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# Sept. 27 Garage Sale Is A GO!

#### By Susan Fornoff and Keith DuBay

Andy Spiegel has turned over the reins, and most important, the signs, to us to organize the annual SouthPark2 Community Garage Sale. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and shoot us an email at sp2hoa.newsletter@gmail.com to register for the festivities.

We'll do lots of publicity through social media and local newspapers, and Raina Brichetto and Anne Strand are conspiring to acquire balloons to mark participating alleyways. Should there be donuts? An afterparty at the pool? We're open to ideas.

For now, check out the helpful tips on Page 3 and start digging through your stuff. If you don't have much, maybe you and some neighbors can collaborate! Turn it into a block party! Let's make it a great day for all.

Optimism doesn't mean that you are blind to the reality of the situation. It means that you remain motivated to seek a solution to whatever problems arise. – The Dalai Lama

HOA Board Meeting Tuesday, August 19, 7 p.m.

Newsletter Committee
No meeting in August.

ACC Meeting Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m.

Landscape Committee Monday, August 11, 7 p.m.

All meetings are at the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.
Residents are encouraged to attend.

# Fly On The Wall The Buzz From The July Board Meeting

By Raina Brichetto, Newsletter Committee

In HOA President Dan Trojan's absence, MSI's Lauren Veraldi took the reins and ran a tight meeting. The Pool Committee covered several significant points. Read them below (and please heed them). Other highlights not mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter:

**Lisa Laframboise** is stepping down from our HOA Board, due to personal obligations. There are now two openings creating the opportunity to step up, get involved and help shape the future. If you're interested in making a tangible impact, email your resume to President Dan Trojan at sp2hoa.dan.trojan@gmail.com or let MSI know. ... The **Landscape Committee (LC)** oversaw the work now completed at 2822, 2832, 2842 and 2852 W Long Drive. During the meeting, **irrigation repairs at 2822 were** 



approved. With the \$2,000 grant the LC applied for and received, the overlook budget was board-approved; work will be scheduled. ... Lauren interjected that mulch should be no more than 2 or 3 inches deep because deeper mulch can spontaneously combust during these hot days. So, if you take care of your own mulch bed, less is more. ... While the Pool Committee gave kudos to the great job the pool monitors are doing, they begged the community not to feed the destructive, disease-carrying, messy squirrels! ... Pool guests are limited to you plus six; that's seven on one key card! Remember,

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## National Night Out: Tuesday, Aug. 5

By SouthPark2 HOA

Join your neighbors for National Night Out, an annual event designed to foster community spirit and thank our first responders. Gather in the parking lot outside the clubhouse from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, to enjoy grilled hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, water and a sweet treat while supplies last. There will be music, and Littleton police officers will be stopping by. Please bring a chair and anything else you would like to drink. We hope to see you there.

## Parking Reminder From The Board

Look for SP2's full parking regulations on the website and in your email this month. In the meantime, please remember, fire lanes/alleys are for loading and unloading only. No overnight parking. Littleton Police are ticketing violators. Per the Parking Enforcement Policy, towing and impounding at the owner's expense will be enforced.

#### Fly On The Wall, continued from front page

the pool closes at 10 p.m. The Board pointed out that if you are in the pool after 10 p.m. you are technically trespassing. Kudos to Emily Valentine for her dedication and diligence on all things pool-related, including late-night checks. ... Storm drainage update: City crews flushed and cleaned out underdrains on the Long Circle bend. ... After McBride creates an audited map of our lighting, the Board will finalize its game plan. ... Bids are coming in from arborists for tree management. ... MSI is securing engineering bids for review of our retention walls' health and needs. ... The reserve study is in and ready for board review. ... Bids are coming in for painting the clubhouse, 18 kiosks, 5 mailbox structures and several posts. ... Late summer or early fall we will be assigned a new MSI property manager at which time Lauren will hand over the responsibility. ... And, as usual, check the website for last month's complete minutes.

#### **Timely Reminders** From The ACC

By Architectural Control Committee

Because you have chosen to live in a covenant-controlled community, you have agreed to abide by various rules. Here are some reminders:

#### **Patio Lighting**

- (a) String lights cannot not be strung higher than the front patio wall/fence and must be confined to the inside of the patio.
- (b) String lights must be low wattage and intended for patio/ outdoor usage.
- (c) Lights must be extinguished each night.
- (d) String lights may be hung inside a patio umbrella so long as they are not physically visible outside of the umbrella when extended.

