

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Serving Southern Gables and Valley View

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A note from Doug Whitten Southern Gables Neighborhood Association President

Southern Gables is a Great Neighborhood! Our energetic and exciting neighborhood continues to share many activities and events and bring its neighbors together.

The Southern Gables Neighborhood Association, along with Sustainable Southern Gables and Green Gables Elementary PTA, hosted an amazing Neighborhood Night Out on August 26, 2016 with over **596 neighbors participating**. We also distributed the Southern Gables Neighborhood Packet (tote-bag) to our approximated 935 homeowners. The packets provided pertinent neighborhood information and identified forty-four local businesses that helped in this great effort. Please go to your website, www.southerngableshoa.com and see all the businesses who participated. Sustainable Southern Gables and Green Gables PTA are continually providing assistance and support to our neighborhood with their sponsored meetings and variety of fund-raising activities.

We want to hear from our neighbors of Southern Gables. Please contact Doug Whitten at whittend@comcast.net (303-986-7157) or any of the Board members concerning current or possible future activities.

WELCOME SOUTHERN GABLES HOMEOWNERS Fall Newsletter, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS- Mark your Calendars!

3rd Annual Leaf Collection and Composting Day - Saturday, November 12, 2016 7 a.m.-noon. Sustainable Southern Gables and the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association are again partnering to collect and compost leaves from our neighborhood.

- **Save your Leaves:** Bring your leaves to the Green Gables Elementary School parking lot for composting rather than sending to a landfill.
- **Neighbors Who Need Help Raking:** We will have volunteers to help our neighborhood seniors rake leaves 9 a.m.-noon on November 12th. Contact Christy at SustainableSouthernGables@gmail.com or 303-984-0496 to sign up or to nominate a senior neighbor who needs help.
- **Want to Volunteer?** We need to double our number of volunteers from last year. We need help at our drop-off station, and we need volunteers to help rake for our seniors. Contact Christy at SustainableSouthernGables@gmail.com or 303-984-0496 to sign up to be a part of this big day in Southern Gables.

Southern Gables Neighborhood Luncheons are the first Thursday of each month. Meet and chat with your neighbors. Location and times will be listed in Nextdoor and your neighborhood website at www.southerngableshoa.com.

Southern Gables Neighborhood Evening Get-Togethers are on rotating days monthly and dates and locations will be listed in Nextdoor.

Ward 5 meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month at Bear Valley Church on W. Jewell and S. Old Kipling at 9 am. These meetings are for all Southern Gables neighbors to learn more about the City of Lakewood and services offered.

Community Garden – Contact sustainable@southerngables@gmail.com to sign-up for the many volunteer activities to assist in the development and building of the Community Garden being constructed at Green Gables Elementary School.

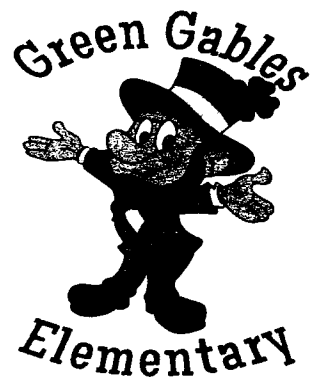
Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting – May 9, 2017 at Green Gables Elementary School. Mark your calendar. More information will be provided in your **Spring, 2017 Neighborhood Newsletter**. The Neighborhood Association Board is working on planning a 50th Anniversary Celebration of our neighborhood. If you are an original owner of your home in Southern Gables, please contact us! If you would like to help plan the celebration, please get in touch!

Southern Gables Neighborhood Night Out – August 25, 2017 at Green Gables Elementary School. This event is for **ALL** Southern Gables neighbors and students. We had over 596 in attendance this year and we hope to see you next August.

A note from Suanne Hawley, Principal at Green Gables Elementary School:

Dear Green Gables Elementary Community,

The school year is off to a great start. I am blessed to serve as principal in such an amazing community. It is our mission at Green Gables Elementary to work as a collaborative community to "provide multiple pathways to foster a rigorous learning environment for student success in school and in life." We believe learning is a journey of continual growth and reflection, and we work to support our students in being self-directed learners with a growth mindset. One of greatest hopes is for every student to celebrate their efforts and persevere through challenges, so they leave Green Gables ready for middle school, both academically and socially.



"Home of the Leprechauns"

We are also very excited to embark on a new school/community garden this year. It was wonderful to see so many community members attend the groundbreaking ceremony on September 24th. This will truly be an incredible partnership and a remarkable opportunity for our students. It will be fun to see the construction start in October and watch the garden "grow" into a neighborhood gem. We're tentatively set to have the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Earth Day (Saturday, April 22, 2017). Mark your calendars!

Finally, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about our school. I believe our children benefit from the collaborative efforts of the school staff, students' families and community members. I look forward to getting to know the community better and help our students thrive.

Sincerely,

Suanne Hawley

Green Gables Elementary School Principal

Happenings with Green Gables Elementary School and PTA

The PTA this year will be focusing on providing: technology in the school, classroom supplies, supplementing school field trips, and community building.

