

September 2022

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter



Photo by Steven Laskey

September Calendar

- 9/1 - News Update
- 9/1 - Food Truck Thursday
- 9/7 - Garbage Pick-up Day
- 9/10 - Chili Cook-off
- 9/13 - HOA Board Meeting
- 9/20 - TMMD Meeting
- 9/30 - HOA Board
Candidate forms due

Visit TrailMark.org for the most current neighborhood news.

Call for Candidates

WE WANT YOU!

You're committed to bettering our community, so why not put that passion to work and run for a spot on the association board.

The association will soon be holding elections for board members, and we're looking for dedicated homeowners like you to help us shape and implement our governing rules, handle association finances, make important decisions that affect the entire community and much more. If you're interested in running for the board, please complete the enclosed form to get your name on the ballot.

Working on the board can be an enriching experience and can help you make lasting, positive changes to the community. So, return the completed candidate form today for a chance to earn a seat on the association board.

Please return your form to:

TrailMark HOA
c/o 4 Seasons Management Group
9351 Grant Street, Suite 500
Thornton, CO 80229
hello@4shoa.com

Forms must be received no later than Friday, September 30, 2022.

[TrailMark HOA Candidate form](#)

Board Members

President

Ken Colaizzi

Treasurer

Phil Kinney

Secretary

Bill Kuenning

Member At Large

CJ Haberkorn

Email the HOA Board:
board@trailmarkhoa.org



[Click here](#)
for a list of
TrailMark's
Websites &
Pages

PLEASE NOTE:

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, 2023 budget, and proxy.

Corn Maze event Canceled

Due to the vandalism at the event last year (2021), the Corn Maze event has been canceled this year.

The HOA Board has been told that a 2022 contract will increase costs to cover potential vandalism and to protect their property. With the new increased costs, it will be far less expensive for families to attend the Corn Maze on their own time.

We regret to have to relay these facts to you. Hopefully we will be able to schedule this event again in the future.



<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>

TMMD Notice regarding Fairview Reservoir Fish Kill

Fairview Pond recently encountered a natural fish kill and was investigated by the TrailMark Metro District Aquatics Specialist and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Unfortunately, the cause has not been identified.

If you wish to harvest fish that are caught, please inspect the fish for disease as it is recommended to not eat sick or diseased fish. If you have further questions you are welcome to call the Aquatic Health Lab at [970-842-6308](tel:970-842-6308).

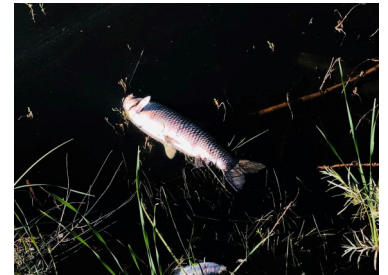


Photo by Dave Soule



Day holiday.

Garbage & Recycling Update

Garbage pick-up delayed to September 7th

Garbage and recycling pick-up will be delayed from September 6th to September 7th due to the Labor

GFL has a flyer of acceptable and unacceptable items >

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!



(Click to enlarge)

DESIGN REVIEW

Exterior Home Projects

(Painting, Landscaping, Roofs, Solar, Radon Mitigation, Fences, Driveways, Walkways, etc.)

Your [Design Review Committee \(DRC\)](#) reviews requests the 1st & 3rd week of every month. Your request must be received by the management company not later than 12:00 noon, the Friday prior to the DRC meeting, to ensure your request is complete and can be reviewed without delay.

Per Article 4 of our [Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for TrailMark](#), **prior approval is required for any (exterior) property improvement**. The HOA process begins with submitting the Home Improvement Request Form to the Design Review Committee (DRC) **prior** to initiating any outside project.

Find the appropriate forms on the TrailMark HOA website: <https://www.trailmark.org/hoa-documents-amp-forms.html>

a. Download the Home Improvement Request Form at:

https://www.trailmark.org/uploads/3/9/0/8/39089355/hoa_home_improvement_request_yd_access_202204.pdf

b. If you live on open space, you must submit a completed Yard Access Form (the last page of the Home Improvement Request Form).

c. Review the TrailMark Design Guidelines to determine what is required, before you submit a request:

https://www.trailmark.org/uploads/3/9/0/8/39089355/trailmark_design_guidelines_2002.pdf

d. Additional Design Guideline addendums for the following may be found at [HOA Documents & Forms - TrailMark](#)

- Doors
- Driveway Installation/Replacement
- Fencing
- Garage Door Standard
- Solar Panel installation Guidelines
- Swimming Pool Standard
- List of Routine Home Maintenance/Repairs Not Requiring DRC Review
- Exterior Paint Colors

e. Documents should be submitted to 4 Seasons Management Group via mail or email. Email is always the most efficient.

