



September 2024

TrailMark News Update

TrailMark at Chatfield HOA's Newsletter

September Calendar

- 9/1 - News Update
- 9/3 - Trash pick-up delayed to September 4th
- 9/5 - Food Truck Thursday
- 9/7 - Movie Night in the Park
- 9/10 - HOA Board Meeting
- 9/10 - Self-nomination Forms Due for HOA election
- 9/17 - TMMD Meeting

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Board Members

President

Ken Colaizzi

Vice President

Arwen Vaughan

Secretary

Tonya Sloan

Treasurer

Phil Kinney

Member at Large

David Soule

Email the HOA Board:

TrailMark@westwindmanagement.com



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Garbage & Recycling delayed to September 4th

Garbage and recycling pick-up is delayed from Tuesday, September 3rd to Wednesday, September 4th due to the Labor Day holiday.



SIGN UP YOUR WINNING CHILI RECIPE OR JUST COME FOR THE FOOD AND FUN

100% OF PROCEEDS DONATED TO:



NATIONAL FALLEN FIRE FIGHTERS FOUNDATION

- Suggested donation for tasting tickets
- Tables & chairs provided
- Bring your phone for voting!
- Rolls, Waters (or BYOB) & Dessert also provided
- Firefighter judges



Do you have a winning chili recipe?

SATURDAY - OCT 12, 2024

4:30 PM HOGBACK HILL PARK
IN TRAILMARK

ENTER YOUR CHILI HERE:

<https://form.jotform.com/rosslori1914/4thAnnualChiliCookoff>
or scan QR code

FREE TO ENTER
SUGGESTED DONATION (IN ANY AMOUNT) FOR TASTING



Hosted and Sponsored by:
Lori Ross, REVV Real Estate
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HOA Assessments are due October 1st

More information can be found on our [Pay Assessment Fees](#) page. If you have any questions, please email TrailMark@westwindmanagement.com.

HOA Board of Directors Calling for Candidates



Each year our HOA Board of Directors has an annual election. This coming November, there will be three (3) HOA Board of Director positions up for election. Currently, the seats of Treasurer Phil Kinney, Secretary Tonya Sloan, and Member At Large Dave Soule are up for election. Phil, Tonya, and Dave do have the option of filling out a Self-Nomination Form and running for another two-year term.

Ken Colaizzi's (President) and Arwen Vaughan's (Vice President) terms do not expire until November 2025.

Our Board would like to encourage other interested residents who would like to volunteer their time to consider running for the HOA Board. If you are interested, please fill out the Self-Nomination form and either scan it and email it back to TrailMark@westwindmanagement.com or mail it to:

TrailMark HOA
C/O Westwind Management Group
27 Inverness Drive East
Englewood, CO 80112

SELF-NOMINATION FORM

As mentioned at our July 2024 HOA meeting, all self-nomination forms are due to Westwind Management by end of the day September 10th, 2024. Turning in your self-nomination form by September 10th will guarantee that your candidate platform will be included in the Annual Meeting mail-out in October as well as your name being on the HOA Board of Directors ballot.

Our Bylaws also permit residents to nominate themselves at the Annual meeting, pursuant to meeting the noted qualifications.

TrailMark's Second Amended Bylaws, posted on TrailMark.org, clearly define the Qualifications of Directors in section 5.3:

"A director may be re-elected and there shall be no limit on the number of terms a Director may serve. In order to be eligible for election and/or appointment to the Board of Directors, an Owner must be in good standing with the Association. Good standing means, without limitation, free from any outstanding balance owed to the Association and free from any infractions with the Association."

If you are elected, you will participate in 6 bi-monthly HOA meetings (usually two hours long), as well as 5 bi-monthly work sessions at Westwind Management. You will also help with various committee events. All positions are volunteer and usually consume about 2-5 hours a week with emails and/or phone calls amongst Board Members, the management company, vendors, committee members and homeowners.

Once the votes have been certified and counted at the Annual HOA meeting on November 12th, the Board will then have a brief meeting to decide who will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member at Large for 2024-2025.

Being an HOA Board member is rewarding as you are able to assist your neighborhood with enforcing its covenants, beautification of our neighborhood, assisting fellow neighbors to follow the HOA process, and helping maintain our property values. If you meet the above criteria, and can dedicate your time to TrailMark, then we strongly encourage you to complete your self-nomination form and run for the TrailMark HOA Board of Directors.

