



July 2021

# TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

## July Calendar

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Websites &  
Pages

## CELEBRATING THE 4th OF JULY

The HOA Board wishes all homeowners and residents a Happy 4th of July, and to celebrate Independence Day safely and within the law. The following is provided as a courtesy to all:

### Fireworks in Littleton

TrailMark falls within the city limits of Littleton, therefore, the city rules apply. "The sale or use of fireworks in the city limits of Littleton is illegal. The city has a zero-tolerance policy and those who are found lighting or selling fireworks in the city, including firecrackers and sparklers, will be ticketed. If you see or hear fireworks, report it to the Littleton Police non-emergency number at 303-794-1551." [Read more here.](#)

### Fireworks and Pets

Protect Your Pets: According to our animal control officers, more dogs get lost around July 4th than any other time of the year. Keep your pets properly confined to avoid escape due to fear of fireworks. Have your dog's license and identification up to date so that, in the event your pet does escape, Animal Control can facilitate a quick return.

### Leave the Fireworks to the Professionals

Attend a public fireworks display. Check the local papers and/or websites for information about public celebrations in your area. Here is one site: <https://kdvr.com/news/local/where-to-watch-colorados-2021-4th-of-july-fireworks/>

### HOA Assessments are due July 1st

If you have any questions, please contact Mat Birkeness at [Community Resource Services](#).

# New Swimming Pool Standard approved

The HOA Board, after much work on the part of the DRC, approved a new TrailMark swimming pool standard. The Board determined that the new standard is a complement to our beautiful community, and adheres to our goal of preserving TrailMark as a premier community. Developing this standard required many hours of research, consultation with experts, community input, and much Board and community discussion. It is posted on the HOA website at [trailmark.org](http://trailmark.org).

The HOA Board and community wish to compliment and thank the members of the Design Review Board for their considerable time and commitment to our TrailMark community. Job well-done!

[View Swimming Pool Standard here](#)

## Using Fireworks can transform Celebrations into Disasters

By Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist

[South Metro Fire Rescue](#)



When I was a child, I vividly remember when a “safe” firework jumped from the road where it had been ignited into my younger sister’s lap more than 20 feet away. She escaped the frightening encounter without any physical injuries, but thousands of children and adults aren’t that lucky.

Although the injury rate has decreased over the last twenty years, thousands of adults and children are injured each year. In fact, one third of injuries occur among children aged 15 and younger. The consequences of fireworks use aren’t limited to the people using them. Two-thirds of patients injured by fireworks are bystanders. All fireworks are dangerous despite their appearances. Sparklers, for example, burn at more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, easily igniting hair, clothing, and vegetation.

Speaking of vegetation, the wildfire risk this summer is significant throughout Colorado. Remember all those rainstorms in our area back in May? The string of hot dry days in June negated the benefits of that rain. There is now plenty of fuel—organic and built—that is ripe for burning.

All fireworks devices that leave the ground are illegal in Colorado unless they are used by companies that have permits from the State of Colorado and their local fire departments. Only a handful of products are legal in Colorado: cone and cylindrical fountains, ground spinners, torch and colored fire, dipped sticks, sparklers, snakes, glow worms, trick noisemakers, and some other novelties. None of them are designed to leave the ground. As my family discovered, however, even ground-based fireworks can have their moments of flight and those moments can turn a safe celebration into disaster all too quickly.

The best way to prevent injuries and fires related to fireworks is to leave fireworks displays to trained professionals. If you see people using illegal fireworks or using legal ones in an unsafe manner, contact your local law enforcement office. If someone starts a fire or is injured, call 911 immediately.

For information on other summer safety topics, visit [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org).



**June 25, 2021**

**Dear TrailMark Residents,**

**This morning three of our HOA Board Members found the basketball court at Hogback Hill to be vandalized and littered with fireworks and trash from last night. As many of you know, the basketball court belongs to South Suburban Parks and Recreation. Our management company has alerted SSPR regarding the property damage to the basketball court. Littleton Police has also been made aware of the damage and destruction to the basketball court.**

**The HOA Board spent 15 minutes cleaning up burnt fireworks, burnt napkins, burnt Chick-Fil-A cups, and burnt grass on the basketball court this morning. With the current dry conditions, this is very serious and we can't have people playing with fire. These individuals also left a considerable amount of trash and alcoholic beverages throughout the picnic area as well as the basketball court. We need your help with this situation because this is very dangerous and unacceptable!**

**Our entire HOA Board is begging you homeowners to assist us with keeping our parks, basketball court, and soccer field clean and vandal free. If any of you see individuals lighting fireworks, or destroying the property at Hogback Hill Park or TrailMark Park, please notify the Littleton Police Department non-emergency line immediately. Homeowners can report vandalism and fireworks in progress to Littleton Police at 303-794-1551.**

**Thank you,**

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# TrailMark Kids Bike Ride enjoyed by all

The HOA Board wishes to thank Mr. Rob Donovan for sponsoring the first ever kids bike ride through the trails of TrailMark on Saturday, June 19th. The kids' bike ride started at 9:00 a.m. at TrailMark Park. Approximately two dozen kids participated in the bike ride. A few parents were brave enough to tag along and enjoy the beautiful ride as well.

The bike ride ended around 9:45 a.m. back at TrailMark Park. At the end of the bike ride there were five coolers of ice cold water and Capri Suns. Needless to say, most of the kids drank several Capri Suns as it was clearly the drink of choice.

