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August 2022

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

August Calendar

- 8/1 - News Update
- 8/2 - National Night Out
- 8/4 - Food Truck Thursday
- 8/6 - Pirates Cove Night
- 8/9 - Back to School Party
- 8/14 - Kids Bike Ride #3
- 8/18 - Food Truck Thursday
- 8/21 - Summer Concert
- 8/27 - Family Photo Day #3

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LITTLETON POLICE
HOST

TRAILMARK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

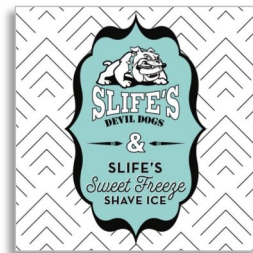
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FOOD TRUCKS:



LB TACOS



SLIFE'S DEVIL DOGS

POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

4-8 p.m.
Tuesday, August 2

LITTLETON MUSEUM
6028 South Gallup Street.

TRAILMARK PARK
People are encouraged to stop by the location that is the most convenient for them.
There will be Food Trucks, games, and fun.



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for a list of
TrailMark's
Websites &
Pages



New FLOCK camera information to be posted to the website

The new FLOCK FAQ's, and the new "Safe List" registration explanations and instructions will be posted soon. Check trailmark.org and our social media outlets: [The HOA Facebook page](#) and NextDoor.com.

Social Committee Help Needed

The Social Committee is looking for some new volunteers who can help the committee. If you are interested in being part of planning all of the fun events for TrailMark, would you please submit your name, address, and phone number to president@trailmarkhoa.org?

Recently, our great Social Committee Chair had to leave us and we are in need of more folks who have the time to volunteer organizing the social events within our great neighborhood. Please jump in and help.



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."

A big Thank You to Darcy Hickman!

On behalf of our entire TrailMark Community, we would like to send out an enormous THANK YOU to Darcy Hickman for her selfless years of service to the Social Committee. Both as a member and chair to the committee for many years, Darcy has been the organization and leadership behind years of fun and special moments for the families of TrailMark. We will miss her as she moves on to other volunteer opportunities in her life as she continues to be a servant leader in various organizations. Finally - Darcy can simply attend social events in our neighborhood with zero responsibility! :)

Thank you Darcy!



Basketball Hoops in TrailMark

During these warm summer months, many families go outside and get some exercise and fun by playing basketball. The Board is aware that many homeowners have portable basketball hoops for their families. We wanted to remind homeowners of the [Littleton City Code provision](#) about basketball hoops and the TrailMark HOA basketball standard.

We are not only including a copy of the standard, but we are also supplying some photos of what is PREFERRED, ALLOWED, and NOT ALLOWED.

First, we'd like to provide the TrailMark HOA basketball hoop standard:

b. Basketball Backboards

Basketball hoops shall only be allowed in front Lot areas if: (i) the backboard is installed on a separate free-standing post or pole and is set perpendicular to the street; (ii) is portable and can be removed from the driveway; or (iii) as otherwise approved by the Design Review Committee. No basketball backboards shall be attached to the garage or set facing the street.

Portable basketball backboards do not need Design Review Committee approval, provided the following guidelines are met:

1. Portable units cannot be placed in the public right of ways, streets, or sidewalks.
2. Location must be at least half (1/2) of the length of the driveway away from the street. This location constitutes proper placement and the unit must be kept in this location or stored out of sight.
3. The location should not impede or obstruct the use of the garage or driveway and the unit must be leveled so that the unit is balanced and standing upright.

Portable basketball units are to be moved with other personal belongings when a property changes ownership or residents.

Second, we'd like to provide some examples and descriptions of what is PREFERRED, ALLOWED, and NOT ALLOWED.

Picture #1, PREFERRED: The guidelines require homeowners who wish to have a basketball hoop **request and receive DRC approval** ([HOA Home Improvement Request Form](#)) and install a permanent basketball hoop that is perpendicular to their driveway as pictured below. It should be installed on a separate free-standing post or pole. Permanent basketball hoops cannot be attached to the garage or set facing the street. A permanent basketball hoop doesn't blow away in the wind, and is more aesthetically pleasing as a permanent structure.

Picture #2, ALLOWED: The guidelines allow homeowners to use portable basketball hoops on their own driveways - at least half of the length of the driveway away from the street. This location constitutes proper placement and the unit must be kept in this location or stored out of sight. The location should not impede or obstruct the use of the garage or driveway and the unit must be leveled so that the unit is balanced and standing upright. Notice in this photo how the portable basketball hoop is away from the street and sidewalk, and not on the lawn.

