

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Serving Southern Gables and Valley View

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HELLO SOUTHERN GABLES HOMEOWNERS

Doug Whitten, President SGNA

Many positive activities are happening in Southern Gables and Valley View. **1.** Participation with **NEXTDOOR** continues to surge. **2.** Increase neighbor involvement in the activities being sponsored by the Sustainability Program as well as Southern Gables Neighborhood Association. **3.** Growth and improvement in our area with homes and businesses. I see neighbors who are happy and pleased with their neighborhood.

Included in this issue of your newsletter is a neighborhood guide—A guide given by our Lakewood Mayor, Bob Murphy at last year's annual meeting. It is titled...**HOW TO BUILD COMMUNITY**. It contains numerous suggestions on how we can continue to improve our already remarkable community.

COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATES

NW Corner of S. Wadsworth & W. Jewell

A new owner has acquired this property and latest information is Rite Aid will be moving to the east end of the property, thus enabling a pharmacy drive-thru, AND Starbucks will be opening a new store where the old service station currently exists. Hurrah!

W. Jewell and S. Balsam St

The Meridian Retirement Center is expanding on the vacant lot located to the south of their existing building at W. Jewell and S. Balsam St. in order to create a new Memory Center.

Green Gables Development

Sean Madden, Planner for the Jefferson County Building Department, will be a featured speaker at the SGNA membership meeting on May 12, 2015 at Green Gables Elementary School. In the meantime, interested homeowners can go to www.businessden.com/2015/02/23 for a more descriptive article of the Development.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- **Annual Southern Gables Neighborhood Association meeting at Green Gables Elementary School, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Agenda will be posted NEXTDOOR by May 5, 2015**
- Check out our informative and newly updated website, www.southerngableshoa.com
- Keep all garbage receptacles put away to discourage scavengers
- School is out May 28, 2015. Be careful of kids playing in the streets and front yards
- Please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pets when walking them.
- Neighborhood Garage Sale June 5th & 6th
- Ward 5 meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month at Bear Valley Church on W. Jewell and S. Old Kipling.
- Join neighbors on the first Thursday of the month for lunch at area restaurants. Carol Lally posts the selected restaurants on NEXTDOOR.
- Neighborhood Information Packets will be delivered on May 2, 2015 by Boy Scout Troop No. 537 to all the homes in Southern Gables sponsored by the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association. Information about Southern Gables as well as some selected businesses will be included. Please examine the information included and hopefully you will find the information and coupons very helpful.
- **Also, there will be Critical local election this Fall as we will be electing a new Mayor and Ward 5 Councilperson since Tom Quinn will be term-limited. All of our Area 5 candidates and mayoral candidates have been invited to attend our May 12 Membership Meeting so we all have a chance to meet them.**



OPEN BOARD SEATS

The Southern Gables Neighborhood Association (SGNA) board needs you! We are not an HOA and neither create nor enforce covenants. Please consider joining the board as an Area or At Large representative. Contact: Doug Whitten with questions and to volunteer.

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FREE SECURITY SERVICE

Lakewood Police Department will provide a free security exam to check for safety concerns on the outside of your home. This can help prevent break-ins. Please contact Officers: Chad Martinez, 303-987-7385, or Lee Thomas, 303-987-7387. Help keep our community as safe as possible.

KUDOS PTO

Eric Paul, President of the The Green Gables PTO is pleased to announce a \$20,000 purchase of 60 new Dell Chromebooks and 10 new Apple iPads. The new computers replace aging laptops that are no longer supported, some were 10 years old. It's nice to know that the Green Gables Community is willing to help children. Current technology is needed in every classroom and we will continue to work hard to give our students the best opportunities.



A BIG THANK YOU!

Sam Sotirois—for filing our Association tax return!

Kelly Morago—for the use of her water for plants at So. Estes & W. Jewell.

Front Range Lumber—for providing lumber to **Howard White** and the Senior Resource Center to build toys for children.

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DON'T FORGET

Join NEXTDOOR, a private online network for the Southern Gables Neighborhood. Created to share community events, items for sale/free, **crime/safety concerns**, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and helps welcome new neighbors while building a stronger community. Currently there are 286 active members out of a potential 880. Simply go to SouthernGables.Nextdoor.com

JEFFCO OPEN SPACE

Jefferson County's 28 parks and nearly 230 miles of trails and 53,500 acres in Jefferson County are operated by the Jeffco Open Space Division. You help support Open Space by a ½% sales tax. Use and enjoy these facilities regularly. For more information email jeffcoparks@jeffco.us.

Sustainable Southern Gables

Thanks to your continued support, our neighborhood will be earning Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhoods award this May, our second year running! This nationally award winning and truly loved program has been an exciting way to build community, make friends and have a lot of fun, all while having a positive impact. If you are interested in becoming a leader, have an hour to volunteer at an upcoming event, or want to make new friends in the neighborhood and learn something new, we hope you will join us at our upcoming Anniversary Celebration and Potluck Supper, right before the HOA meeting **on May 12**. Potluck starts **at 6 p.m.**, celebration starts **at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, please visit www.greengables.org or Facebook.com/sustainablesoutherngables.

