



June 2022

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

May Calendar

- 6/1 - News Update
- 6/2 - Food Truck Thursday
- 6/3-6/4 - Garage Sale
- 6/16 - Food Truck Thursday
- 6/19 - Summer Concert
- 6/25 - Movie Night
- 6/26 - Family Photo Day #1

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for a list of
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Pages

Heartfelt thanks to the CAC

The members of the Common Area Committee refreshed the flowers and landscaping at the entrance to TrailMark on Saturday, May 7, 2022.



Photo by Phil Kinney

Thanks, CAC! We appreciate you!
The TrailMark Board and all the residents

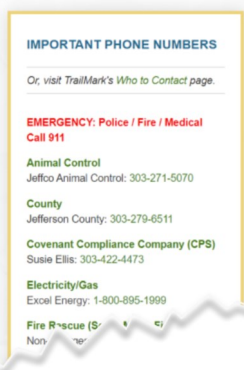
TrailMark Senior Potluck BBQ pics

May 21, 2022

A fun time was had by all! Thanks to host Phil and hostess Joy Kinney!



Photos by Phil Kinney and Ken Colaizzi. View more Senior Potluck BBQ event photos at trailmark.org.



Important Phone Numbers all in one place

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

We Are Soon To Be A Flock Community!

The TrailMark Board of Directors is pleased to announce our recent vote to become a community participating in the national vehicle identification camera data network, known as "Flock."

In about eight weeks, or less, Flock will be installing two of their high-resolution day/night cameras on poles at the entrance and exit to TrailMark.

These cameras will photograph and data-log every vehicle type, color and their license plate, which enters or exits our TrailMark. The photos and data generated will instantly be available to any law enforcement jurisdiction which logs into the Flock system network or puts out a search for known stolen or problem vehicles.

Nefarious activities in TrailMark can be matched, by police, with vehicle or pedestrian activity within any time-frame. For instance, the Littleton Police Department will have full access to our real-time and stored data from the moment our Flock systems are installed.

These cameras will be mounted on twelve-foot, black poles with identifying signs, and they will photograph and log data 24/7 to the cloud.

All photographs and data are kept under Flock's secure control and are never accessible by the public, the HOA, or businesses. Flock is a very progressive and serious, professional tool for law enforcement and never a social or business tool.

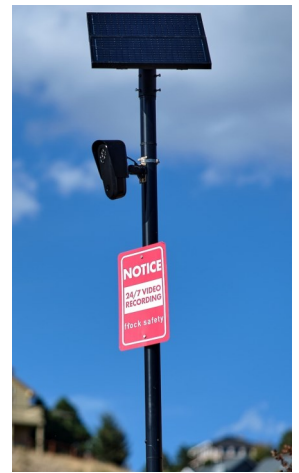
All photos and data are erased in 30 days after acquisition, unless law enforcement has a special investigative need to save images/data.

The Littleton Police Department is moving toward deploying Flock systems sometime in the future. In fact, they were the ones who introduced us to Flock.

However, and importantly so, before the Littleton Police Department's system deployments, they will have access to any Flock systems, like ours and any other Flock participant's data and alerts, like Castle Rock's Flock data systems.

Residents will be able to register their vehicles and license plates as "Friendly" - in the Flock database, for TrailMark if residents choose to do so. It is strictly optional and not mandatory.

The Flock Systems, by the real-time and archived data that they generate for the Flock network of jurisdictions, have been shown a significant metric of reduced crime. For instance, Castle Rock has so much success with Flock's influence on crime reduction that they got the Littleton Police Department's attention.



(Click on image to view Flock brochure)

Along with our new, continuing, and already helpful, dialogues with the Littleton Police Department concerning desperate classic and progressive ways to make TrailMark safer, the Board is very excited about the Flock systems as part of our safer TrailMark initiative.

Once our Flock systems are installed, if you see or are the victim of any nefarious or criminal activity of any type, CALL THE LITTLETON POLICE, and you will be able to tell them that you are in a "Flock Community!"

For a more In-Depth Discovery of the Flock Camera System, please visit our [FAQ page regarding Flock Cameras in TrailMark](#). The FAQ's were carefully answered by HOA Board Secretary Bill Kuenning.

Vandalizing/playing in culverts a serious concern

Residents have recently reported to our HOA Board that people have been vandalizing and playing in culverts here in TrailMark. There is serious concern because of the damage involved and the possible danger to people playing near these structures.



The manhole in the photo on the left is on the south side of the Star Canyon condominiums, specifically South of 9816 W Freiburg Drive. The welded steel protective bar was removed by someone. Our HOA president Ken Colaizzi met with a South Suburban Parks and Recreation Ranger to report the damage to this manhole property. Caution tape was installed to help keep people away from the manhole.

The picture on the right is of a culvert near the south side of the Beaver Pond (Fairview Reservoir Number 2), north of Star Canyon. This photo illustrates how people have removed the green steel cage covering the culvert. We've had reports of people walking, skateboarding, loitering, and smoking in the culverts.