Republic Trash Q&A as of August 23, 2024, satire version

As we all know, the past two weeks have been a bumpy roller coaster ride with the changing out of our trash and recycle cans. Please know that your volunteer HOA Board has been just as frustrated as many of you with all of these Republic trash and recycle changes. The word **CONFUSED** best describes what we've all been through on this Republic toter swap for TrailMark.

On August 20th, our Board worked cooperatively with Republic Services and asked that they post a letter on their stationary in an attempt to clarify our issues. After reading Republic's August 20th document, there were some additional questions emailed to the Board. We'd like to answer these questions before our next upcoming trash/recycle day on August 27th.

To lighten up the topic, and give all of us a dose of laughter in a time of stressful trash and recycle can talk, the Board created a funny Republic Trash Q&A quiz below of the most current trash/recycle bin questions. We hope the multiple choice options will make you giggle and give you some much needed humor.

Please note that the "CORRECT" answers are the very last answers in **BOLD RED ITALIC**.

QUESTION #1:

On August 27th, can I still use my non-Republic, also known as homeowner-owned trash/recycle bin for disposing trash and/or recycling?

A. *Why not, I've used this can for 19 years.*

B. *Duh, the trash company picks up every type of can – I'm not doing this change thing.*

C. *But Jerry's sister's aunt's cousin on Facebook said I could.*

D. YES, 8/27 IS THE VERY LAST DAY I CAN USE MY PERSONAL NON-REPUBLIC TRASH/RECYCLE CAN. ALL TRASH/RECYCLE CANS THAT ARE NOT BLUE REPUBLIC TRASH CANS WILL NOT BE EMPTIED AFTER 8/27.

QUESTION #2:

On August 27th, will Republic Services haul away my non-Republic, also known as homeowner-owned, trash/recycle can, whether or not I post a sign on it that says "REMOVE AS TRASH?"

A. *Our trashman has taken everything we've always put out for 20 years – so heck yah!*

B. *The customer service agent at Republic said they would take it because my trash can stinks!*

C. *Bruh, why is this so difficult? It's just a trash can.*

D. SADLY NO. REPUBLIC STATED THIS WEEK THAT THEY WILL NOT HAUL AWAY ANY OTHER HOMEOWNER OWNED OR NON-REPUBLIC TRASH/RECYCLE CANS (INCLUDING GFL, ALPINE, HOME DEPOT, LOWES, OSCAR THE GROUCH STYLE, WASTE MANAGEMENT, ETC.) EVEN IF IT HAS A SIGN ON IT THAT SAYS "REMOVE AS TRASH." REMEMBER, YOU CAN USE YOUR NON-REPUBLIC CANS ONE LAST TIME ON 8/27, BUT REPUBLIC WILL NOT HAUL THEM AWAY ON 8/27.

QUESTION #3:

How do I dispose of my old non-Republic trash/recycle can after trash day on 8/27?

A. *Hope and pray that a really cool TrailMark hawk will fly down to my curb on 8/27 and fly it out of TrailMark for me.*

B. *Pray that there is such a thing as a trash/recycle can pirate thief.*

C. *Do nothing, the can will disappear on its own like all of my other precious garbage does when I put it at the curb.*

D. DELIVER IT TO A FRIEND OR RELATIVE OUTSIDE OF TRAILMARK WHO NEEDS AN EXTRA CAN, CUT IT UP IN LOTS OF PIECES AND DISPOSE OF IT IN MY NEW BLUE COLORED REPUBLIC TRASH CAN, ADVERTISE IT ON MARKETPLACE OR CRAIGSLIST, DISPOSE OF IT AT MY PLACE OF WORK, DONATE IT TO GOODWILL OR ARC, KEEP IT AS A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS, HAUL IT TO THE DUMP, OR KEEP IT AS AN EXTRA STORAGE CONTAINER IN MY GARAGE.

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QUESTION #4:

How do I get the “optional” extra trash can that Republic Services is offering?