Picture #3, NOT ALLOWED: The Littleton City code and the TrailMark basketball standard clearly state that portable basketball hoops cannot be placed in the public right of ways, streets, or sidewalks. This is not only against the TrailMark HOA standard, but is enforced strictly by the City of Littleton Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement can be viewed [here](#). City of Littleton Code Enforcement has the authority and will cite homeowners for this violation. The photo below shows basketball hoop placement that is prohibited by both the City of Littleton and the TrailMark HOA standard. Placing portable basketball hoops in the street and/or sidewalk is not allowed.

Please remember that the standards and guidelines are written to not only keep homeowners safe, but to help maintain our property values. The Board hopes that you can use this article to help keep your kids safe and your neighbors happy while playing basketball.

Thank you,
The TrailMark HOA Board of Directors

TrailMark Residents: BEARPROOFING SAVES BEARS

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has received reports of bear activity in the area. Most of the reports involve bears getting into bird feeders and trash, as well as entering open garages.

Please read the article from Colorado Parks & Wildlife [here](#).

Sincerely,
TrailMark HOA Board



Bear sightings in TrailMark

Many of you are aware that a bear or two were out posing for selfies in TrailMark this month. Our Board wanted to alert the community about the severity of the bears visiting our homes. We are including an article from the CDOW on Bearproofing Your Home.



Photo by Peter Rondinone taken with a 500mm lens used for wildlife and shot at a safe distance.

Since many of you contacted the HOA Board, we have reported the sighting of this particular bear to the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The gentleman who took the report stated that they prefer homeowners to call them directly and report the first-hand experiences to the CDOW. You can reach the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 303-291-7227. By reporting the sightings immediately, you can better help your neighbors and the bear.

This is also a great time to remind everyone that these bears are really attracted to your trash. As our Board has always reported and posted, please do not put your trash out for pick up until the morning of trash day. With the exception of delay days due to certain holidays, your trash should always be put out on Tuesday mornings, not Monday nights. Trash cans attract the bears.

Thank you to all of you who were trying to alert each of us about the bear. We know each of you were trying to keep your neighbors safe and that is exceptional. Again, please report all bear sightings to 303-291-7227.

COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
Bearproofing Your Home
Help Keep Bears Wild

Only people can prevent conflicts with bears. Please do your part to protect your home and property and prevent conflicts with bears.

Keep Bears Out

- Many bears that enter homes do so through an unlocked or open window or door. Close and lock all bear accessible windows and doors when you leave the house, and at night before you go to bed.
- If you must leave downstairs windows open, install sturdy grates or bars. Screens don't keep out bears.
- Keep garage doors and windows closed and locked at night and when you're not home. Don't leave your garage door standing open when you're not outside. Install extra-sturdy doors if you have a freezer, refrigerator, pet food, bird seed, or other attractants in your garage.
- Keep car doors and windows closed and locked if you park outside. Make sure there's nothing with an odor in your vehicle, including camp gear, or fresheners, trash, litter and lip balms.
- Bears are great climbers – remove any tree limbs that might provide access to upper level decks and windows.
- Replace exterior lever-style door handles with good quality round door knobs that bears can't pull or push open.
- Put on tall, radio (not music) when you leave home; the human voice startles most bears.

Get Rid of Attractants

- Bears follow their super-sensitive noses to anything that smells like food, and can follow scents from up to five miles away.
- Don't leave trash out overnight unless it's in a bear-proof enclosure or container. Obey all local regulations.
- We recommend feeding birds only when bears are not foraging. If you want to feed birds when bears are active, please review the Attracting Birds, Not Bears fact sheet on our Web site.

Teach Bears They're Not Welcome

- Don't store food of any kind in an unlocked garage, flimsy shed or on or under your deck.
- Don't leave anything with an odor outside, near open windows or in your vehicle, even if inside home. That includes scented candles, air fresheners, soaps and lotions.
- If a bear comes into your yard or close to your home, do yourself and the bear a big favor, and scare it away. A confident attitude plus loud noises like a firm yell, clapping your hands, banging on pots and pans or blowing an air horn sends most bears running.
- If a bear enters your home, open doors and windows and make sure it can leave the same way it got in. Don't approach the bear or block escape routes.
- Never approach a bear. If a bear won't leave, call your local CDOW office. If a bear presents an immediate threat to human safety, call 911.

Visit www.wildlife.state.co.us/bears for more information or call your local Division of Wildlife Office.