These culverts do not belong to the HOA, but are the property of the City of Littleton on South Suburban Parks and Recreation's property. Littleton Police and South Suburban Parks and Recreation have been made aware of the recent vandalism to these culverts. The South Suburban Parks and Recreation Ranger mentioned that if you see people playing on or near the culverts, you are welcome to report the activity to their office 24/7, 365 days a year to 303-435-8227. Littleton Police can also be contacted at their non-emergency number which is 303-794-1551.

These culverts are the great home to many snakes, ducks and other wildlife here in TrailMark. We really do not want to see anyone get injured or bit by a snake near these culverts. Playing in or near any culvert is very dangerous - please keep away! Our Board politely asks, would you please have a talk with your family about staying away from these culverts? We want our residents to be safe and free from danger!

Photos by Ken Colaizzi

The next HOA Assessments are due July 1st.
If you have any questions, please contact Chad
Rohr of [4 Seasons Management Group](#).

For payment options, go to <https://brightstarmanagement.vmsclientonline.com> and refer to the login information assigned to you in the letter that 4 Seasons sent to all TrailMark homeowners in April 2022.

From the Design Review Committee



Due to the recent storm, many trees in TrailMark have been damaged to the point where they need to be removed. The TrailMark Board and the Design Review Committee (DRC) acknowledge the tremendous cost and inconvenience that these damages represent to many in our community. In our ongoing efforts to respond to this situation, please note the following:

- Normally, the removal of any existing tree requires DRC approval. However, the “List of Routine Home Maintenance/Repairs not requiring DRC Review” permits the removal of dead trees without approval. We interpret this to include trees badly damaged by the storm that likely will not survive or that may pose a risk to people or property. **These trees may be removed without prior approval.**
- Front Yards are required to include a minimum of one tree and five shrubs under the Design Guidelines. Due to the current availability of live trees and the unexpected cost of the storm, homeowners who remove a front-yard tree due to storm damage will have **one year to replace the tree.**
- **Planting a replacement tree does require DRC approval.** When submitting your request, please include the type of tree and a plot plan of your yard showing the proposed location. The Design Guidelines (available below) include a list of recommended deciduous and evergreen trees that may be planted as a replacement.

["DRC Approval is Not Required" list](#)
[Design Guidelines](#)

Photos from the Tree Branch dumpster event

Thanks to the HOA board and all of our residents for helping in the post-storm clean-up of our beautiful TrailMark neighborhood!



Photos by Ken Colaizzi, Phil Kinney, Bill Kuenning, Linda Jagiello and Sonny Wasinger. View more Tree Branch Dumpster event photos at trailmark.org.

Coyote Alert from a TrailMark resident

I just wanted to share with those who live on the eastern side of TrailMark (near the Chatfield Botanic Gardens), and those who walk the open space in this area, that I have observed on several occasions a very bold coyote (I think it's one but it could be multiple).

I live on that side on the open space and have for 17 years. We hear the coyotes all the time and see them rarely. Lately though, I have seen one a lot in this area. Twice, one has come right up to my back fence and stood nose to nose with my dog through the hog wire. (Unfortunately, my dog doesn't know he is small and isn't smart enough to back down). I've seen a coyote multiple times lately walking along or close to the trail that runs along the edge of TrailMark, next to the Botanic Gardens, where so many people walk every day. This has been at all hours of the day, including broad daylight. I've seen one circling the nearby pond where the ducks are. It seems much more comfortable being closer to humans than I have ever observed before.

In all these years, I've never seen coyotes so frequently or behaving so boldly around humans and pets. I thought everyone should be aware of this.

Annette
TrailMark resident



Photo by Janet Rose

Sign up for LookoutAlert Emergency Notifications [here](#).

Colorado Fire Weather Boundaries map

(TrailMark is in Fire Weather Zone 239, and very close to 216.)

Know Grease, Know Fire: Preventing Oven Fires



by Einar Jensen, Risk Reduction Specialist
South Metro Fire Rescue

In terms of cooking, grease refers to animal fats and vegetable oils. It oozes and splatters from food during the cooking process onto pans, racks, burners, and nearby surfaces.

Grease that has been liberated from food is prime fuel for a fire. Heat from future cooking dries grease deposits and vaporizes it; if enough vaporized fuel, heat, and oxygen are present a fire can ignite.

Ovens are built for containing most heat, but too much heat can overwhelm even the best insulation and damage equipment.

It's critical that oven owners clean their ovens. There are plenty of horror stories on the Internet about self-cleaning cycles malfunctioning, but there are other options.

- Mix 1/2 Cup of baking soda with water to create a paste. Spread the paste on all surfaces of the oven, but not the heating elements. Wait at least two hours and consider leaving it overnight. Using a spray bottle, apply a mixture of half water and half white vinegar to the paste in the oven. The resulting foam helps to remove food stains. After leaving that for another 30 minutes, use a rubber spatula (if necessary) and rag to remove the baking soda mixture. Finish by wiping everything with a damp cloth.
- Another option involves lemons. Cut five lemons in half, squeeze the juice into a baking tray and place the squeezed lemon ends in the tray as well. Bake at 450°F for 30 minutes. The steam will loosen the grease and grime. After the oven cools, use a damp cloth to wipe the surfaces clean.

