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# TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

## August Calendar

- 8/1 - News Update
- 8/3 - National Night Out
- 8/5 - Food Truck Thursday
- 8/5 - Pirates Cove Night
- 8/19 - Food Truck Thursday
- 8/21 - TrailMark Movie Night
- 8/22 - Senior Citizen event
- 8/27 - Family Photo Day #3
- 8/29 - Mini Festival  
(TrailMark Concert Series)

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

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Sally Janssen

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for a list of  
TrailMark's  
Websites &  
Pages

## 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."

## The CAC needs Volunteers to help keep our Community Beautiful

You don't have to be a horticulturalist, but rather, just someone who loves plants and growing beautiful things.

TrailMark's Common Area Committee puts that finishing touch on our Community plant life, and has a great time putting those green thumbs on our flowerbeds and greenery.

Come join us... Bring your love of plants!

Just send an email to the Common Area Committee - [commonarea@trailmarkhoa.org](mailto:commonarea@trailmarkhoa.org), and say that you would like to help!



*Pene and Mary marking trees and shrubs for trimming or removal. Photos by Phil Kinney.*

Please visit the new [Volunteer page](#) on the website.



## 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.

## Painting and Repairs at Hogback Hill Park

South Suburban Parks and Recreation refreshed the parking stripes and installed a new barrier at Hogback Hill Park. SSPR worked on the new trail from the parking lot at Hogback Hill Park to the sledding hill. (Article below.)

Thank you, South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR)!



Photos by Phil Kinney

## TrailMark Hogback Hill Trail Extension

During the last week of July, South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) completed an extension to TrailMark's trail system by installing a trail from the Hogback Hill basketball courts to the sledding hill benches. This new addition was funded through the South Suburban 2021 Matching Gifts Program, and will make walking to the sledding hill benches safer, while providing beautiful views of the surrounding area. The project was originally suggested by former CAC members Rick Handley and Wayne Lupton. Sally Janssen, HOA Board Vice President, and Mary Kreeger, Common Area Committee (CAC) Chairman, assumed leadership of the project and worked diligently to get the project approved and completed. A shoutout to Sandy Farish, CAC member, for preparing the grant application. The HOA Board and community thank all for your contributions and volunteerism!! Your commitment to our neighborhood makes TrailMark the wonderful community it is! Thank you!!

## Black Bear Trail Reopens

Seasonal closures for wildlife protection at Cathedral Spires Park, Clear Creek Canyon Park (Mile Marker 270), North Table Mountain Park (Rim Rock Trail), and South Table Mountain Park (Lava Loop Trail), as well as Black Bear Trail at Deer Creek Canyon/Hildebrand Ranch Parks are lifted on August 1. [More Information](#)



## In Alignment with CDC Guidelines, JCPH Strongly Encourages Wearing a Mask Indoors, Regardless of Vax

**Jefferson County, Colo.** -- On July 27, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance [recommending mask wearing for the general public](#), including those who are fully vaccinated, in areas where there is substantial COVID-19 transmission.

[Read full article here.](#)

# From the TrailMark Metro District (TMMD)



Photo by Eric Siegler

Happy Summer from the TrailMark Metro District! It has been a warm one and that can affect the water quality in the TrailMark ponds and reservoirs. Water temperatures are now in the 80's which causes more algae and reduced water clarity. The Metro District hires Aquatic Associates to manage the water areas in TrailMark. You may see a truck, trailer and boat accessing Fairview Reservoir to do water treatments. This is a permitted boat - and the only boat that should ever be on the water. Treated areas include Fairview #1, Fairview #2 (the Beaver Pond) and Pond G (in the large open space) and Pond A (near the daycare center). Pond G had required outlet work last summer that keeps the water about 2 feet lower than previous levels but now at levels as designed.

The annual fence painting work is complete except for additional post replacements that will happen in the next few weeks. Due to the age of the fence, more and more posts need to be replaced. If you have a weak post in your yard, please let us know.

Mosquitos are ferocious this summer. The District has its water monitored and larvae treated to reduce breeding. Other areas of standing water that might be breeding ground are outside the District's control.

The TMMD continues to meet virtually on the third Tuesday of odd months. The next meeting, September 21<sup>st</sup>, will feature beginning discussions for the 2022 Budget. The agenda and meeting link can be found on the [TrailMark website](#).

