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March 2023

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

March Calendar

3/1 - News Update

3/2 - Food Truck Thursday

3/14 - HOA Board Meeting

3/15 - Meeting regarding front entrance property

3/21 - TMMD Meeting

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TrailMark Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, March 15th

6:00-7:15pm

Location: Homewood Suites by Hilton Denver - Littleton

7630 Shaffer Pkwy, Littleton, CO 80127



Proposed Project Location:

Block: 001 Lot: 0010

Section: 10, Township: 6, Range: 69

Subdivision Name: CHATFIELD GREEN

SUB FLG #5

Parcel ID (AIN): 69-104-10-011

Project Narrative: The proposed development consists of 35 single-family detached residences on the 7.68-acre parcel with a density of approximately 4.5 dwelling units per acre. Lot sizes are approximately 51-ft x 94-ft; houses are anticipated to have 40-ft x 63-ft building envelopes. Units are planned as ranch product ranging from 1,900 to 2,800 square feet with an upstairs bonus room option in two of the five planned floor plans. Each unit is anticipated with a minimum 2 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, and 2-car garage.

Shea homes is hosting this meeting to inform the neighbors about the proposed project and encourage feedback.

This is the ONLY chance you have as a TrailMark resident to attend this meeting and give your feedback. This is not an HOA project as the property belongs to Shea Homes. All inquiries and questions regarding this project need to be addressed to:

Amy O'Brien

The Pachner Company

(303) 825-1671

amy@thepachnercompany.com

www.thepachnercompany.com



Photo by Kathleen Keith

Wanted: Easter Bunny Helpers

TrailMark's Easter Bunny needs helpers to hide prefilled Easter eggs on April 8, 2023. Please reach out to the social committee at social@trailmarkhoa.org.

Citizen Academy



The Spring 2023 Littleton Citizen Academy will begin Thursday, March 9th. To apply please fill out the [online application](#), or print the [Citizen-Academy-Application.pdf](#) and drop it off with the Police Records Department, located at 2255 West Berry Avenue in Littleton.

Reminder: Waste bins must be to curb by 7:00 am



After driving through the entire neighborhood one day and counting how many homes had their trash and recycling bins placed out front, the HOA board can attest that 75% of residents had NOT brought their waste outside for pickup. The TrailMark HOA would like to remind residents that waste bins must be placed outside for pickup no later than 7 a.m. on dedicated trash pickup days. Please help spread the word. Thank you for your cooperation.



DRC Requests

The Design Review request form for exterior work is on the [website](#) and should be submitted to trailmark@westwindmanagement.com.



Photo by Jeffco.us

Jefferson County Land Stewardship Series

Learning and Understanding - Our Land Stewardship Series is a collection of seminars for Jeffco residents that provide an understanding and appreciation for our lands and their ecological benefits.

Coyote Country

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 6:00-7:30 PM

Jeffco Open Space Building - Ponderosa Room, 700 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden

Whether you are concerned or curious about coyotes, you'll want to attend this talk highlighting recent findings on coyote biology, ecology and behavior as it impacts Jeffco residents. Mary Ann Bonnell, JCOS Visitor Services Director will be our speaker. She has been instrumental in promoting coyote awareness in our region. Ages 16 and up. Registration is free but is required. We are not able to accommodate walk-ins.

REGISTER HERE - Please note: When registering for an event you will need to first create an account. Once you have created your account, you will then be able to register for events.

<https://www.jeffco.us/1986/Land-Stewardship-Series>

94 bears were euthanized in Colorado last year, accessible trash often to blame

By Spencer McKee, [Out There Colorado](#) | Feb 15, 2023

According to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, reports of bear sightings and conflicts increased significantly between 2021 and 2022, though 2022 numbers were still below those of 2019 and 2020.

In 2022, 4,282 bear sightings and conflicts were reported, which is a 16 percent increase compared to the prior year. The 2022 bear reports resulted in 94 euthanizations and 59 bears being relocated. This is a big jump from the 66 bears that were euthanized in 2021, with 51 bears also being relocated in that year.

The highest number of euthanizations over the past eight years took place in 2017, when 190 bears were killed. In 2020, 158 bears were euthanized and 118 were relocated.

In total, it's estimated that Colorado's black bear population is between 17,000 and 20,000. This population is described as "stable and growing."

Trash was determined to be the top contributing factor when it comes to bear encounters, with roughly one-third of all sightings and conflicts since 2019 traced back to trash. That's roughly 6,100 of the 18,351 reports since then. It's also worth noting that 2.3 percent of those reports have led to euthanization.

Drought tends to be a key factor that contributes to an uptick in bear reports, as drought can push hungry bears into civilized areas at a higher rate. The northwest region, which was in severe drought, saw the highest increase in bear reports in 2022 compared to 2020 and 2021. Not only is it a risk to the immediate safety of humans and bears when bears go hunting for trash, eating trash can also have negative short and long-term health impacts.

The following italicized advice on preventing bear-human conflicts is quoted directly from Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

Bear-proofing your home:

- *Keep garbage in a well-secured location. Only put out garbage on the morning of pickup.*
- *Clean garbage cans regularly to keep them free of food odors: ammonia is effective.*
- *Keep garage doors closed, Do not leave pet food or stock feed outside.*
- *Use a bear-resistant trash can or dumpster.*
- *Bird feeders are a major source of bear/human conflicts. Attract birds naturally with flowers and water baths. Do not hang bird feeders from April 15 to Nov. 15.*
- *Don't allow bears to become comfortable around your house. If you see one, haze it by yelling at it, throwing things at it and making loud noises to scare it off.*
- *Secure compost piles. Bears are attracted to the scent of rotting food.*
- *Clean the grill after each use, clean-up thoroughly after cookouts.*
- *If you have fruit trees, don't allow the fruit to rot on the ground.*
- *Talk to your neighbors and kids about being Bear Aware.*

Cars, traveling and campsites:

- *Lock your doors when you're away from home and at night.*
- *Keep the bottom floor windows of your house closed when you're not at home.*
- *Do not keep food in your vehicle; roll up windows and lock the doors of your vehicles.*
- *When car-camping, secure all food and coolers in a locked vehicle.*
- *Keep a clean camp, whether you're in a campground or in the backcountry.*
- *When camping in the backcountry, hang food 100 feet or more from the campsite; don't bring any food into your tent.*
- *Cook food well away from your tent; wash dishes thoroughly.*

It's up to Coloradans to do their part to be bear aware. Irresponsible actions can get bears killed. Read more about bears in Colorado [here](#).



A sick bear at the scene of a Woodland Park dumpster. Photo: [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOA BOARD MEETING



HOA Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14th
6:00 pm
Fire Station 19 in TrailMark

All are welcome.

TRAILMARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING



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HOA ASSESSMENTS DUE APRIL 1st



As a reminder, HOA Assessments are due April 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Westwind Management Group at TrailMark@westwindmanagement.com or 720-756-3187.

TrailMark HOA Board

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

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY

Thursday, March 2nd
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.

TMMD REGULAR MEETING



Tuesday, March 21st
6:30 pm
via [Zoom](#)

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th
9:00 am
Hogback Hill Park



All ages welcome!
There will be coffee and Chick-fil-A ... and the Easter Bunny!



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