- A. Just call and/or email Republic Services every single day until it shows up at my house.
- B. Just call and/or email all of the HOA Board Members every single day until it shows up at my house.
- C. Just call and/or email Westwind Management every single day until it shows up at my house.
- D. Ask all my friends on Facebook because there’s never misinformation on Facebook.

E. CLICK ON THIS LINK, <https://forms.office.com/r/RS1GkvzrPd> AND FILL OUT THIS FORM IN IT’S ENTIRETY PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 16TH. THE BOARD WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE DAY OF THE OPTIONAL EXTRA TRASH CAN DELIVERY ONCE THEY HEAR BACK FROM REPUBLIC WITH THE REQUESTED TOTERS NEEDED.

QUESTION #5:

Fall is coming and I will have a lot of extra yard waste. Can I put all 14 trash bags on the street and use extra non-Republic trash cans to get rid of all my yard waste during that time?

- A. Sure, I’m the guy with 14 black trash bags on my street on Tuesday morning with no leaves in my back yard, CHAMPION.
- B. But every fall we’ve always been able to do this – like what changed?
- C. OMG, I just got home from work and the trash guys didn’t pick up my 14 bags of leaves – do I need to paint the trash bags blue?

D. PLEASE FOLLOW OUR TRAILMARK TRASH POLICY, https://www.trailmark.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/hoa_trashpolicy_20190711.pdf. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RAKES UP 14 BAGS OF LEAVES IN THE FALL, KEEP YOUR BAGS OF LEAVES IN EITHER THE GARAGE OR BACK YARD AND PERIODICALLY FILL YOUR NEW REPUBLIC TRASH CAN WITH THE BAGS OF LEAVES EACH WEEK UNTIL THEY ARE ALL GONE. ALSO ASK FELLOW NEIGHBORS IF YOU CAN ADD A BAG OF TRASH INTO THEIR CANS IF THEIR CANS AREN’T COMPLETELY FULL. DO THIS PRACTICE UNTIL YOUR BAGS OF LEAVES DISAPPEAR. ALL BAGS OF TRASH LEFT ON THE GROUND ON TRASH DAYS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP, PER OUR TRAILMARK TRASH POLICY. REMEMBER, ONLY TRASH AND/OR RECYCLING IN REPUBLIC MARKED CANS WILL BE PICKED UP STARTING SEPTEMBER 4TH (OUR DELAYED TRASH DAY AFTER LABOR DAY).

Hopefully, this satire clears up some confusion for everyone and made you smile. Remember, a spoonful of laughter is the best medicine for all of us.





Reminder:

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

Thank You Firefighters and Thank You Kirsten Barton

It's time to give praise and thanks where credit is due. All of us in TrailMark are forever grateful and thankful for the firefighters who continue to fight the Quarry Fire. Only a few of us in the neighborhood (those who are firefighters or relatives of firefighters) know and/or understand the grit, stamina, and exhaustion that these firefighters have been through this past month.

On Sunday, August 4th, TrailMark resident and artist Kirsten Barton organized a homemade Thank You banner from TrailMark residents to the firefighters who were fighting the Quarry Fire. Kirsten wanted to give our residents an opportunity to say thank you to all of the fire personnel who have been pouring their hearts and souls into getting this fire under control.

Kirsten sat in front of her home one afternoon and offered up her art supplies for all of us to express our gratitude. Hundreds of residents showed up to pay their respects and thank all of these firefighters. There were quite a few touching thank-yous on this banner.

Kirsten asked how we could get the TrailMark Thank You banner to the firefighters fighting the fire. HOA President Ken Colaizzi told Kirsten that he would drive her to Chatfield High School where the firefighters were sleeping and help her hang the banner for the firefighters to see when they returned from their grueling work day. Chatfield Principal John Thanos allowed the TrailMark Thank You banner to be hung in the firefighter snack and beverage room.

We commend and applaud Kirsten Barton for spearheading this rewarding tribute. Kirsten, all of us in TrailMark are so proud of what you organized, and how you helped each of us scream THANK YOU to all of our brave firefighter heroes. Ladies and gentlemen, Kirsten Barton deserves a huge round of applause. Kirsten, thank you for leading the way. You are definitely a role model and hero to all of us in TrailMark!





PLEASE NOTE:

The Annual Meeting is coming up in November. We need people to return the proxies that are mailed to them, so please be on the lookout for a mailing with the meeting notice, 2025 budget, and proxy.

