



September 2021

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

September Calendar

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- 9/2 - Food Truck Thursday**
- 9/7 - Garbage Delayed**
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- 9/11 - Second Kids Bike Ride**
- 9/16 - Food Truck Thursday**
- 9/21 - Corn Maze Night**
- 9/21 - TMMD Meeting**
- 9/25 - Sr Citizen Happy Hour**

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Board Members

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Ken Colaizzi

Vice President

Sally Janssen

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Secretary

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Email the HOA Board:
board@trailmarkhoa.org

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for a list of
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Pages**

An unfortunate incident with a positive outcome

On the afternoon of August 4th we had an unfortunate incident here in TrailMark. A car drove over our most northern median, located just north of Cambridge on TrailMark Parkway.



The Littleton Police and our landscape contractor, LCS, were notified. Unfortunately, there was considerable damage and cobble stones were scattered all over TrailMark Parkway.

Board members Ken Colaizzi and Phil Kinney helped clean up the scattered cobble stones from TrailMark Parkway. There were about eight teenage boys who jumped off of their bicycles and helped clean up the mess. It was great to see teenagers stop and help in a time of need. Thank you boys - that was a Class Act!

Senior Citizen Happy Hour and Appetizers September 25th

The TrailMark Social Committee is inviting the senior citizens of TrailMark to attend a Happy Hour and Appetizer event on Saturday, September 25th at 4:00 pm at Hogback Hill Park. Please bring an appetizer to share, and bring your own drink. Also, seating at Hogback Hill is limited. Please bring chairs if you can.

Senior Citizens who attended the August event helped spark this September get together. Come out and get to know some of your fellow neighbors, share some lifelong stories, and meet some of your HOA Board Members.

The TrailMark Social Committee encourages carpooling because there is limited parking at Hogback Hill Park. Some who live close to the park may choose to walk to Hogback Hill. We expect this event to go from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

If you consider yourself a senior citizen, then please attend. We promise, no one will be checking ID's or ages.



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.

NEW GFL Recycling Flyer >

GFL has a new flyer of acceptable and unacceptable items. Please disregard the old flyers from Alpine Waste.



(Click to enlarge)



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.

Tuesday trash pick-up begins at 7:00 am

The HOA recently had a meeting with GFL, our trash contractor, regarding contract and service concerns. Homeowners and residents are reminded that GFL starts their TrailMark route on Tuesdays at 7:00 am. To ensure that GFL picks up your trash and/or recycling, you must have your trash and recycle containers **on the curb by 7:00 am**. If your trash or recycling has not been picked up by the end of the day (generally 6:00 pm) on a Tuesday, please call GFL at **303-744-9881**.

Reminder - As a safety measure and per HOA policy, trash/recycle containers are not permitted to be placed outside on Monday evenings. This is to avoid unwanted wildlife visitors such as bears, raccoons and other critters, and to minimize trash blowing throughout the neighborhood as we experience winds.

Thank you for doing your part to help TrailMark, GFL and their drivers!

WHY NOT FEED BREAD TO WILDLIFE?

Bread makes our tummies hurt and makes us ill. Bread does not contain the right nutrition or calories that we need to survive. It makes us think we are full and then we don't eat the food we need. It also pollutes our water and causes nasty surface algae, which kills our fish friends and gives us diseases.

WHAT SHOULD WE EAT?

Half-cut seedless grapes, chopped lettuce, birdseed, peas, corn and oats.

Safer driving includes fitting your vehicle to your needs



By Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist
South Metro Fire Rescue

Reducing vehicle crashes and decreasing the severity of crashes that do occur are two of South Metro Fire Rescue's strategic community risk reduction campaigns.

Each time you sit in a vehicle as a passenger or driver, you have an opportunity to impact whether the vehicle crashes and, if it does, the severity of injuries you sustain. This article briefly summarizes vehicle ergonomics, which is the study of how we occupy and fit in our vehicles.

Mirrors

Although newer vehicles have warnings that alert drivers to vehicles in adjacent lanes, drivers can adjust their mirrors to eliminate these blind spots. Next time you sit in your vehicle:

- Adjust the rearview mirror to cover your straight view behind the vehicle.
- Lean your head to the center and adjust the right mirror outward so you can barely see the side of your vehicle.
- Lean your head to the left so it is even with the window and adjust your left mirror outward until you can barely see the side of your car.

As a result, this wider view will provide an uninterrupted sight of vehicles approaching from behind.

Seat Position

Adjust your seat to create at least 10-12 inches between your chest and the steering wheel. Sitting too close prevents the seatbelt and airbag from working properly during a crash. Tilting the seat may provide additional space.

Other points to consider:

- The steering wheel should point to your chest rather than your neck or head.
- Position the seat so you can place your entire foot on the pedals.
- Raise the seat so your eye level is at least three inches above the steering wheel.
- The top of the headrest should be between the top of your ears and the top of your head.