Please forward all relevant documents to:

4 Seasons Management Group
9351 Grant Street, Suite 500
Thornton, CO 80229

Office: (303) 952-4004

Email: hello@4shoa.com

Painting:

a. Scanned and/or monitor representations have proven unreliable in determining whether a paint scheme is appropriate for the TrailMark community. In accordance with the Design Guidelines, physical paint color samples are required unless one selects pre-approved paint colors. TrailMark color schemes are posted on the HOA website under Documents and Forms at [approvedpaintcolors_sw_201907.pdf \(trailmark.org\)](#), or you may review the paint sample books which are available from our management company. Call or email to hello@4shoa.com.



Flock FAQ page updated

The new Flock vehicle identification camera FAQ page, with the new "Safe List" registration, explanations and instructions, has been updated.

[FLOCK FAQ PAGE](#)

Littleton Police Officer Receives Russ Oberlin Respect for Law Award



by Sheera Poelman, Public Information Officer
Littleton Police Department

Officer Austin Rodriguez has been awarded the Russ Oberlin Respect for Law Award. The Littleton Optimist Club annually recognizes individual members of local law enforcement agencies through this award for their service to the community, youth, and youth projects.



Officer Rodriguez has been with the Littleton Police Department (LPD) for five years. Rodriguez, who affectionately goes by A-Rod amongst his peers, is married and has two small children. He attended Dakota Ridge High School where he was a multi-sport star before taking his skills to Mesa State University where he was a stand-out on their football team. In the past five years for the LPD, he has shown leadership skills and a willingness to learn. He is one of the department's defensive tactics instructors, teaching handcuffing and ground fighting to patrol officers. He is also on the S.W.A.T. team, where he plays a valuable role tactically. Rodriguez is also in the process of becoming a department firearms instructor.

For the past two years, he has been a School Resource Officer for Heritage High school.



“Aside from being at the school to provide a safe environment for students and staff members, he serves as a mentor, counselor, protector, and a leader to all the students in the building. Austin embodies the Optimist Club's values and mission of providing hope, a positive vision, and bringing out the best in the youth and community of Littleton,” said Littleton Police Chief Doug Stephens.

Along with his many positive contacts with the students of Heritage, the school has recently reached out to him and asked if he would use his experience and the positive relationships he has built to assist with coaching the varsity football team. Rodriguez will also be one of the instructors for this summer's Jr. Police Academy, a week-long academy for middle school kids. He will help lead them as the kids learn about

arrest control, K9s, S.W.A.T., building searches, and fingerprints at crime scenes. Rodriguez has had a positive impact on the LPD and the students of the community.

The original start of Optimist projects and programs began around 1911 in Buffalo, New York, by probation and juvenile officers concerned about delinquency. Optimist International is currently the fourth largest service organization in the world. The Littleton Optimist Club has been very active in the schools and communities in Littleton for over 50 years through youth programs and volunteerism.

Love Your Trails Day at the Audubon Nature Center at Chatfield

Saturday, September 17, 2022
8:30 am to 12:00 noon

PLEASE NOTE: You must [register](#) for this event (limit: 100 people) and complete the liability form when you register. Walk-up or impromptu participants will not be allowed. Other requirements are described below.



The Audubon Nature Center at Chatfield

State Park has thousands of visitors that explore our trails and gardens each year. Outdoor recreation activities such as hiking, biking, and fishing can be tough on our trails and our wildlife and we need your help! The **Love Your Trails** event is a way for local families to come together and give back to help with trail maintenance and clean-up. Volunteers will remove invasive and noxious weeds, cover social trails to protect vegetation, trim back foliage on established trails, and pick up trash. Recommended for ages 5 years old and up.

Register Online at www.denveraudubon.org or [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the registration page.

Not an HOA sponsored event.

“THE PROBLEM WITH FEEDING DUCKS”

[Read article here](#)

Littleton's Community Safety Volunteers offer Vacation Checks among other things

There are flashing lights on their cars, they wear a uniform and they are out to help any and all in need, but they are not paid police officers. In fact, they are volunteers. The Community Safety Volunteer (CSV) program began in 2015 with a group of graduates from the Littleton Police Citizens Academy Alumni Association (LPCAAA).

CSV's perform a variety of duties including: patrolling areas with a high concentration of criminal activity, assisting officers by helping control traffic at accident scenes, waiting for tow trucks so officers can be freed up to handle calls for service, vacation checks of houses when the home owner is away, documenting new graffiti, assisting code enforcement with some code violations, and most importantly, serving as police department ambassadors to the community.

