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Southmoor Park East Spring Newsletter March 2013

Annual Meeting

The Board held its Annual Meeting on January 16th at Southmoor Elementary. A quiet turnout again for 2013, approximately 60 households attended the meeting and 51 proxies were submitted prior to the meeting.

District 4 Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann, District 3 Commander Montoya and Dr. Patricia Cook, Principal of Southmoor Elementary addressed the membership at the meeting.

Councilwoman Lehmann reported on the status of the Highpointe and Target developments, and neighborhood issues including the proposed exchange of land at Hentzell Park for a new elementary school. Councilwoman Lehmann informed the membership that she is in favor of the land exchange because a new school is needed to alleviate overcrowding of schools in our area. She also reported that our streets are scheduled to be repaved this year, ahead of schedule due to the bond approval.

Commander Montoya reported that burglaries in the neighborhood continue to be a problem but not as bad as in other parts of the city.

Principal Cook reported that the school has prepared and implemented more security measures in light of the Sandy Hook tragedy. She also reported that she did not have any information on how the proposed new elementary school at Hentzell Park will affect Southmoor.

Casey Funk (President), Fred Jorgensen (Vice President), Jack Green (Treasurer), Robert Finkelmeier (Newsletter and Website), Reese Jameson (Secretary), Jay Simonson (Community Relations), Brent Bowman (Special Projects), Paul Bottone (Community Relations), Patrick Morgan (Community Relations), Bob Engle (Community Relations) and Don Werner (Community Relations) were nominated. The 2013 Board of Directors slate of nominees was unanimously elected by proxy and those present.

After the meeting, Tatiana Willis volunteered to serve on the Board and under authority provided in the Bylaws, the Board added Tatiana as a Board member at our February meeting.

After eight years of service to the neighborhood Blair Perron stepped down. Blair has been the point person for many of the social activities sponsored by the Board in the neighborhood including the Garage sale and Annual picnic. She will be sorely missed.

Covenant Amendments

The tally of approvals necessary to make the corrections to the covenants fell short. Approval by sixty percent of owners of lots is necessary to make changes to the covenants. We got back approximately 100 ballots approving the corrections. Not too late to turn in your ballot with your vote on the corrections.

Financial Report for 2012

Jack Green reported that SPEHA ended the year with \$93,036.04 in cash up \$4,000 from the previous year-end. Revenue of \$16,000 was substantially all from collection of annual dues plus \$1,000 from interest, donations and sponsors. Total expenses of \$13,000 were lower than 2011 because of the completion of the covenant project. The large expenses were: Southmoor Elementary donations \$2,650.00, Picnic \$2,600, Business Manager \$2,400, office expenses \$2,000, D & O Insurance \$1,200, Garage Sale \$200, and Band Concert donation \$500. The Board anticipates that in 2013, we will continue to add cash to the reserves to support future neighborhood initiatives. A financial report is presented at each monthly Board meeting and all members are welcome to review and discuss as time allows.

Reminder, if you have not paid your annual dues please mail them in to the address shown below. Only \$25.00 / year / lot – still the best deal in town!

Highpointe Update

Smashburger and Sprint are up and running. Tazikis and Zanitas look like they will open soon. For more information, please visit <http://www.shoppesathighpointe.com>.

Garage Sale

Once again the garage sale will be held on the second Saturday in June—June 8, 2013. So mark it on your calendar and start stock piling everything you want to sell back to your neighbor from last year. Brent Bowman is the contact person if you have any questions or suggestions.

Mail your annual SPEHA dues payment to

First American State Bank
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Selected Covenant Reminders

No Backyard Chickens: No part of any Lot or any improvement situated on any Lot or Lots shall be used for the raising of poultry or the housing of cows, horses, or other livestock. Translation: Notwithstanding any city ordinance to the contrary, chickens are poultry and the raising of chickens anywhere on your Lot is prohibited under our covenants. If you are aware that your neighbor is keeping chickens, please notify a Board member.

