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Southmoor Park East Newsletter

May/June 2014

President's Message, Casey Funk

I was just thinking about what I should be writing about—so here goes. In April, I attended Councilwoman Lehmann's neighborhood dinner. I heard about Denver Days (see below), cat colonies from Animal Control (not a problem in our neighborhood but apparently in other neighborhoods), and marijuana regulations (apparently Denver is now the leader in a strange new field). The speaker reminded us that 65 percent of the voters in Denver approved the use of recreational marijuana. The question came up whether use is permitted in the Park or at Eastmoor Swim and Tennis Club. The answer is no! Use in public is prohibited and Eastmoor as a private club may prohibit the use at the swim club.

Garage Sale 2014

Sell your old stuff and make some room in your house for new stuff. This year's SPEHA Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 14th officially from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., or until you want to close up. To have your sale listed on the official map, please email your address to Brent Bowman at mailto:brent_bowman@hotmail.com. If you know what categories of items you plan to sell (collectibles, books, furniture, baby clothes, etc.), please send that information as well. The more we get to sign up, the higher the customer traffic. Let's have another great sale this year!

Once again the garage sale will be held on the second Saturday in June, or June 14th. Mark it on your calendar and start stock piling everything you want to sell back to your neighbor from last year.

Electronic Recycling

This year Rocky Mountain E-Waste will be available on the same day June 14th in conjunction with the garage sale. They will set up in the Southmoor Park Elementary School parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FREE recycling of electronics with exception of TV's.* Computers, Laptops, Cell Phones, Printers, Copiers, Battery Back Up Units, all Batteries, Ink Jets, Ink Toners, Cables, Cords, Computer Mice, Keyboards, all Monitors, Routers, Modems, Servers, all Computer Parts, Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Fridges, Auto Batteries, Small Kitchen Appliances, Electric Motors, all Plastics, all Metals, DVD VCR, Players, Apple Products, Speakers, Networking Equipment, Telephone Equipment, All Computer and Phone Accessories, Video Games and Equipment, Stereo Equipment. Therefore, please recycle and prevent damage to our environment, our drinking water, and our health.

Hard drives wiped onsite in 60 seconds upon request, with a \$5 donation. Note: *To recycle TV's the cost is: \$10 - up to 24 inch, \$20 - up to 32 inch, \$30 - up to 42 inch, and \$40 - over 42.

Second Year, Denver Days

The City is once again promoting a period of neighborhood activities and community volunteer involvement projects. If you would like to throw a block party or help a neighbor, August 2 - 10 is the time to do it. To find out more see the **Creating Community Through Neighborhood Activities** webpage by [CLICK HERE](#)

2014 Watering Restrictions

Update from Denver Water: Although Denver Water's Reservoir's are expected to fill this year, Denver Water encourages you to use only what you need. Water is a limited resource in our dry climate, and using water wisely not only saves you money, but it's the right thing to do. Remember to adjust your automatic sprinklers or manual watering times monthly based on weather conditions.

- Denver Water is enforcing its annual water rules, which run May 1 to Oct. 1.
- Water during cooler times of the day — lawn watering is not allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Water no more than three days per week.
- Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete or asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.



| Single-family residence fines |
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| • 1st violation - warning. |
| • 2nd violation - \$50 fine. |
| • 3rd violation - \$100 fine. |
| • Continued violations can result in suspension of service. |

To learn more [CLICK HERE](#).

Southmoor Park East Annual Picnic

Make sure you reserve Sunday, August 24th for the Annual Picnic, starting at 11:30 a.m. The Fire Department has been contacted and is expected to hose down anyone who chooses to get wet.

Street Cleaning Schedule

The Denver Public Works Street Sweeping crew swept Southmoor Park East streets already this month. If you see a need for a special sweep, please place a request through Denver Connecting Citizens with Services by calling 311 or visit the city [webpage at http://www.denvergov.org/](http://www.denvergov.org/).

The summer schedule for our area is the last three days of the fourth week during the months of May, July, September, October, and November. You can sign-up for [Street Sweeping E-Reminders](#).



Nextdoor Southmoor Park East Homeowners

Southmoor Park East NEXTDOOR membership has grown to over 160 Southmoor Park East neighbors who 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.

Although not the official SPEHA website you can become a member of SPEHA NEXTDOOR Community by going to <https://spehahomeowners.nextdoor.com/> and establishing a new account.

Additionally, everything you love about Nextdoor is now available in the palm of your hand with Nextdoor for iPhone and Android phones.

Visit SPEHA's Official Home Page at <http://speha.org/> to join the email distribution, or to change your email address, for newsletters and special announcements.

Denver Municipal Band in Southmoor Park

The Denver Municipal Band will play in Southmoor Park on one of these Saturday evenings of July 12, 19, or 26, starting at 7:30 p.m. The specific evening has not yet been confirmed. An email notification will be sent out once confirmed. So bring your family. Bring a picnic. Bring a chair.

But leave your wallet at home because these concerts are always free!

Selected Covenant Reminders

The SPEHA covenants require a roof made of (a) cedar or wood shake shingles, (b) clay or cement tile shingles or a roofing material satisfactory to the Board. If you want to use another material, you can ask the SPEHA Board for approval. Even if the Board has previously approved a particular roof material (e.g., stone coated steel), however, the same material is not necessarily approved for all homeowners. Approval is required

every time a material not listed in the covenants is used. You should also know that the Board is unlikely to approve an asphalt composite or fiberglass roof, no matter how nice it looks before it goes on.