If a fire does start in your oven, keep the door closed and turn off the heat. Once the oven cools, you can clean the mess. If the fire escapes the oven, go outside and call 911.

The ideal conclusion to this article would be "No Grease, No Fire," but there are other potential fuels that can be found in and near ovens. Instead, we'll settle for "No Grease, No Grease Fires."

For other safety information, visit www.southmetro.org and our agency's social media channels.

Street Repair

Littleton City Street Repair showed up and repaired the big crack on West Baden.

Way to Go Littleton!

Photos by Phil Kinney



Curb Painting of House Numbers

The HOA Board has been made aware of flyers circulating around TrailMark soliciting to paint your house number on the curb of your sidewalk. Currently, painting address numbers on the sidewalk is strictly prohibited in our TrailMark guidelines. We don't want anyone to get a violation notice for something that is restricted at this time.

We have asked our Design Review Committee (DRC) to look into the possibility of setting a standard to consider allowing painting address numbers on the curb in the near future. The Board and DRC are working cooperatively to set a standard that would be harmonious to TrailMark. We have also included the help of the City of Littleton Code Enforcement for their ideas as well.

Please note that we have contacted the solicitor and asked the company to cease all painting of address numbers in TrailMark until we can put together a standard that will be consistent throughout our community. Please watch the TrailMark website www.trailmark.org for further details regarding this issue.

TrailMark Family Photo Days

Sunday, June 26 with Avery Imus

Saturday, July 16 with Kristin Blasi

Saturday, August 27 with Jen Reeves

We have 3 amazing resident photographers offering 3 opportunities to get a free family portrait taken in our beautiful neighborhood. Sign up for ONE time slot and bring your family for **1 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.** If you like the result, consider hiring one of these lovely ladies to do a full session with your family!

*Note: There are 4 family slots available per 30 minute time. Arrive early in your time slot and be first in line. **When you arrive please adhere to social distancing guidelines and wait for your family to be called up by the photographer.** Wait time, therefore, should be no more than about 25 minutes! Please only sign up if you can commit to being there!

SIGN UP HERE

(If all slots are filled, please check back for cancellations.)

Meet, Greet & Eat with the City of Littleton in TrailMark

The City of Littleton has organized a Meet, Greet & Eat with City Council Members and the City Manager.

Mark your calendars for July 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at TrailMark Park. Free pizza, water, and dessert are available while they last at all Meet, Greet & Eat events.

All TrailMark residents are invited to attend and bring your questions and concerns to the City Council Members and City Manager.

Here's a link regarding the invite from the city -

<https://www.littleton.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/31364/232?curm=7&cury=2022>

Our Board welcomes the opportunity to work with the City of Littleton in this way. We are honored that they have selected TrailMark.

See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES Dan Navarro



Sunday, June 19th
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.

Food Truck: [Mile High Cheesesteaks](#)

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY

Thursdays, June 2nd & 16th
5:00-7:30 pm
TrailMark Park



Photo by Linda Jagiello

- All trucks offer walk-up ordering.
- Online option: If a 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 and other circumstances, events may be canceled.
- Please check the [Hand-to-Mouth food truck calendar](#) for real-time changes and cancellation information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

TRAILMARK GARAGE SALE



Friday, June 3
Saturday, June 4
7:30 am-2:00 pm

Start gathering your stuff and don't forget to [sign up here](#) to **GET ON THE MAP!!!!**

Participate one or both days.

- There is a [digital map](#) this year that is being updated until the days of the garage sale. You can even list your sale items so shoppers know where to find what they are looking for.
- Shoppers can win prizes and will have incentives to shop in TrailMark first. Watch for more info on that coming soon after you sign up.
- Paper maps will also be available at the entrance of TrailMark for those less tech savvy.
- [DAV](#) will be swinging by the neighborhood on the Monday after garage sale weekend. So if you didn't sell everything, don't worry about putting it all away or loading it in your car and driving it to a donation site.
- Kids, don't forget to [GET ON THE MAP](#) too. Doing so will automatically enter you in the contest to win \$100 to [The Main Event](#).

CLICK ON THE MAP NOW TO TRY IT OUT!!! Then click on the Green icons for **Garage Sales**, or the Red icons for **KIDZ MARKET** sales.

Call, text or message Lori Ross if you have questions:
(303) 437-4563.



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TRAILMARK MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, June 25th
8:00 pm (dusk)
Hogback Hill Park

Movie TBD

- Check trailmark.org website for updates

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FAMILY PHOTO DAY SERIES #1

with Photographer
Avery Imus

Sunday, June 26th
6:00-8:00 pm

Get in on this opportunity to have a free family portrait taken in our beautiful neighborhood. Sign up for ONE time slot and bring your family for **1 free family pose. THIS IS NOT A FULL SESSION. Please respect the photographer's time and generosity. Additional poses may be available for purchase IF TIME ALLOWS.** If you like the result, consider hiring this photographer to do a full session with your family!

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[Sign Up Here](#)

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