Roofing Materials: The roof of the main portion of each single family residence shall have a pitch not less than three and one-half (3-1/2) feet to each twelve (12) feet. The covering of each such roof shall be cedar shingles, wood shake shingles, clay or cement tile shingles, or other material satisfactory to the Association. Translation: If you wish to replace your roof with cedar, wood, clay or cement shingles you don't need Board approval. All other materials need Board approval. The Board of Directors of the Association may, in its discretion, elect to establish a list of additional materials for roof coverings, upon which Owners may rely; provided, however, that the Association may amend or revise such list at any time, in its discretion. Translation: There is no such list. You need Board approval for any roofing material other than cedar, wood, clay or cement shingles. Even if your neighbor secured Board approval for a roofing material it does not mean it is generally approved for use in the neighborhood. Each approval is specific to that home. It does not mean the same or a new Board will approve the same material at a different home.

Campers and Trailers: No boats, campers, trailers, motorized homes or trucks may be stored on any part of a Lot in front of the front building line. Translation: This means you cannot store your boat, camper, trailer etc. on your driveway. We define store as more than 72 hours or until we get a complaint. In addition, for corner lots, no boats, campers, trailers, motorized homes, or trucks may be stored on any part of the Lot between the residence and the side street property line. For those who think this means you can store your boat, camper, trailer etc. in your backyard think again! Under Denver Municipal Ordinance, you cannot use an unpaved portion of your yard as a parking space. Under the SPEHA covenants, you cannot pave a new parking space on your property to park the camper without obtaining the permission of the Board. Further city ordinances state that a boat, camper, trailer etc. cannot be parked on a city street for more than 72 hours. The Board prefers that you store your boat, camper, trailer etc. somewhere offsite to preserve the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Fences: No building, fence, wall or other structure shall be constructed, erected or maintained, nor shall any addition thereto or change or alterations therein be made until plans and specifications, plot plan, grading plan, including finished grade elevations therefor, and other information reasonably requested by the Association shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Association and copies thereof as finally approved lodged with the Association. In so passing upon such

plans, specifications and other requirements, the Association may take into consideration the suitability of the proposed building, fence, wall or other structure and the materials of which it is to be built to the site upon which it is to be built to the site upon which it is proposed to erect the same, and the harmony thereof with the surroundings. Translation: we value the opinions of your neighbors. So make sure you run your plans by your neighbors first before you ask for Board approval.

City Requirements Reminders

Snow Removal: The city requires that once snow has stopped falling, residents have twenty-four hours to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks adjacent to their property. The City relies upon citizen complaints and 311 calls to identify the addresses of un-shoveled sidewalks.

Property Maintenance: Denver requires that yard or property maintenance is important to our Southmoor Park East residents and non-compliance is subject to a fine. The following are regulated and not allowed by the city:

- Unattended vegetation over 6" in height (grass or weeds)
- Accumulations of rubbish in yards or along alleys
- Appliances or furniture, intended for inside use, in yards or on porches
- Accumulations of cut branches in yard
- Accumulations of dog manure in yard
- Defective or illegal fences, proper height (4' in front, 6' on sides and back for residential zones)
- Fences must be in good repair with approved materials (no barbed wire, corrugated metal or salvage materials)
- Trashcans and recycling containers must not be stored in the front of the house or on the street or driveway.

For the safety of pedestrians/motorists, the following regulations apply to your trees/tree limbs:

- Tree limbs extending over the street must be at least 13'6" above the street surface
- Plant growth cannot extend over the sidewalk
- Low limbs over the sidewalk must be a minimum of 8' above the sidewalk
- Trees with dead or broken limbs over 2" in diameter must be pruned or removed
- Dead, diseased or dangerous trees must be removed
- Licensed tree companies must perform tree work in the right-of-way

Monthly SPEHA Board Meetings

All SPEHA homeowners have an open invitation to attend monthly Board meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Floor Board Room of Citywide Bank Building at Hampden & Monaco next to the Fire Station.

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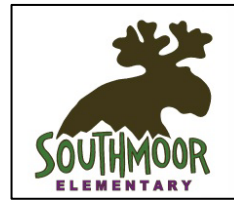
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Southmoor Elementary Report

By Andrea Lauricella, Southmoor PTO President

The Parent Teach Organization (PTO) is making significant progress on our goals for 2012-2013 school year. I am happy to announce the success of our first Mighty Moose Awards



Program. Our first ceremony was held on February 13 with over 300 people in attendance. The cafeteria was a glorious site filled with excited students, proud parents and grandparents as well as hopeful siblings. I cannot thank you enough for supporting this program at

our school. Each student received a letter informing them of their award, a certificate to show our appreciation and a T-shirt to celebrate their accomplishment and wear on Moose Mondays. The first event was a learning experience, which will help the process in the future to be more efficient and accommodating. I would encourage you to celebrate in your classroom if you can, or to write a letter to each student explaining specifically why he or she was chosen. Our next event is March 13 at 6:30 p.m. and we invite you to come and to share in the excitement and enjoy cake as well.

