



February 2022

# TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

## February Calendar

**2/1 - News Update**

**2/1 - Holiday Decorations must be removed**

**2/3 - Food Truck Thursday**

**2/22 - Regular Garbage Pick-up Day**

**2/23 - Skate City Night**

**2/25 - TMMD Board Election Self-Nomination Deadline**

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

## Board Members

### President

Ken Colaizzi

### Vice President

Sally Janssen

### Treasurer

Phil Kinney

### Secretary

Bill Kuenning

### Member At Large

CJ Haberkorn






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

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

## HOA Board of Directors positions announced

The TrailMark HOA Board of Directors would like to announce the positions that were voted upon during the January 3, 2022 organizational meeting.

Your TrailMark HOA Board of Directors for 2022 are as follows:

				
KEN COLAIZZI	SALLY JANSSEN	PHIL KINNEY	BILL KUENNING	CJ HABERKORN
PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY	MEMBER AT LARGE

Thank you,  
TrailMark HOA Board of Directors

## Fire Hydrants need clearance

To those who have fire hydrants in their yards... After a heavy snowstorm, fire hydrants throughout the neighborhood should be cleared 3 ft. around, so that if needed, firefighters wouldn't have to spend time digging out before connecting their hoses. In an emergency, every second counts.

## Apply Now for the 2022 SMFR Citizens Academy



South Metro Fire Rescue invites you to participate in their annual Citizens Academy. Information is in [this attachment](#). Note that the deadline is February 4, 2022.

# TMMD Board of Directors Election

Four Director positions will be open for election on May 3, 2022. Three 3-year terms and one 1-year term (due to an appointment).

To qualify as a director, a person must be an “eligible elector” defined as a registered voter of Colorado and either:

- a resident of the District, or
- or, the owner (or spouse or civil union partner of the owner) of taxable real or personal property situated in the District

Director qualifications must be met at the time of the execution of the self-nomination form or letter or at the time of appointment by the Board of Directors, if filling a vacancy, and must be maintained in order to remain qualified as a Director. Property that is owned by a legal entity such as a corporation, LLC, partnership, or trust does not qualify a person as an eligible elector on the basis of property ownership.

**In order to run for a Director position, a self-nomination form must be filed with the Designated Election Official, Sue Blair, no earlier than January 1, 2022, nor later than the close of business on Friday, February 25, 2022.** Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms are available on the [District website](#) and should be returned to the Designated Election Official's office located at the addresses below.

Community Resource Services  
7995 E. Prentice Ave. Ste. 103  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111  
303-381-4960  
[Elections@crsofcolorado.com](mailto:Elections@crsofcolorado.com)

For more information, please contact the TMMD District Manager:  
Cathy Noon at (303) 381-4960 or [cnoon@crsofcolorado.com](mailto:cnoon@crsofcolorado.com)

## Navigating TrailMark's Website

If you're looking for anything regarding TrailMark, you will most likely find it on the website at [TrailMark.org](http://TrailMark.org). At the very top of the website, there is a search box. Type in a few key words, and it will take you to page suggestions. Choose a page title and click on it. Search further by using the command, “Control F.”

Also, everything that has been posted on the home page since 2014 can be found in the [Archives](#). To get to the archives, hover over the home tab.



# A Letter from the President about TrailMark's Fire Evacuation Plan

January 10, 2022

Dear TrailMark Residents,

The recent fires in Superior and Louisville were devastating for all of us to see and witness. As you know, TrailMark is surrounded by open space all around us - and many neighbors and residents have been wondering what we would do if this situation were to happen here in TrailMark.

On January 3rd, I contacted Einar Jensen, the Risk Reduction Specialist for South Metro Fire Rescue, and asked him if he could assist our neighborhood in coming up with a fire mitigation plan for TrailMark. Einar was thrilled that our HOA asked for such a plan.

Today, Einar has given us his 12-page TrailMark Mitigation Plan. Our HOA will post this TrailMark mitigation plan on our website as a resource. I have also included a link for you to click and print the 12-page document that Einar has outlined for TrailMark's safety.

In addition to reading and reviewing Einar's TrailMark mitigation plan, Einar strongly suggests that each homeowner register for Jefferson County's reverse emergency notifications system called Code Red. You can use this link to opt in and register for emergency updates - [www.jeffco.us/473/Emergency-Notifications](http://www.jeffco.us/473/Emergency-Notifications)

On behalf of our entire HOA Board, we value your safety and want to do everything in our capacity to link up our residents with the South Metro Fire Department so that we can keep each of our homes and families as safe as possible.