The PTA views the school as the hub of this community. - It is an important year for all neighbors whether you have a child at our school or not. Our school has been slated by Jefferson County School District for a rebuild pending the approval of the bond and mill levy proposals (issues 3A and 3B) on your November ballots. A new community school will allow us to address 21st century technology and security needs for our students while increasing home values in Southern Gables.

We want our community to get involved. Here is how you can help:

1. **PTA Meetings**- PTA meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm. We welcome all participation.
2. **Community Garden**-The Community Garden ground breaking was 09/24. Community work day is 10/29/2016 at 9 am. Contact Sustainable Southern Gables for additional information.
3. **Crossing Guards**-The school needs volunteer crossing guards. If you can spare up to an hour in a morning or afternoon, contact the front desk at the school at 303-982-8314.
4. **School Library**-If you love books and sharing your passion with kids, the library is always in need of volunteers to assist in shelving and check out. Contact the school front desk at 303-982-8314 for additional information.

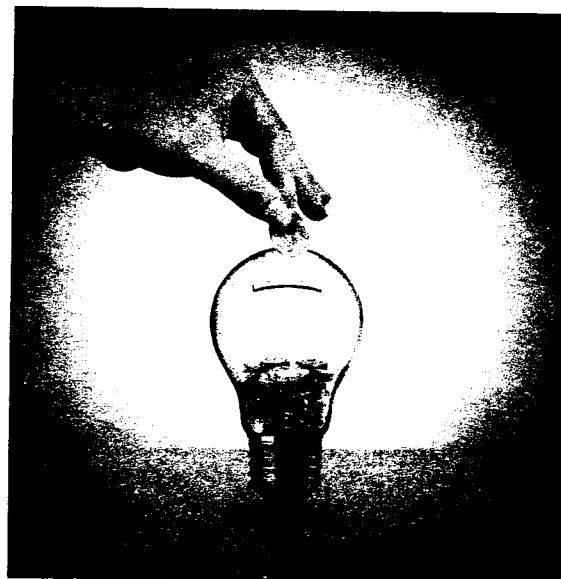
A fantastic year is anticipated at Green Gables Elementary School. Please check out the events and information about our school on **Nextdoor**, our website or our Facebook page.

Southern Gables Neighborhood Association proudly presents some of its past and current activities for the Southern Gables neighborhood:

1. Sponsor and implement the Southern Gables Neighborhood Night Out.
2. Provide the Fall and Spring Neighborhood Newsletter.
3. Sponsor and develop the Neighborhood Packets delivered to all neighbors
4. Contribute to needy families at Green Gables Elementary School, Jeffco Action Center, Lakewood Police, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
5. Develop and assist community-based activities such as the Leaf Collection Day, Monthly Neighborhood Luncheon and Neighborhood Evening Get-Togethers.
6. Organizing and advertise the annual neighborhood garage sale.
7. Fund and maintain the new neighborhood sign at S. Estes and W. Jewell Ave.
8. Represent our neighbors on neighborhood development and improvement matters.

Please go to your neighborhood website, www.southerngableshoa.com to get involved in your Southern Gables.

The above activities and events are provided by dues collected from the neighbors of Southern Gables. Our dues are a great bargain at only \$15/year! If you have not paid your annual dues, you can do so by sending them to Southern Gables Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 36072, Denver, CO 80236, or go to your neighborhood website and pay thru PayPal.



Interested in saving some money on utility bills? Interested in being more comfortable in your home this winter?

As one of Lakewood's Sustainable Neighborhoods, all Southern Gables neighbors will be invited to an exclusive event where we will learn about winterizing our homes, and where we will be offered big discounts on home efficiency improvements through Excel Energy's Home Energy Squad.

Excel usually charges \$75 for \$200 worth of improvements through the Home Energy Squad (including a programmable thermostat, weather stripping an exterior door, replacing light bulbs and more).

Everyone at this event will get an additional \$50 off, so your cost will be just \$25!! Staff from our own Ace Hardware on W. Jewell will also be there to teach about winterizing your home.

Watch your mail and Nextdoor for more information on the date, time, and location of this event or email sustainablesoutherngables@gmail.com and ask for information when it is available.

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NEIGHBORHOOD KUDOS

- **August 2, 2016 was a special night** for the neighbors who live on So. Dudley St., So. Dover Way, and W. Warren Lane. Neighbors Lela Rhodes, Karen Whittier and James Eaton arranged for a neighbor get-together held at Karen and Jack's home. It was a great time for neighbors to get to know each other and form a neighborhood bond. Two agents from the Lakewood Police Department dropped by, as well as two victim's advocates and three fire-fighters with their truck. **Many of these neighbors also put blue ribbons on their mail boxes out of respect for the work our police do for us!**
- **Another Southern Gables Little Free Library** - Please visit our 2nd Little Free Library at 8340 W. Evans Pl. Congratulations and Thank You Jody Tafoya! You can now pick up a book here or at the first neighborhood Little Free Library, 2004 S. Cape Way.
- **Thank you Westwood Community Church** for assisting in our successful Neighborhood Night Out, as well as all of the other community projects you do for Southern Gables.

INFORMATION

- **Please protect all of your pets from coyotes.** Leaving your dog or cat alone without your presence make them an easy target for coyotes.
- **Please put a 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.