If you would like a vacation check, email lpdcsv@littletongov.org. Here is a list of the information that is requested -

- Your name(s) and phone number(s) where you can be reached during your absence
- Your address
- The dates of your vacation
- Will anyone be checking on the house while you're gone and if so the CSV would like to know who that is in case their paths meet.
- Will there be any cars in the driveway, and describe them.
- Please alert your neighbors to the fact that the CSV will be checking your property while you're gone so there are no surprises on their end.
- You may want to stop your mail (USPS.com) or have someone pick it up and the same goes for packages.
- Will there be any pets in the house or on the property?
- Do you want the CSV to check the back doors? If so, any gates should be left unlocked.
- Will there be any lights on automatic timers and which rooms?

This is a lot of information, but it helps the CSV to be more efficient and aware of the surroundings in regards to your home.

The CSV car doesn't get out to patrol everyday—only when volunteers are available. When it does get out, the CSV will be checking on your home. Retired individuals typically go out during the day. Those who work other jobs usually go out after work, so the shifts vary every day. Sometimes the volunteers will be on your property in the dark and they will have their flashlights on. This is why your neighbors should be alerted.

You may contact CSV liaison Deb Scherff if you have further questions - 303-552-7340. Please leave a message.

The City of Littleton would be interested in getting members of our community to take their Littleton Police Citizens Academy. This is a great way to learn more about the police department that serves us. They usually have a class in the fall and spring.

To find more information about the CSV program or the Littleton Police Citizens Academy go to littletongov.org.

Photos: CSV volunteers visited TrailMark during National Night Out.



Kona Ice Back to School Party

Celebrating an Awesome Summer and an Exciting School Year ahead!

The HOA Board would like to extend a huge Thank You to resident Coleen Thurber for organizing the Kona Ice Back to School Party at TrailMark Park. Wow, was it a success for kids to talk about school while cooling off with a Kona Ice! Parents were especially grateful to talk about the upcoming school year, teachers, and bus schedules.

Starting next week, we'd like to send a reminder to all drivers. Please be aware and respectful to the school buses in our neighborhood - so our kids can make it to school safely.

Thanks again for participating in this great community event. We wish all of our TrailMark students a successful school year ahead. Once again, thank you Coleen Thurber!!!



Photos by Coleen Thurber. View more photos at trailmark.org.

Thanks to those who attended National Night Out

Thank you to all of you who attended the National Night Out event sponsored by Littleton Police at TrailMark Park. Several residents came out and enjoyed meeting the Littleton Police Officers who came to spend time with us this evening.

Littleton Police provided free ice cream and water to our residents. Our HOA worked cooperatively with Littleton Police in organizing the two wonderful food trucks who cooked some great tacos from LB Tacos, and some great hot dogs from Slife's Devil Dogs.

Our HOA Board would like to extend a very sincere thank you to the Littleton Police for allowing all of the children who attended the opportunity to play in your police cars. There's nothing that lights up your eyes more than watching a kid behind the wheel of the police car - pushing the siren button uncontrollably. Kids had a blast getting to play in a real police car!

Residents enjoyed getting to meet the Littleton Police Officers and thanked them for their hard work to our community. It was great to see that the police officers made the event fun for all - even if they arrested your HOA President! It was just a joke, but we sure had fun placing Ken Colaizzi under arrest as he was the volunteer bad guy.

Again, thank you to Littleton Police for spoiling our residents. National Night Out was a grand slam with TrailMark, the best neighborhood in Littleton!



Photos by Ken Colaizzi and Linda Jagiello. View more photos at trailmark.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRAILMARK 2nd ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, September 10th

5:30 pm

Hogback Hill Park



2nd Annual
Chili Cook off
& **TASTING**
is your Chili
AWARD WINNING?

FREE TO ENTER * WIN PRIZES
THREE \$50 GIFT CARD WINNERS
PLUS ONE FAN FAVORITE GIFT CARD WINNER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 at 5:30

Hogback Hill Park in TrailMark
JUST HERE FOR THE TASTING???

That's OK!!!!
**** Suggested donation ****

\$6 for 2 tasting cups -\$10 for 4 tasting cups
Bread, chips, toppings & beverage included. **ANY DONATION AMOUNT ACCEPTED**

100% OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE NATIONAL
FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

Scan here for
more info, rules
and to enter the
chili cookoff

**NATIONAL
FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS
FOUNDATION**

**Please bring a chair for a cozy place to sit
along with your appetite!!**

Sponsored & Hosted by Lori Ross / 303-437-45636
Dubrova & Associates at REVV Real Estate

To enter, scan the QR code (above) or click on this link:

CHILI COOK-OFF ENTRY FORM

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FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY

Thursday, September 1st

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.

HOA ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 13th

6:30 pm

Zoom info to come.

All are welcome.

TMMD MEETING

Tuesday, September 20th

6:30 pm

[Zoom Meeting](#)

or CALL IN +1-346-248-7799

Meeting ID: 960 6216 7164

Passcode: 669726



[Agenda](#)

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