Moose Mondays: The intent of Moose Monday is to promote positive behavior and to show school pride by encouraging teachers, staff and students to wear "Moose" colors or attire if they have them.

PTO has been working with the School Climate and Culture Committee (CSSC) and the Collaborative School Committee (CSC) to re-enforce positive behavior with our Moose Mondays.

T-shirts designed and paid for by PTO were distributed to each teacher and staff member at the school as a tool to show school spirit and to use as a talking point about the characteristics of a Southmoor Moose. Student council defined a Southmoor Moose as being Responsible, Respectful, Cooperative, Helpful, Caring and Kind - PTO took those terms and ran with them.

Southmoor Elementary Community Garden: Southmoor was recently given approval from DPS to host a community garden. On March 7th at 4:00 p.m. in the library, PTO will be hosting Denver Urban Gardens to conduct a planning workshop for this garden. This is an opportunity to craft a garden that meets the needs of our school and community. Please consider coming. PTO is also working with the DPS grounds department to revitalize the learning landscape area outside of kindergarten. Stay tuned for more details.

Multicultural Night: Southmoor's first Multicultural Night is scheduled on April 4th at 6:30-8:00 p.m. The teachers and staff associated with planning this event have put in an enormous amount of planning and effort to ensure that this event is outstanding. You don't want to miss this. Right now we have 23 countries that will be represented by over 50 student volunteers. This is an opportunity to not only celebrate our diversity but to shape a school community that embraces our differences.

Safety Week: April 8-11. PTO is offering resources to the entire parent community and surrounding community through evening workshops dedicated to keeping our children safe and healthy. Currently, we have speakers lined up to discuss Inter-

net Safety and Kids and Child Abduction / Sexual Abuse Prevention. Any direction that you might have to offer we would appreciate.

Southmoor Auction: With the fiscal challenges facing Denver Public Schools, more than ever we need the neighborhood's help to support our local elementary school.

Are you interested and willing to help Southmoor Elementary School? Do you have a small business or know someone who does? Well, the Southmoor Elementary School Auction needs YOUR help!! Here's what you can do:



Attend the Auction or Donate: The Southmoor Auction is Southmoor Elementary's largest annual fundraiser. It is an adult-only event that includes a silent and live auction, dinner, cash bar, and a chance to mingle with Southmoor parents, faculty, staff and friends while bidding on a wide array of donated items.

Individuals can help Southmoor Elementary through a tax-deductible cash gift, the donation of an auction item to be sold, or through your auction event attendance. Businesses can also sponsor the auction with a cash donation or by donating an auction item.

The money raised at last year's auction directly funded teacher salaries, paraprofessional support, as well as enhanced academic and enrichment programs through teacher grants. Southmoor's Parent Teacher Organization will decide how to spend the money from this year's auction.

Donations and Sponsorships are due to the School office by March 16th! For more information visit:

<http://southmoor.dpsk12.org/fundraising/auction/>

** Forms available on the website are: Donation ideas, Donor Solicitation Letters, Forms, and Receipts; Sponsorship Letters, Forms, and Receipt; and Friends and Family Sponsorship Letters

Other Activities: The more tedious tasks taken on this year include developing a school handbook, parent guide to curriculum and PTO website. These projects are progressing nicely. PTO will present the teachers and faculty with a first draft of the handbook and guide to curriculum by the middle of March. We are anticipating feedback from them and hope that they can offer some perspective that we can use to make each of these tools useful for our school community.

As always, I am available for any questions, comments or concerns. My phone number is 303-242-1222 and my email is brendlinge@comcast.net. *Andrea Lauricella*



Nextdoor Southmoor Park East Homeowners

As was announced in Peggy Lehmann's March newsletter, a copy of which is attached to the email edition of SPEHA's newsletter, a new virtual neighborhood website is now available. NEXTDOOR, a private social network for neighborhoods. SPEHA's Webmaster established Southmoor Park East's NEXTDOOR Community over a year ago on a trial bases. Interestingly without any promotion our Southmoor Park East virtual community has grown to over 100+ members.

