

SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Serving Southern Gables and Valley View

SPRING NEWSLETTER, 2018

LOCAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS

Do You Know About the Senior Resource Center (SRC)? SRC is a long-standing, non-profit organization in the Denver metro area with the mission to provide person-centered, coordinated services to enhance independence, dignity and quality of life. SRC offers a constellation of services that support aging in place, including transportation, in-home care, adult day and respite, care management, mental health outreach, victim assistance, a Chores deep cleaning, decluttering program and more. For services from SRC, please contact Rene Ayala, 303-235-6923, or info@srcaging.org

Do You Know about the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)? CASA volunteers are assigned by courts in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties as advocates for abused and neglected children. To learn how you can assist this much-needed effort, please go to www.casajeffcogilpin.com/casa-volunteer.

Do You Know There are Many Ways You Can Volunteer in Our Neighborhood? Board members Bruce McDonald and Bruce Loftis are developing a list of ways for you to get involved in helping others in our community. Please see the Southern Gables website for information about participating in this effort.

A NOTE FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, DOUG WHITTEN

Southern Gables continues to be an exceptional, energetic and exciting neighborhood. We continue to have tremendous neighbor participation and involvement. Our neighborhood organizations, Sustainable Southern Gables, Green Gables Elementary School and PTA and Westwoods Church as well as the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association, continue to amaze and please me with the cooperative spirit each organization has displayed when asked to participate in and for the Southern Gables neighborhood. It is no wonder Southern Gables is one of the most respected neighborhoods in Lakewood. **THANKS TO ALL NEIGHBORS!** A happy neighborhood is a participating neighborhood. We all communicate admirably. Four years ago, there were 130 neighbors in Southern Gables who participated with NEXTDOOR.com. Today, we have over 820 neighbors participating with NEXTDOOR. The heart and soul of NEXTDOOR are the helpful conversations between neighbors.

All neighbors are encouraged to regularly visit the Southern Gables website, www.southerngableshoa.com. Bruce McDonald on your Board has done an exceptional job of building and maintaining your website. There is a wealth of information at www.southerngableshoa.com. All Board members of the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association do an exceptional job directing the Association to provide services to Southern Gables. Please go to the listing of your Board in this Newsletter and learn of all members. Call or email them if you wish.

We want to hear from our neighbors of Southern Gables. Please contact Doug Whitten at whittend@comcast.net (303-986-7156) or any Board member concerning current or possible future activities.

Everyone in Southern Gables is your neighbor. Treat each other with respect. Be helpful, not hurtful.

Sincerely,
Doug Whitten

LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL HAWLEY, GREEN GABLES ELEMENTARY

Leading, Learning, and Growing Together

Dear Green Gables Neighbors,
It's hard to believe the 2017-18 school year is coming to an end and soon it will be summer. In my second year as principal at Green Gables Elementary, I continue to feel very fortunate to be part of such a wonderful neighborhood. It is the collaborative efforts of an entire community which makes our school such a great place to be for our students and helps them thrive. We have the best students! Together, we are building our future. I would like to thank those of you who have reached out and have supported our school in various ways.

On that note, if you have any free time on your hands and are looking to volunteer, we have many opportunities for you and we love to meet and connect with community members. Examples include:

- Watch D.O.G.S. (male role models who keep an eye on the school and greet students in the hallways,

this can be one day or several days over the school year)

- Crossing guards
- Reading with students
- Homework help before or after school

- Before or after school clubs – do you have special talents you would like to share with students or would you just like to help out?

- School / Community Garden

Please reach out to our school office or email me directly at suanne.hawley@jeffco.k12.co.us if you would like to help out in any way.

Finally, this spring we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Green Gables Elementary School. I love learning about the history of Green Gables and connecting with community members who have sent their children here over the years or have attended Green Gables themselves. Please join us on May 18th from 5:30-7:30 to celebrate the end of our school year and the 50th anniversary. If you have any old

photos or old news topics you would like to share about Green Gables, please reach out to the school office at 303-982-8314.