Ahoy, TrailMark Night at Pirates Cove

Three hundred six TrailMark residents came out for a beautiful summer night swim at Pirates Cove on Saturday, August 3rd. This was our best attendance ever! We didn't count the little ones that were two and under who slipped by Treasurer Phil Kinney and snuck in for FREE!

Kids and parents enjoyed the lazy river, water slides, swimming pools, and wade pools. Needless to say, there were lots of pizzas, soda pops, and funnel fries gobbled up by lots of hungry swimmers.

Thanks for coming out to Pirates Cove. Events like these keep our neighborhood the family fun gem that it is.

Photo by Ken Colaizzi. View more photos at <https://www.trailmark.org/ahoy-trailmark-night-at-pirates-cove/>.



An enlightening National Night Out

On the evening of August 6th, Littleton Police came to TrailMark to celebrate National Night Out. We even had a special visit from Mayor Kyle Schlachter and City Council Member Andrea Peters.

Littleton Police answered a lot of questions and demonstrated many of the cool joys of their daily work.

Many kids got to watch the lights and sirens, play with handcuffs, and learn about SWAT gear.

One officer gave thorough demonstrations on how the police use drones to keep them safe and catch the bad guys. The same officer allowed residents the chance to see how the drone works and gave residents lessons on how to fly it.

Starbucks at Chatfield and Wadsworth came and gave out free lemonade and iced tea to our residents. LB Tacos sold delicious tacos, burritos and quesadillas.

TrailMark residents even signed a thank you card to all of the Littleton Police force for their exceptional service and professionalism. There were some really touching thank-yous on the card!

Thank you for attending National Night Out – We are lucky to live in the City of Littleton with such a top rate Police Department.

Photo by Ken Colaizzi. View more photos at <https://www.trailmark.org/an-enlightening-national-night-out/>.

Darling Revival Rocks TrailMark

Our final concert of 2024 was a smashing hit. Rachel Amidei and her band “Darling Revival” struck the chords of many residents as they sang lots of memorable songs from Fleetwood Mac, Johnny Cash, Garth Brooks, Shania Twain and many more.

Thankfully, Mother Nature made it a gorgeous night to enjoy the music and our beautiful scenery. Even two hawks flew to the music as they circled in flight over the park.

The last concert was memorable as families enjoyed Slife’s Devil Dogs, face painting and bouncy houses. The face painters are so talented and bring lots of smiles to so many kids!

Thank you again for attending the concert tonight and visiting with your fellow neighbors. The Board enjoys and values the camaraderie that Summer concerts bring to each of us in TrailMark.

Our Social Committee will be getting together in early 2025 to plan next year’s concerts. A special thanks goes out to our Social Committee Co-Chairs, Lori Ross and Deahna Visscher, for planning this year’s concerts. All of us in TrailMark appreciate the Social Committee’s endeavors.

Photos by Ken Colaizzi and Linda Jagiello



UPCOMING EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK



“Ferdinand”

Saturday, September 7th

The movie starts at dusk
Hogback Hill Park

- Come early to find a spot before it’s dark.
- Be sure to dress warmly and bring blankets!
- Popcorn and waters provided!

Hosted by [Lori Ross of Revv Real Estate Brokers](#).
Movie sponsored by [Lori Ross](#). Popcorn sponsored by
[Ken Colaizzi of Secure-all Security Doors](#).

TMMD REGULAR MEETING



Tuesday, September 17th
6:30 pm
Location TBD

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY



Thursday, September 5th
5:30-7:30 pm

S Field Way near TrailMark Park

- All trucks offer walk-up ordering.
- If trucks offer online ordering, it will be available when service begins.
- 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 trailmark.org for cancellation information.

HOA BOARD MEETING



Tuesday, September 10th
6:00 pm

Falcon Bluffs Middle School
8449 S Garrison St, Littleton

[Agenda](#)

All are welcome.

Save the date Future Social Event
dates to remember

October 12 - **Chili Cook-off** ([Sign up here](#))
December 2 - **TrailMark Night at the Lights**

Visit trailmark.org for more details. If you would like to volunteer for any event, please contact the Social Committee with the name of the event and we will send you the sign-up genius for that event - social@trailmark.org