Basically, NEXTDOOR is a private social networking

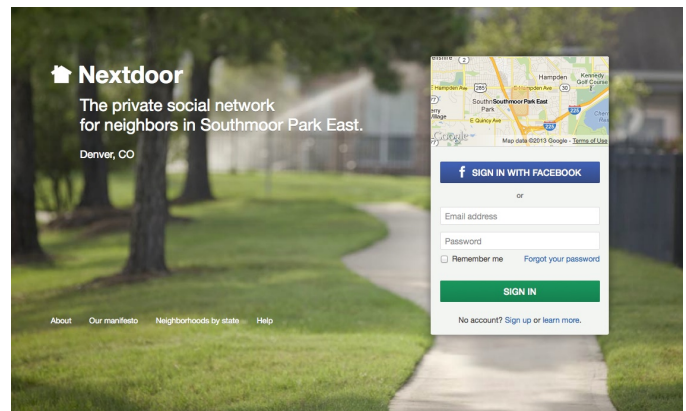
service for neighborhoods in the United States. It allows users to connect with people who live in their neighborhood. Southmoor Park East's community is restricted to resident's only living within the boundaries of Southmoor Park East. This site will NOT take the place of our current website at www.SPEHA.org, but will be a private addendum.

Southmoor Park East NEXTDOOR members are using this site to:

- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost pet
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Seek assistance in finding a used piano, car, etc.

Nextdoor's mission is to bring back a sense of community to the neighborhood.

On February 27th, the [Denver Police Department Partnered with NEXTDOOR](#), for sending out crime notifications. Denver Police Chief Robert White says, "Our main goal is to prevent crime, and with the additional eyes and ears of members in our community we will be safer. We encourage our community members to work together and look out for one another."



To become a member of SPEHA NEXTDOOR Community go to <https://spehahomeowners.nextdoor.com/login/> and sign in by establishing a new account.

SPEHA Web Homepage

To connect with the SPEHA Board, to see upcoming Southmoor Park East events, or to update/add your email address for newsletters and special announcements, visit SPEHA's webpage @ <http://speha.org/>. To either update or add a new email address, use the "Sign-up for E-Newsletters" area and follow the instructions.

Slow Down

You have read it here many times, SLOW DOWN! With warm days upon us, many neighbors and kids are out. We have too many drivers, including some of us, who are going too fast through Southmoor Park East. All speed limits in our area are 25 MPH.



Meet Some of the Board Members

Tatiana Willis: I moved to Southmoor in spring of 2010 and immediately recognized that this is very good and close community. I am greatly honored to join the SPEHA board. I was born, raised, and educated in Russia on the Volga River in the city of Nizhny Novgorod, where I also received my degree as a math programmer. But just a few years after graduation in 1994, I left Russia and moved to Boulder to continue my education and to find my new home in the US. Here I learned a new profession and began working as an accountant for various firms, plus started my own business, which I have had for the past 18 years. Today I am employed as a Staff Accountant at CH2M Hill. I really enjoy the Colorado sun. On my free time I love to spend time outside gardening, tennis, skiing and hiking with friends. My biggest passion is travel, when time allows, to see and learn about new cultures and to visit my parents back in my homeland.

Patrick Morgan: I grew up in Albuquerque NM and graduated from the University of New Mexico with a


Bachelor of Business degree in 1985. I then moved to Denver in 1991 and start with Builder's Square. I met my wife Kay in 1995 and we were married 1998. We have three grown children and are currently empty nesters. Our family moved to Southmoor Park in 1999 and just love the neighborhood, because of the location and good people here. I am a sports fan for the Rockies, Nuggets and the Broncos. I have been a Realtor since 1995 and enjoy every minute of assisting others. I am member of MPB Church where all three of our children attended school. I have been a Southmoor Park East HOA board member since December 2011 and a consistent SPEHA newsletter sponsor.

Don Werner: I have lived in Southmoor Park East since 2002. Prior to that I owned a home in the neighboring Rosamond Park area. I own a property management company that specializes in multifamily property operations. Outside of work, I enjoy traveling and tackling home improvement projects. I joined the SPEHA board in February and look forward to serving the community of Southmoor Park East.



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