I look forward to continuing to cultivate a collaborative partnership between our school and community and I welcome your questions or ideas.

Warm Regards,
Suanne Hawley
Green Gables Elementary School
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303-982-8314



Be sure to like us on Facebook and see what's going on at GGES!

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenGablesES/>

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

VILLAGE COOPERATIVE OF LAKEWOOD – The property at approximately 8000 W. Jewell will soon become the Village Cooperative of Lakewood where 64 living units will be built for adults 62+ to reside. At this time, almost all of the units are under contract. Please go to villagecooperative.com/lakewood-co to learn more. Beginning construction is waiting on final building plan approval by the City of Lakewood.

GREEN GABLES DEVELOPMENT – As we all can see, construction is progressing for over 460 single-family homes to be built, in addition to a 300-unit apartment complex. There will not be the large commercial presence as initially planned, but rather smaller retail stores along the Wadsworth corridor.

TAYLOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION - The City of Lakewood has acquired approximately 55 acres of the 110-acre property at the SE corner of Morrison Road and So. Wadsworth. The parcel, mostly along S. Wadsworth, will be Open Space with an anticipated completion date of use sometime in 2020. Under law, this property will never be used for residential or commercial development. This is tremendous addition to our area and the City of Lakewood.

MORRISON ROAD EXTENSION – Morrison Road at S. Wadsworth could expand east and connect to S. Upham St. City of Lakewood planners and the Colorado Department of Transportation will make the joint decision as to if and when this change may happen.

NOTES

And Updates...

Business Information Packets - The packets, which have valuable business information, coupons, etc. from over 50 Selected Business Sponsors of Southern Gables, will be delivered to you in dark green Southern Gables tote bags the week of April 30, 2018. Please become familiar with and support all of the Selected Business Sponsors. This year, Carmody Middle School National Honor Society students will assemble all of the material and put it into the tote bags, and the Bear Creek High School Student Senate will deliver the tote bags to all homes in our neighborhood.

Concerned about old cars in driveways, tall weeds and grass, RVs in the neighborhood, trash around your property? You can find information from the City of Lakewood's Code Enforcement department at Lakewood.org/codeenforcement/. Click on the link at the bottom of the page "See Property Codes Made Easy Brochure" to open the brochure and learn the details of how to keep our neighborhood attractive.

Little Free Libraries are located at 2004 S. Cape Way and 8340 W. Evans Pl. Pick up a free book, drop off a book you're done reading. Our neighbors Samantha Monell and Jody Tafoya sponsor these libraries and do a fantastic job providing these resources for our neighborhood.

Southern Gables Website— Our neighborhood website, www.SouthernGablesHOA.com, lets neighbors know more about what is going on in Southern Gables as well as a community listing of organizations and individuals who are a part of our community. You can see the Selected Business Partners who help support our activities. We hope you use these businesses when you have a need.

Please put a NO SOLICITORS sign on your door if you do not want salespeople, etc. knocking on your door. Remember, you have the right to call the Lakewood Police at 303-987-7111 to report such disturbances if you have a sign.

Save the Bees!—One of the biggest contributors to the bee population decline in recent years is the use of neonicotinoid, or neonic, insecticides. Before purchasing insecticides to use at your home, check the ingredients and if you see one of the following names listed, the insecticide includes a neonic: Acedamiprid, Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Imidacloprid, Nitenpyram, Thiocloprid, Thiamethoxam. In addition, before purchasing plants for your landscape, ask to make sure they have not been treated with neonic insecticides. Anytime you use an insecticide, please 1) read the directions carefully, 2) use it in the evening when bees are not foraging, and 3) treat only individual plants which need treatment for a known pest infestation.