Thank you,

Ken Colaizzi, President  
TrailMark HOA  
Littleton, CO 80127  
[president@trailmarkhoa.org](mailto:president@trailmarkhoa.org)  
<https://www.trailmark.org>

**TrailMark Neighborhood  
Mitigation Plan**

# Six Lessons for All of Us from the Marshall Fire



by Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist  
South Metro Fire Rescue



Could a wildfire like the Marshall Fire occur in our fire district? Yes. And because it could occur here, it's important that we consider lessons from that devastating wildfire and act on them.

South Metro Fire Rescue's Community Risk Reduction Bureau and its website are great sources for information on wildfire mitigation. Most property owners could benefit from the following mitigation tips:

- Remove dead leaves and needles from gutters regularly.
- Remove dead leaves and needles from the base of exterior walls and from under decking.
- Remove junipers from within 30 feet of any home, business, church or other structure.

Mitigation is effective at protecting our families and property from low- and moderate-intensity wildfires. The Marshall Fire was pushed by hurricane-force winds with gusts exceeding 100 mph. Mitigation is not effective against high- and extreme-intensity wildfires. That is **Lesson 1**.

- **Lesson 2:** When extreme wildfires are burning near or through neighborhoods, the only option is evacuation.
- **Lesson 3:** It's critical that residents register for their county's reverse emergency notification systems. We have to opt-in to add our cell phones to the contact lists for pre-evacuation and evacuation alerts from the sheriff's offices.  
⇒ Those alerts include information on the incident, its location, its predicted growth, and where evacuees should go. However, if you're in a neighborhood or other area threatened by an approaching wildfire, you can evacuate before receiving an alert.
- **Lesson 4:** All families need a neighborhood evacuation plan. It should identify a location in a different zip code where family members will meet if they are separated when an evacuation is ordered or become separated while evacuating. It also should consider options for children old enough to stay home alone on any other day, but not old enough to drive.
- **Lesson 5:** We all need a family communications plan. As you are packing your car, you probably shouldn't answer calls from concerned friends and family about the impending disaster. Instead, they should call a designated family member who will act as the family information officer. You can check-in when you're able.
- **Lesson 6:** Inventory your home now before an emergency occurs. That inventory will make your interactions with your insurance agent much easier. As you create the inventory, you'll know if your insurance policy covers the proper value of the home and its contents.

For additional information on wildfire and disaster preparedness, visit [www.southmetro.org](http://www.southmetro.org) or contact us at [ReducingRisk@southmetro.org](mailto:ReducingRisk@southmetro.org).

**Reminder: Snow and ice are required to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall.**

[www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org)

# 2022 Garage Sale Sponsorship

During the HOA Meeting on January 13, 2022, the Board announced that Lori Ross has been awarded the TrailMark Garage Sale sponsorship for 2022.

To be fair, the HOA Board developed an application process and offered everyone the opportunity to apply. Applications and plans were due to the Board by January 1st.

Lori Ross' plan was unanimously approved by the Board and offers some refreshing ideas to include all of TrailMark. The garage sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th.

Please watch for more details from Lori Ross in the months to come. We will post information that Lori gives us on the TrailMark website.

Congratulations to Lori Ross for executing an exciting plan for TrailMark!

## Garbage & Recycling Update

**Regular Garbage & Recycling pick-up Day:**  
**Tuesday, February 22nd**

No delay due to the Presidents Day holiday.

Please visit TrailMark's [Garbage & Recycling](#) page for 2022 trash/recycling pick-up delay dates.



## CAC Committee takes down Holiday Decorations

On Sunday, January 9th, the Common Area Committee (CAC) met at the front entrance at 10 a.m. to remove all of our holiday decorations. Approximately seven volunteers came out in the chilly January weather and removed the wreaths, holly and bows.

All of the decorations are stored away until the next holiday season. Our HOA Board wishes to thank all of the volunteers on the CAC who decorated and took down the decorations this holiday season. It was beautiful as always!

The Common Area Committee always strives to make our front entrance look festive and welcoming. All of TrailMark is grateful for your endeavors.

Thank you,  
The TrailMark HOA Board of Directors



Photo by Ken Colaizzi

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

## Calendar of 2022 Events

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled year! Check social media and future newsletters for more details on each event. You can also subscribe to our Google calendar [here](#), which will provide updates as date(s)/times are subject to change. If you would like to sponsor an event, please email [social@trailmarkhoa.org](mailto:social@trailmarkhoa.org).