This was a very successful event and Mr. Donovan has offered to sponsor another Kid's Bike Ride in the near future. It is nice to see our residents give their time and expertise to kids who live in TrailMark. The HOA is very gracious and welcoming to a future Kids Bike ride.

Thank you again, Mr. Donovan for a job well done!



## Garbage & Recycling Update

**Regular Garbage pick-up day Tuesday, July 6th**

No delay due to the Independence Day holiday.



## Recycling Items

TrailMark's garbage and recycling service company has recently transitioned from Alpine Waste & Recycling to **GFL Environmental**. Please note that the items collected for recycling are still the same. Click on these images for a printable flyer.

# New List of Routine Home Maintenance / Repairs not requiring DRC Review

The Design Review Committee (DRC) continually seeks to streamline the review process for proposed home improvement projects. Thus, the DRC developed a [list of routine maintenance and repair items](#) for which a homeowner is not required to submit a request review to the DRC. The parameters established in the attached document must be met before determining that the submittal of the standard [Home Improvement Request Form](#) is not required.

Additional items may be added to this list from time to time. The most current list will be posted on the HOA website under Documents & Forms at [HOA Documents & Forms - TrailMark](#). Homeowners are responsible for reviewing this list as they plan maintenance and repairs, to ensure that they do not violate the parameters documented in our community covenants whereby project review is required.








**Chatfield Botanical Gardens and South Suburban Parks & Recreation would appreciate it if homeowners would not dump debris into the open spaces that they do not own.**



**What should you do if wildlife gets too close to you and you get scared?**

## Be **S.M.A.R.T.**!

Colorado is home to many incredible wildlife species. As people and wildlife continue to share space, there is a chance that you, or a family member, will have a close encounter with one of Colorado's predators. Please take the time to speak with your children, and other loved ones, about being **S.M.A.R.T.**:

<b>S</b> 	<b>STOP!</b> Do not run! If you run, the animal may chase.
<b>M</b> 	<b>MAKE yourself look big!</b> Put your hands over your head or pull your jacket up over your head. Look as big as you can so the animal knows that you are too tough to mess with.
<b>A</b> 	<b>ANNOUNCE firmly "Leave me Alone!"</b> This lets the animal know you are a person and it lets people around you know that you may be in trouble.
<b>R</b> 	<b>RETREAT by backing away slowly.</b> Do not turn your back to the animal.
<b>T</b> 	<b>TELL an adult</b> about your encounter.

If you are attacked- fight back! People have successfully fought off predators with rocks, sticks and even their bare hands. Kick, punch, poke, bite- do whatever it takes to win!



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## Please... BE BEAR AWARE

The bears are all around TrailMark and are only interested in YOUR WONDERFUL GARBAGE -YUM!

**Please...** the rule is no overnight trash containers, because that is their favorite feeding time. Thank you.

## Friendly Reminder from the Jeffco Sheriff's website

### LEASH LAW

Dogs allowed to roam the streets are not only a nuisance and dangerous to the public, but are in constant danger from cars, irate people, and even other dogs. For these reasons, all dogs must be on a leash or confined on the owner's premises at all times. Dogs in violation of the leash law may be detained by a citizen, turned over to Animal Control, and impounded at the Table Mountain Animal Center. Impoundment and board fees must be paid by the owner before the dog can be released. Failure to claim an impounded dog does not relieve the owner of liability for payment of all fees.

### PENALTIES

In addition to impoundment fees, owners can be issued a summons for a violation of county regulation. Each violation of a regulation constitutes a separate offense. The maximum penalty for a Class II petty offense is \$1,000. Fine schedules provide for increased fines for subsequent violations during any three-year period.

### Jefferson County Leash Law

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 4th OF JULY BIKE PARADE

**Sunday, July 4th**  
9:00 am  
TrailMark Park



Photo by Deahna Visscher

Dress up your bikes, wagons and scooters for the Annual TrailMark 4th of July Bike Parade! Be sure to stay afterward and enjoy the fun at TrailMark Park (playground) including bounce houses and popsicles for the kids, and coffee and donuts for the adults!



Event sponsored by  
**Secure-All Security Doors**

### FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

**July 1st & July 15th**  
5:00-7:30 pm  
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.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

## FAMILY PHOTO DAY SERIES #2

**Saturday, July 17th**  
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!

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES **REBECCA FOLSOM BAND**



**Sunday, July 25th**  
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. Bring your own food and drink, or visit the Food Truck!

Hey Kids! We'll have Bounce Houses!

## HOA BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, July 8th**  
7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting -  
[https://zoom.us/j/97346541709?](https://zoom.us/j/97346541709?pwd=MIhSTzlwbjQwVmFCWWNGSVJNdm9YQT09)  
[pwd=MIhSTzlwbjQwVmFCWWNGSVJNdm9YQT09](https://zoom.us/j/97346541709?pwd=MIhSTzlwbjQwVmFCWWNGSVJNdm9YQT09)

Meeting ID: 973 4654 1709  
Passcode: 815855

For one tap mobile information, or to dial by your location, visit the [trailmark.org](http://trailmark.org) website.

All are welcome.

## TMMD REGULAR ZOOM MEETING

**Tuesday, July 20th**  
6:30 pm

[Zoom Meeting info](#)



## TRAILMARK NIGHT AT PIRATES COVE



**Saturday, July 31st**  
6:30-8:30 pm  
[Pirates Cove](#)

Join us for a night of swimming at Pirates Cove!

Cost: \$5/person, age 3 and up. CASH ONLY. Pay at the door.

*All TrailMark events will follow whatever current [CDC](#) and [Jeffco](#) COVID-19 guidelines are in place.*