SUSTAINABLE SOUTHERN GABLES

This May Sustainable Southern Gables will be recognized for the 5th year in a row as one of the City of Lakewood's Certified Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhoods. Throughout the past five years, volunteers from our neighborhood have planned events, activities, and initiatives to encourage sustainability in our neighborhood. Events have included our Neighborhood Leaf Raking and Composting Days; our Earth Day Seed Swaps; planning, constructing, and opening our School/Community Garden, and a wide variety of workshops about things like Bee Keeping, Xeriscaping, Raising Backyard Chickens, Energy Conservation, Bike to Work Day, and our monthly neighborhood luncheon series, among others.

EARTH DAY SEED AND PLANT SWAP
Celebrate Earth Day 2018 on Sunday, April 22nd. We are having an informal 5K Wellness Walk through the neighborhood at 12 p.m. (meet at the Community Garden), and then our 5th annual Seed and Plant Swap 1-3 p.m. in the Community Garden. Bring a pot-luck dish or snack to share. All are welcome! We'll have activities for kids and we have free seeds for everyone!

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATES
Our first year in the School/Community Garden was a huge success! All Community Garden plots are full again for this summer, but we are maintaining a waiting list, so please contact us if you'd like to be added to the waiting list. Watch for our Sustainable Southern Gables spring and summer postcards in the mail with a list of events and workshops throughout the spring and summer in the Community Garden.

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM
An exciting effort has been initiated by David Van der Vieren to assist neighbors to conserve water through changing some existing lawn designs to more water conservative applications. In our first round of the program, twelve neighbors submitted their ideas to reduce water usage with such changes as removing existing sod and replacing it with mulch, rock, low-water bushes and trees, and the addition of rain barrels. Denver Water and the City of Lakewood will assist in providing some funds and supplies to make some of these conservation changes to reduce water consumption by the neighbors of Southern Gables. Watch for more information and "before & after" photos in the coming months.

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YOUR SOUTHERN GABLES ASSOCIATION

Belong to Something Great

Our annual Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, 6:30-8 p.m. at Green Gables Elementary School. Please join us for terrific guest speakers, updates, news about the neighborhood, a vote on updated association bylaws, recognition of our neighborhood's 5th year of certification as one of Lakewood's Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhoods, and more! Watch Nextdoor.com for specific agenda items. All neighbors are invited to attend.

The Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Bylaws need updating. We will ask for a vote on proposed changes by paid-up Association members at the May 8, 2018 Annual Membership Meeting. Please go online before the meeting to see a draft of the changes by typing bit.ly/SG-draft-1

The Southern Gables Neighborhood Association dues are only \$15 per year and go a long way to help produce our neighborhood newsletters; fund events like Neighborhood Night Out and Leaf Collection Day, among others; and support organizations like Green Gables Elementary, Jeffco Action Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates, and the Senior Resource Center, and more. Mail a check to Southern Gables Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 36072, Denver, CO 80236, or visit www.SouthernGablesHOA.com/dues and pay by PayPal or Venmo. Payment information and a pre-addressed envelope is attached to this newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your Calendar...

Neighborhood Annual Meeting—May 8, 2018, 6:30-8 p.m. at Green Gables Elementary School.

Green Gables Elementary School 50th Anniversary Celebration—May 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. All neighbors, alumni, and school families are invited to celebrate 50 years of greatness at Green Gables Elementary School.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – June 1 & 2, 2018. We'll do the advertising, you do the sales!

4th Annual Southern Gables Neighborhood Night Out – August 24, 2018, 5 p.m. at Green Gables Elementary School. For **ALL** Southern Gables neighbors and students and families at Green Gables. If you'd like to help on the planning team, contact Doug Whitten (303-986-7157 or whittend@comcast.net).

Southern Gables Neighborhood Luncheons are the first Thursday of each month. Meet and chat with your neighbors. Dates and locations will be listed in Nextdoor.com and www.southerngableshoa.com.

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

Ward 5 meetings are the **1st Saturday of each month** at Bear Valley Church on W. Jewell and S. Old Kipling at 9 am. These meeting are for all Southern Gables neighbors to learn more about the City of Lakewood and services offered, and are hosted by our two Ward 5 City Councilors.