Denver Property Regulations & Code Violations

The City of Denver requires that property maintenance is important to our residents and non-compliance is subject to a fine. The following are regulated and not allowed by the city:

- Trashcans and recycling containers must not be stored in the front of the house or on the street or driveway
- 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 or 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)
- 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 shrub or tree limbs obstructing the sidewalk must be trimmed back and a minimum of 8' above the sidewalk surface
 - Trees with dead or broken limbs over 2" in diameter must be pruned or removed
 - Dead, diseased or dangerous trees must be removed

Please visit www.denvergov.org or call 3-1-1 to report violations.

Denver Leash Law

According to a recent press release, Animal Care and Control, Parks and Recreation, and Denver Police are teaming up "to help ensure the safety of people and pets in city parks again this summer."

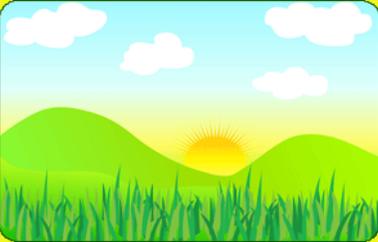
Denver's leash laws (Sec. 8-16) law are intended to protect the health and safety of both the people and pets. Pet owners who violate this ordinance are subject to a fine. The Leash Law requires dogs to be on a leash and under control of their owner at all times, be it walking on the street or in a park. The fine for a first offense dog off-leash violation is \$80. Second offense is \$150, third is \$300.

City ordinance (Sec. 8-61) also requires all dogs and cats six months or older that reside in the city, or visit the city's parks to be licensed and vaccinated. The violation for failing to license your pet is \$75 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, \$200 for the third offense. Pet licenses are \$15 for a one-year license, \$30 for a three-year license or \$150 for a lifetime license. For

more information, please visit: www.denveranimalshelter.org. Once again, you are encouraged to license your dogs and cats, and to visit Denver Animal Shelter's webpage frequently.

TJHS Backyard Party & Summer Kickoff, Susan Sundeen, TJ Partners Vice President

Hello, I am reaching out to ask for the support of the Southmoor Park East Homeowners for an upcoming event being held at Thomas Jefferson High School on Thursday, June 5th.



As a member of the TJ Partners Parent Teacher Student Organization, I am writing to invite you and the

Southmoor Park East homeowners to get involved with Thomas Jefferson High School by supporting the upcoming TJ Backyard Party Celebration and Summer Kickoff Event.

TJ Partners, student leadership and administration are hosting an end of year celebration for the TJ Students on June 5, 2014 from 1 - 3 p.m. to celebrate their accomplishments and commitment to academic excellence.

We welcome any interested community members to help with this event by donating food and drinks or come on out and volunteer your time and join in the fun. Your time and support of your neighborhood high school would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off any items in the TJ Main office on Wednesday, June 4th or by 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 5th.

We are using Signup Genius to solicit donations and volunteers for this event. To sign up, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4DAFAD292-tjbackyard>. Please do not hesitate to contact TJ Partners at <mailto:TJParentPartners@gmail.com> if you have any questions.

TJHS Highlights

Thomas Jefferson High School Principal Suzanne Sherer provided some of TJ highlights for the year, as graduation is coming up at DU on Saturday, May 31st. Overall attendance is 89.4%, which is a 1.2% increase from last year. Tardies are down 1.9% from last year. Student suspensions are down 143 from last year. TJ has had the highest enrollment in DPS system, and many graduating seniors received, collectively over \$2,000,000 in scholarships, \$50,000 in athletic scholarships and three Bill Daniels Fund Scholarships.

Denver Auditor's 2013 Annual Report

The Auditor's 2013 Annual Report has been released. It covers the objectives and accomplishments of the Audit Services Division (Division) of the Auditor's Office. We issued fourteen audit reports during the year. Our audits have had a major impact on the City and County of Denver. In the report we also share how we measure our own performance. We are proud of our Division Director Kip Memmott and his team. The Gal-

lagher "Denver Model" has been praised nationally as model for how to conduct local government auditing. For the second year in a row, our agency has received the Knighton Award for the best performance audit for a large audit shop from the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). Your Denver Auditor Dennis Gallagher also received the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) for his leadership. To learn more you can find the full report and highlights at:

<http://www.denvergov.org/auditor/DenverAuditor/AuditServices/OtherAuditServicesReports/tabid/443016/Default.aspx>.

Homeowner Dues

If you have not paid your 2014 dues, please mail your \$25 annual dues check to Southmoor Park East Homeowners' to:

First American State Bank
Southmoor Park East HOA
8390 East Crescent Parkway
Greenwood Village, CO 80111-1247

Slow Down

You have read it here many, many times, SLOW DOWN! As summer days are here, more neighbors and kids are outside. 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. Please make our community safe.



Mayor's Cabinet in the Community Meeting

**JOIN MAYOR
MICHAEL B. HANCOCK
FOR
CABINET IN THE COMMUNITY**

**SATURDAY
MAY 31 2014
9:00-11:00AM
THE MERRILL/C3/CORY CAMPUS
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COME HEAR FROM CITY LEADERS

- What is happening in your neighborhood.
- What summer opportunities the city has to offer your kids.
- Tips for helping keep Denver healthy, livable, and connected.

Meet one-on-one with the Mayor, his leadership team and staff

**Free Continental Breakfast,
Safety Vehicle Demonstration,
Pet Adoption Fair, and a live DJ!**



For questions email or call: Jessica.Jorgensen@denvergov.org, (720) 855-9044
If you need a sign language interpreter or CART services, please contact Lorie Kosinski at 303-880-3206, lorie.kosinski@denvergov.org
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