Please Do Your Part to Keep Bears Wild

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Informative Flyers from Colorado Division of Wildlife

Attracting Birds Not Bears
Bear Proofing Your Home
Bear Proofing Your Trash
Bear Resources
Bear Websites, etc.
Bears and Bird feeders
Be SMART
Black Bears

Building Beehive Enclosure
Camping & Hiking...Bear
Deterrents...Bears
Don't Feed Wildlife
Living with Bears
Nuisance Wildlife Laws
Protect Your Livestock
Unwelcome Mats

CAC Update

Your CAC has NEARLY accomplished its goals for 2022 by doing the following:

- Refurbishing two medians on Independence
- Refurbishing the median at the entrance to TrailMark
- Replacement of (almost)* all plants and freshly mulched in the north bed at our entrance

After doing a walk about with LCS, we are waiting for several bids from LCS for the following:

- Re-mulching all HOA beds along TrailMark Parkway, including monument corners and along the east side of Independence
- Cost for dead tree removal and stump grinding along TrailMark Parkway and Independence
- Cost for intense pruning/thinning out/removal and refurbishing all along TrailMark Parkway, several of the monument corners and along the east side of Independence. This project would include some replacement of shrubs but also the addition of some of the stone work similar to what has been done with the medians.
- Cost for eliminating some existing turf and replacing with mulch around grasses and boulders near the entrance.
- Once we receive the bids we will prioritize the projects and make 2023 budget proposals accordingly. We are hoping to be able to address some of these items with this year.

We have also asked LCS to check the water flow in several areas (monument corners) so that the committee can refresh some monument plantings this fall or next spring.

* Some of the plants that we wanted to use were sold out by the time we requested them, so we will add a few more this fall or, next spring.



CAC Committee volunteers - May, 2022

Reserve a Spot in the Fall 2022 Littleton Police Citizen Academy



by Sheera Poelman, Public Information Officer
Littleton Police Department

The Littleton Police Citizen Academy is a series of classes designed to give community members a peek into the inner workings of the Littleton Police Department (LPD). A diverse selection of topics is covered in an effort to give attendees an idea of what, why, and how the police operate. The Fall 2022 Citizen Academy will begin on Thursday, September 8.

Each topic is taught by Littleton police officers or civilian staff members, each an expert in their field. Each instructor describes the functions of his/her position and is available to answer questions. Some of the classes also include practical exercises.

Participation in demonstrations and exercises is voluntary. Additionally, each participant has a chance to ride along with a patrol officer and spend time in the communications center. Register today (<https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/city-departments/police-department/programs-services/citizen-academy>), or call (303) 795-3846 if you have questions.



Reminder:

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

An uplifting event in TrailMark

The TrailMark HOA would like to extend a big Thank You to Sunny Puckett and Kristi Schuster-Bringle for sponsoring the tethered hot air balloon rides for our residents Saturday morning at Hogback Hill Park. Several residents came out and drank some coffee and enjoyed their first ever hot air balloon ride. What a gorgeous morning and comradery amongst our fellow neighbors. Thank you all for attending this "uplifting" event.



Photos by Ken Colaizzi and resident Darin. View balloon event photos at trailmark.org

Great turnout at the 4th of July Bike Parade

Thank you to the hundreds who attended our annual 4th of July Kids Bike Parade. Many families came out to eat donuts, drink coffee, and cool down on some otter pops on this warm 4th of July.

A big special thanks to the Littleton Police Department and South Metro Fire Department, specifically our Station #19 right here in TrailMark for leading our parade. The fire fighters and police officer even stayed around afterwards to encourage the little ones to someday be a first responder. What an inspiration!!

Thank you to our Social Committee for decorating the park and setting up the face painters and bouncy houses. It was so fun seeing our neighbors come out and enjoy this festive holiday.



Photos by Phil Kinney, Ken Colaizzi and Linda Jagiello. View more 4th of July Bike Parade photos at trailmark.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY

Thursdays, August 4th & 18th
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.

TRAILMARK NIGHT AT PIRATES COVE

Saturday, August 6th
6:00-8:00 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.

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KONA ICE BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY IN THE PARK



Tuesday, August 9th
11:30 am-12:30 pm
TrailMark Park (playground)

Come meet and greet your neighborhood schoolmates at the playground and celebrate an awesome summer coming to a close and an exciting school year ahead!!!!

- Kona Ice starts at \$4 depending on size.
 - Cash or charge
 - Please make sure all your trash makes it into the trash receptacles so we can be respectful of our neighbors and beautiful community!
- We're excited to celebrate with the awesome kids and families of our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

KIDS' BIKE RIDE #3

Sunday, August 14th
9:00 am
TrailMark Park



Rob Donovan will be leading a Kids' Bike Ride through the trails of TrailMark. The kids' bike ride starts at 9:00 am. Mr. Donovan requires helmets on all bike riders.

- Please 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

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Altitude 5

Back by popular demand!



Date change (from August 28th)

Sunday, August 21st

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.

FAMILY PHOTO DAY SERIES #3

with Photographer

Jen Reeves

Saturday, August 27th

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!

*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](#)

All TrailMark events will follow whatever current CDC and Jeffco COVID-19 guidelines are in place.