1st Thursday, Jan-May & Sept-Dec, 5:00-7:30 pm – **Food Truck Thursdays**, Playground

1st and 3rd Thursdays, June-Aug, 5:00-7:30 pm – **Food Truck Thursdays**, Playground

Feb 23rd, 6-8pm – **Skate City Night**, \$3/person CASH ONLY

Apr 16th, 9am – **Easter Egg Hunt**, Hogback Hill Park

\*May 14th, 5pm – **Senior Citizen Event**, Phil & Joy Kinney's home, more info TBD

May 29th, 9am – **Kids Bike Parade #1** led by Rob Donovan, Playground

June 3rd-4th, 7:30 am-2 pm – **Neighborhood Garage Sale**, Sponsored by Lori Ross

June 19th, 5:30-7:30pm – **Summer Concert Series**, Hogback Hill Park

June 25th, time TBD – **Movie Night**, Hogback Hill Park, Sponsored by Lori Ross

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm – **Family Photo Day #1** with Julie Schwabauer

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – **4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Parade**, TrailMark Playground

July 10th, 9am – **Kids Bike Parade #2** led by Rob Donovan, Playground

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm – **Family Photo Day #2** with Kristin Blasi

\*July 24th, 5:30-7:30pm – **Summer Concert Series**, Hogback Hill Park

Aug 6th, 6-8 pm – **Pirate's Cove Night**, \$5/person CASH ONLY

Aug 14th, 9am – **Kids Bike Parade #3** led by Rob Donovan, Playground

Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm – **Family Photo Day #3** with Jen Reeves

\*Aug 28th – **Summer Concert Series**, Hogback Hill Park

Sept 10th, time TBD – **Chili Cookoff**, Hogback Hill Park, Sponsored by Lori Ross

Sept 13th, 5-8 pm – **Chatfield Botanic Gardens Corn Maze**, \$5/person CASH ONLY

Oct 22nd, 9 am – **TM5K and Family Fun Run**, Hogback Hill Park (more info and sign ups to come), Sponsored by HalSports

Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 5-8 pm – **Chatfield Botanic Gardens Night at the Lights**, \$10/person CASH ONLY

\*Dates Subject to Change

All dogs  
must be  
kept on a  
leash

Maximum  
Penalty \$1,000

Please  
pick up  
after  
your pet

Minimum Fine  
\$30

Please  
stay  
on  
trail

*A gentle reminder, JEFFCO has animal control laws in place to protect public health and safety. Please demonstrate responsible pet ownership.*

## Friendly Reminder about Holiday Decorations

All exterior holiday decorations and lights utilized as season displays must be removed and properly stored by February 1, 2022.

# Business sponsors needed for 2022 events

The Social Committee is looking for business sponsors for our 2022 events! We are faced with rising costs of everything, including our community events. They have become more expensive and burdensome on the HOA budget. In order to allow TrailMark to continue offering quality events, we are asking our business owners to consider sponsoring events, or portions of them, so that we can continue offering them. Sponsorship might include paying for face painters at the summer concerts, 4th of July Parade or TM5K; paying for coffee and donuts at various events; sponsoring the tractor and barrel rides at the Corn Maze or carriage rides at Night at the Lights.

Sponsorship provides you and your business a unique opportunity. In addition to the goodwill your business receives, you build business awareness throughout TrailMark. Your sponsorship highlights products and services many are not aware are available right here. We are a community of 800 homes. We have many visitors to our community, many who attend our events. Your sponsorship provides yet another opportunity for greater recognition, the potential for new clients and customers.

If you or your business is interested in sponsoring one or more of these events please fill out the [TrailMark Social/Community Event Application](#), or contact [social@trailmarkhoa.org](mailto:social@trailmarkhoa.org).

We love putting on these amazing events for our neighbors, but with rising event costs we need your help!

Thanks so much!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SKATE CITY NIGHT

**Wednesday, February 23rd**  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Skate City, Littleton



\$3 per skater.  
Concessions will be available for purchase.

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

### FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY

**Thursday, February 3rd**  
5:00-7:30 pm  
TrailMark Park



Photo by Linda Jagiello

- If the truck is offering online ordering that night, it will be turned on and available. If it isn't turned on, they are not offering online service. Online and window service start at 5:00 pm.
- 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.

If you have content that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact [communications@trailmarkhoa.org](mailto:communications@trailmarkhoa.org) with requested copy for approval.