The TMMD Board wishes you a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Vandalism at TrailMark Park

On the morning of Saturday, July 24th, a TrailMark resident reported that the Porta Potty at TrailMark Park had been vandalized over night. As many of you know, the porta potties are contracted through South Suburban Parks and Recreation and are not the property of the HOA.

Since South Suburban Parks and Recreation is closed on Saturdays, this concerned resident reported this vandalism to the HOA. HOA President Ken Colaizzi has been in contact with the porta potty company and South Suburban Parks and Recreation to report this troubling issue.

As you can see in the photos, the vandal loaded the entire porta potty with mud, dirt, rocks, and pine needles. This porta potty is now out of service because of the vandalism.

As a reminder, if you ever see anyone tampering with the porta potties, or vandalizing in general, please report it immediately to Littleton Police at [303-794-1551](tel:303-794-1551).



For vandalism in TrailMark or Hogback Hill Park, you may also call the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Ranger at [303-435-8227](tel:303-435-8227). The Ranger is on call 24/7, 365 days a year.

We need everyone in the neighborhood to help cease these recent acts of vandalism. Any help you can extend our way will help each and every one of us.

# Second Kids Bike Ride with Rob Donovan—Saturday, September 11

Back by popular demand!! The kids of TrailMark have twisted Mr. Donovan's arm to sponsor and lead another Kids Bike Ride through the trails of TrailMark.

Please be at the park a few minutes early. The kids bike ride starts at 9:00 am at TrailMark Park. Mr. Donovan requires helmets on all bike riders. **Helmets are mandatory!**



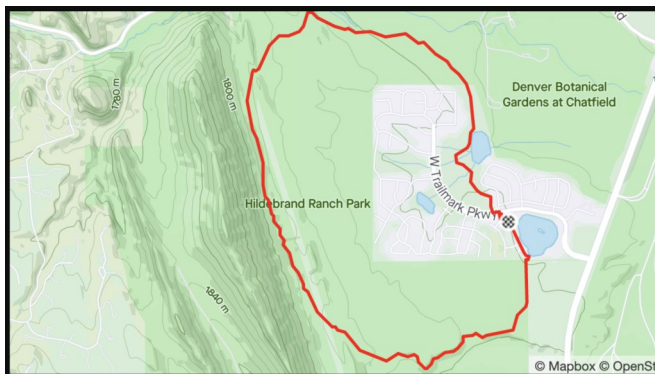
Photo by Rob Donovan

**Only pedal bikes will be allowed on the bike ride.** No scooters, or electric scooters permitted. This is a fun kids bike ride - not a race. Please come and enjoy an early morning bike ride with Mr. Donovan.

This bike ride is designed for kids only. However, if parents would like to join the ride, you are more than welcome and encouraged. The ride will be approximately 60-90 minutes.

Cold drinks will be provided for all bike riders at the end of the bike ride which will conclude at TrailMark Park. Please make sure all finished drinks end up in the park trash cans.

The TrailMark HOA wishes to thank Mr. Donovan for sponsoring this event and sharing his expertise and skills with the children of TrailMark.



Map of bike route (view larger image on [trailmark.org](http://trailmark.org))



Event sponsored by  
**Rob Donovan Coaching**

## Garbage & Recycling Update

### Garbage pick-up Delayed to September 8th

Garbage and recycling pick-up will be delayed from September 7th to September 8th due to the Labor Day holiday.



## Reminder:

Please trim low-hanging branches which might impede pedestrian traffic on our sidewalks.

# Propane leaks can ruin your grilling plans

By Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist



South Metro Fire Rescue

Every day is a great day for grilling in our state. Meats, corn, fruit kabobs, pizza; the only limit to grilling is one's imagination... and safety.

Most grills are fueled by natural gas (which is primarily composed of methane) or propane (liquified petroleum gas). Both of these gases are colorless and odorless. They're also highly flammable. As a result, each is packaged into a safer product before reaching consumers. A chemical (ethyl mercaptan) is added to provide an odor, which enables humans to notice leaks more quickly.

Unfortunately, it's easy to forget about these dangers when the equipment is working properly. Leaking propane caught fire and destroyed a home in Roxborough on July 17, according to West Metro Fire Rescue. Several crews from South Metro Fire Rescue responded to that incident.

Leaking propane also ruined Independence Day for five families in Centennial. That fire started at a grill on the back side of the apartment building and extended into the building's attic. One resident was transported to a hospital for injuries and all five families were displaced.

