to 4 parts water to 2 parts pure cane sugar. Whereas it is not necessary to heat up your nectar mixture of pure cane sugar and water, bringing it to a rolling boil, letting it cool and then storing it in the refrigerator will better protect the birds from highly harmful bacteria and fungus.

### 4) Cleaning feeders

Make sure that your feeders are cleaned often. It is not necessary to use soap or alcohol, but if you do, just make sure that the feeders have been very well rinsed. Warm water is good. Hot water can distort the plastic parts of a feeder. Also, do not leave a batch of nectar out for more than a week or if it looks cloudy. The nectar should always look crystal clear. Never put hot or warm nectar into a feeder. It is bad for the birds and can distort the plastic feeders. Always put clean nectar into a clean feeder.

## B) Feeding Times

In Colorado, feed from about 5:30 am to 8:45 pm, when they tend to make their last run before retiring for the night. Start feeding in April and continue through the first or second snow storm. Your feeders will help migrating birds and will not stop them from migrating.

## C) Feeder Habits—Safety

\*\*Take your feeders in at night because wild animals, especially bears, love them. Place feeders where cats cannot have access to them. Hanging the feeders on fishing line can also deter squirrels. If bees and yellow jackets start to take over your feeders, just separate multiple feeds, and the birds will find their way.

## D) Feeders and Placement

Feeders with perches allow the hummingbird to rest, while feeding. Placing multiple feeders distant from each other can allow more birds to feed, because, otherwise, territorial breeds will try to hoard the feeders.

## E) Insecticides

Do not use insecticides in your yard (especially in the trees), because hummingbirds eat insects and sap, and it does not take a lot of insecticide to harm their tiny systems.

## F) Some Fun Resources

<https://www.seabirdsanctuary.org/what-do-hummingbirds-eat/>

<https://www.seabirdsanctuary.org?s=Nectar>

# Dumpster/Donation Day a Huge Success

Thanks to everyone who participated in the TrailMark Dumpster/Donation Day. It was a HUGE success!

Residents were able to donate unwanted items to Goodwill, or dispose of those Spring cleaning items into one of five dumpsters. Our HOA had planned for 2 dumpsters, but due to the amount of rubbish, we had to call in 3 more dumpsters.

The HOA wants to send out a bunch of thank yous for your involvement. Forgive us if we forgot your name, but volunteers were:

Residents:

- Jim Thinner
- Linda Jagiello
- Mary Kreeger
- Brooke Colaizzi
- Wayne Lupton
- Rick Handley
- David Hughes

HOA Board Members:

- Ken Colaizzi, President
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Our Covenant Compliance:

- Susie Ellis (CPS)

Our HOA Manager:

- Mat Birkeness (CRS)

Also, a big special thank you goes out to Linda Fields for suggesting this event's location. Thank you Linda because it was an ideal location and traffic was able to flow smoothly and safely. We sure appreciated you giving us such a good idea!!

Our event also sparked four children entrepreneurs today. These 4 children set up a lemonade stand to cool all of the participants' thirsts. With their parents' permission, thank you to:

- Domenic Colaizzi
- Sabrina Colaizzi
- Liam Jones
- Darcy Jones

Again, thank you to all of you who peacefully donated or disposed of your unwanted items. This event was so successful that our HOA Board will be talking about organizing another dumpster day coming again soon.





# Garbage & Recycling Update



## Garbage Pick-up Delayed to Wednesday, June 2nd

TrailMark's garbage & recycling pick-up will be delayed from Tuesday, June 1st to Wednesday, June 2nd due to the Memorial Day holiday.



**The next HOA Assessments are due July 1st.**  
If you have any questions, please contact Mat Birkeness at [Community Resource Services](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

**Saturday, June 5th Special Event**  
**Thursday, June 17th**  
TrailMark Park



Photo by Linda Jagiello

- Order at the Truck.
- Please respect those who live on that street.
- If garbage cans are full, please bring your trash home.
- Food truck selections subject to change.
- Due to weather, events may be canceled.
- Please check [trailmark.org](http://trailmark.org) for truck, time and cancellation information.

### FOOD TRUCK SPECIAL EVENT: TRAILMARK CRAWFISH BOIL

**Saturday, June 5th**  
12:00-4:00 pm  
TrailMark Park

**FOOD TRUCKS:**  
Crescent City  
Rebel Cookie Dough

Pre-ordering ends on Thursday, June 3rd at 10:00 am.  
Order Crawfish Boil tickets at [cceats.com](http://cceats.com).

IF YOU WANT **CRAWFISH** YOU MUST PRE-ORDER!

Regular truck service from Crescent City will also be offered at the truck, no pre-ordering necessary. Rebel Cookie Dough is window service, the day of the event. No pre-ordering necessary.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

## TRAILMARK GARAGE SALE

**Friday, June 11th**

**Saturday, June 12th**

7:30 am-2:00 pm  
throughout TrailMark

Please join Sunny Puckett and Kristi Bringle for this year's garage sale on June 11th & 12th, from 7:30am-2pm each day!

Email [trailmarkgaragesale@kristibringle.com](mailto:trailmarkgaragesale@kristibringle.com) with your address **no later than June 1st** to be added to the map!! However, anyone can participate!

**Everyone that submits their address to us will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 Los Dos Potrillos gift card! We only have 5 of them so act fast!**

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES FINALEYES



**Sunday, June 20th**

5:30-7:30 pm  
Hogback Hill Park

Relax with your neighbors and enjoy the scenery while listening to music from some good local bands.  
More details to come...

*All TrailMark events will follow whatever current **CDC** and **Jeffco COVID-19** guidelines are in place.*

## FAMILY PHOTO DAY SERIES #1

**Friday, June 11th**

6:00-8:00 pm

**Sign up** for ONE time slot and bring your family for one free family pose. THIS IS NOT A FULL SESSION. Please respect the photographers' time and generosity. Additional poses may be available for purchase IF TIME ALLOWS. There are 4 family slots available per 30 minute time.

Please adhere to social distancing guidelines and wait for your family to be called up by the photographer.

Please only sign up if you can commit to being there!

## TRAILMARK KIDS RIDE

**Saturday, June 19th**

9:00-10:00 am  
TrailMark Park

Meet at TrailMark Park at 9:00 am. Kids Bike ride begins at 9:00 am. Mr. Donovan will lead all of the kids on a very "kid friendly" bike ride experience through the trails of TrailMark. A **map** has been provided for the 3-1/2 mile adventure. Parents are welcome to join their kids on this fun bike ride. We estimate the bike ride to last about one hour.

Mr. Donovan has kindly asked us to publish a few rules for the Kids Bike Ride...

1. All riders must be on a pedal bike.
2. No scooters or electric scooters.
3. HELMETS ARE MANDATORY.
4. This is not a race - it's a fun bike ride with Mr. Donovan. Please be considerate of other bike riders.
5. Please listen to all volunteers for your safety.
6. After enjoying your cold drink at the end of the ride, please throw all trash away in the park trash cans.

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