

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Serving Southern Gables and Valley View

Spring 2016

P.O. Box 36072, Denver, CO 80236

www.southerngableshoa.com

WELCOME SOUTHERN GABLES HOMEOWNERS

Doug Whitten, President

Our exciting and energetic neighborhood continues to share many activities and worthwhile events. We hosted along with Sustainable Southern Gables and Green Gables Elementary PTA, a very successful Neighborhood Night Out with over 400 neighbors in attendance. We also distributed a first-ever Southern Gables Neighborhood Packet to our approximate 935 homeowners. This packet provided pertinent neighborhood information as well as identifying twenty-five local businesses to Southern Gables who helped us in this great effort. We have also seen over a 100% increase in our Association membership, as well as a 90% increase in **NEXTDOOR** participation. Many neighbors feel **NEXTDOOR** assists in crime prevention as well.

We want to hear from you, our neighbors. Neighbors in the Southern Gables neighborhood can contact Doug Whitten at whittend@comcast.net, or call at 303-986-7157. My home address is 8184 West Iliff Lane.

Our Neighborhood Association continues (1) To be supportive and work in conjunction with Green Gables Elementary School and PTA. (2) To cooperate and collaborate with Sustainable Southern Gables (3) Increase community participation through picnics, small neighborhood meetings and community organized meetings. Southern Gables and Valley View are **GREAT** places to live!

INFORMATION

- **NEXTDOOR** –Neighbors are experiencing **NEXTDOOR** as a tremendous informational network to make them aware of some serious **SAFETY/NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES (Suspicious Autos, Unwanted salespersons, potential burglars, and dangerous neighborhood road conditions.)** **NEXTDOOR** compliments the Neighborhood Watch Program. In addition, neighbors also post items they have for sale, as well as looking for repair persons, lost/found animals. For those neighbors who are not participating, **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO BELONG!** To enroll, go to **SouthernGables.Nextdoor.com**
- **Southern Gables Neighborhood Association** is seeking a volunteer to fill the Treasurer position on its Board. The Treasurer keeps a ledger of revenues and expenses and prepares a report for the Board meetings. Familiarity with Excel is helpful but not mandatory. If interested, please contact Doug Whitten at whittend@comcast.net or 303-986-7157.
- Those neighbors living by the Irrigation Ditch and/or Ward Canal irrigation ditches contact Gary Thelander, 303-419-8977 with problems/concerns.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT ON AUGUST 26, 2016** at Green Gables Elementary School. Our Southern Gables neighbors **will again have** a get-together where hot dogs, chips, and soda pop/water will be provided. We will have representatives and displays from the Lakewood Police Department and West Metro Fire Protection. Also, we will have face-painting, balloon figures, juggling, a live Disc Jockey and over 20 local businesses participating in our event. Businesses will have game-themed activities for the participants and awarded prizes through a drawing by the DJ. We want our neighbors to have a tremendous night. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

- **Southern Gables Neighborhood Luncheons** are the first Thursday of each month, beginning at 12:00 PM. Meet and converse with your neighbors. Locations will be listed on **NEXTDOOR** every month.
- **Southern Gables Neighborhood EVENING** get-together rotating days on monthly meeting dates and locations will be listed in **NEXTDOOR**. Neighbor incentives when attending.
- **Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting – May 10, 2016 at Green Gables Elementary School starting at 7:00 PM. All Southern Gables neighbors are urged to attend. At 6:00 PM before the Annual Meeting, please enjoy an informal Pot Luck Supper and Social Hour** sponsored by Sustainable South Gables to celebrate the 3rd year of being certified as an **Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood**.
- **Ward 5 meetings** are the 3rd Saturday of the month at Bear Valley Church on W. Jewell and S. Old Kipling at 9:00 AM. These meetings are for all Southern Gables neighbors to learn more about the City of Lakewood.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE, June 3 & 4, 2016, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. A good time to get those stored treasures out of the basement or garage**

INFORMATION

- **Please protect all of your pets** from Coyotes. Leaving your dog or cat alone without your presence makes them an easy target for coyotes.
- **Be a good neighbor** and **PLEASE** pick up after your pets when walking them. Also, please try to limit barking dogs, as they bother some neighbors.
- **Please put NO SOLICITORS** sign on your door if you do not want salespeople, etc. knocking on your door. Remember you have every right to call the Lakewood Police at 303-987-7111 to report such disturbances if you have a sign.
- **Check out our informative and newly updated website, www.southerngableshoa.com**
- **Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Dues Form and Envelope** for the **2016-2017**. If you did not get the enrollment form and self-addressed envelope either attached to this Newsletter or in your Neighborhood Packets, you can pay by sending \$15.00 to Southern Gables Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 36072, Denver, CO 80236. **Your membership is appreciated.**
- **DID YOU KNOW** Southern Gables neighbors can join the Green Gables PTA even though you don't have a student enrolled at Green Gables Elementary? Parents as well as neighbors are encouraged to join the PTA. Join by emailing greengablesptaco@yahoo.com, or contact a current PTA member.
- **2016 Neighborhood Packets** will be delivered to the neighborhood May 21, 2016 by Boy Scout Troop 537.
- **Volunteers** are needed to help at the **JeffcoFair and Festival** running from August 11 thru August 14, 2016. Contact our Southern Gables neighbor Connie Malonson, cmalonso@heritageco.com to volunteer your time for this worthwhile community project.

Green Gables Elementary will have a new principal next school year. She is Suanne Hawley who was an assistant principal at Westgate Elementary. Kathy Chandler, the school's present principal, is retiring after 33 years in the education field.

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SUSTAINABLE SOUTHERN GABLES

Community Garden and Earth Day

Happy Spring! Our "Spring Events" postcard will be arriving in the neighbor's mailboxes this week. One of our biggest and most exciting projects is the **Community Garden** we are working on in partnership with Denver Urban Gardens, Jeffco Schools, Green Gables Elementary School, Westwoods Church and the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association.

In September, Sustainable Southern Gables applied for a grant from the City of Lakewood's "Neighborhood Participation Program" for \$35,000 to build and start up the Garden. We will be notified on April 11, 2016 whether or not we will receive grant funds. In the meantime, our garden has been a class project for students in a CU-Denver Landscape Architecture class. The students have drawn up beautiful plans (which include community garden plots, an outdoor classroom/meeting space, butterfly gardens and more).

Sustainable Green Gables is excited to share the proposed Community Garden plans, funding updates, and next steps at our **3rd Annual Earth Day Seed and Plant Swap on Friday, April 22, 2016 at Green Gables Elementary Cafeteria**. Bring a pot luck dish to share; swap extra seeds, seedlings, and perennials you have thinned out; hear the **Community Garden** updates, enjoy kid's activities; and kick off Spring with neighbors. **Sustainable Southern Gables Leaf Raking and Composting Day has been selected to receive a City of Lakewood 2016 Community Sustainability Ward!!**

To see more information about Sustainable Southern Gables, go to our website at www.GreenerGables.Org.

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