Follow these simple tips to grill safely:

- Only use grills outside.
  - Place grills at least 10 feet away from doors, windows, and siding.
  - Check tank and grill connections before each use.
  - Check the connections and use thick soapy water to identify any leaks in the hose.
  - If you smell mercaptan, close the cylinder valve by turning it clockwise or close the pipe inlet by turn that valve clockwise.
  - Immediately extinguish all open flames. Do not use lights, telephones, cell phones, or other powered appliances near the grill.
  - Get the grill and fuel tank or pipe checked by a qualified service technician before using it again. Contact the propane or natural gas retailer to schedule an inspection. Do not try to repair valves, regulators, or hose.
- Stay close to the grill while cooking so you can react quickly and safely if fire expands beyond the grill. Wearing an oven mitt or glove, turn off the heat if it is safe to do so. Then turn off the fuel at the bottle or the valve on the pipe from the home.

If you can't turn off the heat or fuel, move away from the grill and call 911.

South Metro Fire Rescue's Risk Reduction Specialists created a video with other grilling safety tips: [www.facebook.com/SouthMetroPIO/videos/254979045417339/](https://www.facebook.com/SouthMetroPIO/videos/254979045417339/)

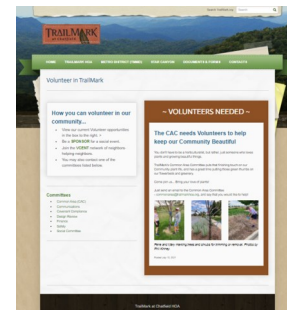
With safety handled, you can unleash your culinary imagination.

For other safety tips, check out [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org) and South Metro Fire Rescue's YouTube channel.

# Volunteer in TrailMark - A new web page

There's a new page on the website! The **Volunteer in TrailMark** page can be found under the "committees" tab.

Check it out here - <https://www.trailmark.org/volunteer.html>



## Median Work

TrailMark's landscaper started median renovations for approximately two weeks on Tuesday, July 20th.

Please use extreme caution and decrease your speed while driving. Many LCS workers will be in the street and helping direct traffic during this time.

In the end, TrailMark's median landscape will be getting a refreshed new look.

LCS and our entire HOA Board appreciate your patience and help with your cooperation.



Photos by Phil Kinney and Ken Colaizzi

## TrailMark's First Senior Citizen Meet and Greet

Seniors - In appreciation of World Senior Citizen's Day, come meet some of your fellow senior citizen neighbors on Sunday, August 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at Hogback Hill Park.

Secure-All Security Doors is sponsoring coffee and donuts for all attendees. Please come enjoy a donut and coffee, and get to know some of your fellow neighbors.

The TrailMark HOA hopes that senior citizens come share some of your lifelong stories with one another, and take advantage of this great opportunity to meet and greet some of your fellow neighbors.

If you consider yourself a senior citizen, then please attend. We promise, no one will be checking ID's or ages. The TrailMark HOA is pleased to approve such a great community building event.

Sponsored by  
**Secure-All Security Doors**



# Photos from the annual 4th of July Kids Bike Parade



View all 4th of July event photos on the TrailMark HOA website at [trailmark.org](http://trailmark.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TRAILMARK NIGHT AT PIRATES COVE

**Thursday, August 5th**  
6:30-8:30 pm  
[Pirates Cove](#)



Join us for a night of swimming at Pirates Cove!  
Rescheduled from July 31st.

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

### FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

**August 5th & August 19th**  
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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## TRAILMARK MINI FESTIVAL (TrailMark Concert Series)

**Sunday, August 29th**

3:00-7:15 pm

Hogback Hill Park

**3 bands, with headliner  
Thunder and Rain**



Photo by Deahna Visscher

Relax with your neighbors and enjoy the scenery while listening to music from three local bands. Bring your own food and drink, or visit the [Capital City Wraps](#) food truck!

Hey Kids! We'll have Bounce Houses!

## TRAILMARK MOVIE NIGHT



**Saturday, August 21st**

7:30 pm (dusk)

Hogback Hill Park

Movie TBD

- Check [trailmark.org](http://trailmark.org) website for updates



Event sponsored by  
**Lori Ross, Broker Associate**  
**Dunning Group & Associates**  
**Real Estate**

## FAMILY PHOTO DAY SERIES #3

**Friday, August 27th**

6:00-8:00 pm

near Fire Station 19

**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!

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