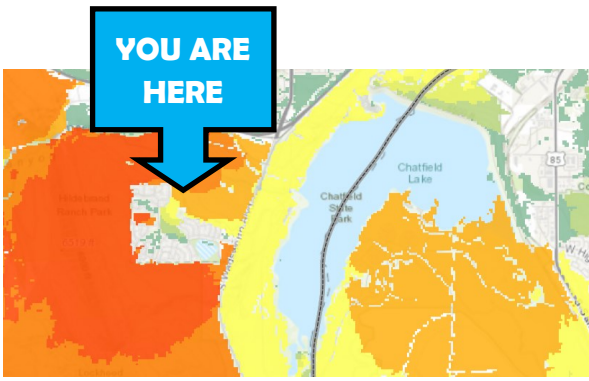
Seatbelts

Adjust your seatbelt so the lap belt is snug and low on your hips. Most vehicles allow you to adjust the height of the shoulder belt, so it doesn't touch your neck.

Don't place the shoulder belt under your arm or behind your torso. In either of those cases, it won't protect you in a crash.

For additional safety information visit www.southmetro.org or email your questions to ReducingRisk@southmetro.org.

The Annual Meeting is coming up in November. We need people to return proxies so please be on the lookout for mail with the meeting notice, 2022 budget, and proxy.



<https://co-pub.coloradoforestatlas.org/#/>

Wildfire Risk & Preparedness

TrailMark is surrounded by the risk of a wildfire. Read here about what to do before and during a possible wildfire.

<https://www.wunderground.com/prepare/wildfire>

TrailMark's "first-ever" Senior Citizen Meet and Greet a great success!

On August 22nd, the HOA Board hosted our first-ever Senior Citizen Meet and Greet at Hogback Hill Park. [Secure-All Security Doors](#) provided Krispy Kreme Donuts and Starbucks Coffee for all the guests.



Several weeks ago, one of our senior citizens suggested that the HOA Board and Social Committee offer a few events during the year for the neighborhood senior citizens. The HOA Board enthusiastically endorsed the idea, hence, the "first-ever" Senior Citizen Meet and Greet event. The event was a great success with approximately 20 guests in attendance!

Attendees conversed with each other, made new friends, and met several HOA Board Members. HOA Board Members present were: Ken Colaizzi (President), Sally Janssen (Vice President), and Bill Kuenning (Secretary). Sally Janssen opened the event with a welcoming message and solicited ideas for future such events. Attending board and committee members fielded many questions.

With the help of Linda Jagiello of the Communication Committee and Deahna Visscher from the Social Committee, the HOA Board was able to create a foundation with the senior citizens in our community. Sally Janssen created and distributed a handy leaflet of local activities and clubs that seniors can tap into. With this event's success, more senior citizen events are planned. Some ideas that were discussed were croquet, cribbage, bridge, pinochle, bingo, pick-up basketball, and Happy Hour. Details of future events will be published in the community newsletter and [HOA website](#).

The HOA Board wishes to thank all who attended. We look forward to offering more senior citizen events in the future.

Photos by Ken Colaizzi and Linda Jagiello.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SECOND KIDS BIKE RIDE WITH ROB DONOVAN

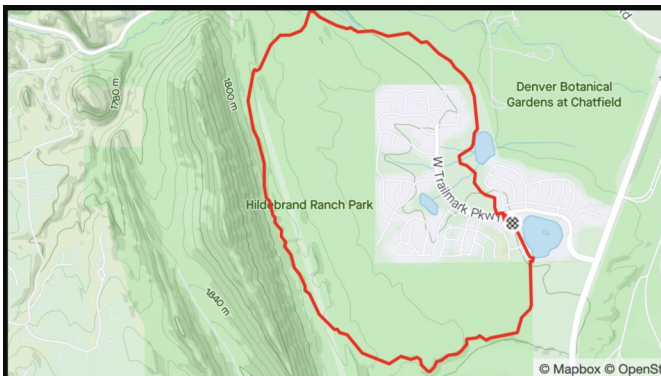
Saturday, September 11th

9:00 am

TrailMark Park



- Be at the park a few minutes early.
- Helmets are mandatory!
- 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.
- 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.



Event sponsored by
Rob Donovan Coaching

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

September 2nd & 16th

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 for truck, time and cancellation information.

HOA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 9th

7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

TRAILMARK NIGHT AT THE CORN MAZE

Tuesday, September 21st

5:00-8:00 pm

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield Farms

\$5 per person. CASH ONLY. Kettle corn, hay rides, barrel rides and face painting are included!

HOA ASSESSMENTS DUE OCTOBER 1st

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

TrailMark HOA Board

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

TMMD REGULAR ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday, September 21st

6:30 pm

[Zoom Meeting info](#)



SENIOR CITIZEN HAPPY HOUR AND APPETIZERS

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The TrailMark Social Committee and the HOA Board assumes no responsibility or liability in regards to Covid or other concerns. Attendees assume all risks attending this event.

TM5K & FAMILY FUN RUN

Saturday, October 23rd

Hogback Hill Park



Photo by Hal Sports

More details and registration to come soon.