Front Door Replacement: Replacement of storm and/or entry doors must be approved by the ACC.

Exterior Lighting: Adding or replacing exterior lighting must be approved by the ACC.

Exterior Wood Siding or Trim: Inspect your home frequently for damaged or rotten wood. Wood replacement will help keep the critters from damaging your home.

Security Cameras: Exterior security cameras must be approved by the ACC.

**Roofs:** Roof replacements must be approved by the ACC. Finally, if you are uncertain if something needs to be approved, please reach out to the Property Manager for guidance. Thank you!

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## **Who Ya Gonna Call (or Email)?**

To report a SouthPark2 issue in common areas, or to ask questions about our community's covenants or monthly HOA assessments: Email or call Lauren Veraldi, lveraldi@msihoa.com, 720-974-4254.

To report SP2 emergencies after business hours: Call our property management company, MSI, at 303-420-4433.

To talk to someone at the Littleton Police Department about a non-emergency situation: Call 303-794-1551.

For emergency law enforcement, fire or medical help: Call 911.

If you're planning changes to the exterior of your home: You must apply for approval from the Architectural Control Committee. You can call Lauren Veraldi or do that online, at engage. goenumerate.com/s/southpark2/. Under the Community Pages tab select Design Review Request Instructions and the application will lead you along.

If you want to plant or otherwise alter your mulch bed: You must apply for approval from the Landscape Committee, following the instructions above for Design Review and choosing Landscaping from the dropdown. The LC is always happy to answer questions and advise on plant choices via email at sp2hoa-lc@googlegroups.com.

To contribute an article or suggest content for this newsletter: Email the Newsletter Committee at sp2hoa.newsletter@gmail. com. All articles must be submitted by the 15th of the month and must meet the SP2 Newsletter Submission Guidelines posted on the website. Articles may be edited to meet space limitations.

## Make Your Garage Sale a Hit, Not a Miss

By Marilyn Bruce, Newsletter Committee

SouthPark2's annual Garage Sale, scheduled this year for Sept. 27, gives us an incentive to clean closets, garages and basements, and make a few dollars. Here is a checklist that I've generated from many years of successful sales. Start getting ready now, and happy selling!

- √ Ask family members or friends if they would like to join you.
- √ Collect items for sale and sort according to categories: You
  are organizing your store! Start with housewares, electronics, home décor, small appliances, jewelry, sporting goods
  and tools.
- √ Make sure items are clean, & in good and working condition.
- √ Consider putting small, like items in a bag together and mark as a bulk sack.
- √ Decide how many tables you need to display items. Find them and make sure they are clean and sturdy.
- √ Decide how you will take payment. There's cash, PayPal, Venmo or Zelle. Get your QR codes printed out and have it on your checkout table.
- $\sqrt{\text{Get a cash box with small bills and change}}$ .
- √ Set up the garage the week before the sale. Clean the floor. Set up tables around the outside and down the center of the garage. Leave enough room to maneuver behind tables and around the center tables. You may want to set some items out in front of the garage as well.
- √ Place items on tables grouped by category, marking prices
  with preprinted stickers or masking tape as you go.
- √ When pricing electronics, note whether the item works. Have an extension cord plugged in if someone wants to try it.

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 $\sqrt{}$  Have one table with a sign, "everything on this table is \$2.00" or whatever you think.

Look for more pointers in the September newsletter. But above all, remember: You gain nothing if your stuff doesn't sell, so price accordingly!

## Come On In, Our Water's Warm

By Linda Julich, Pool Crew

Summer at the SP2 pool is going...well...swimmingly! Everyone enjoyed our July 4th Barbeque, and meeting our neighbors is always the highlight of any event. Thanks to the pool crew for setting up, prepping food, grilling and serving. The reggae tunes struck the perfect chord!

Remember, the SP2 pool will remain open through September 28! Mark your calendars for our next happy hours, Friday, Aug. 15 and Friday, Sept. 19. BYOB and a snack to share. Reminder NO GLASS!!!





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## **Awesome August - Nearby Events**

By Anne Strand, Newsletter Committee

There's still time to enjoy summer evenings with a picnic and music in a beautiful park. Concerts continue at Clement Park, Littleton Museum, Highlands Ranch, Streets of Southglenn, and Aspen Grove. Check websites for times/dates.

8/2: Littleton Twilight Criterium and Arts Festival is back! See thrilling bicycle racing and enjoy the music, food, beer gardens, art and kid activities on this special day. Race Day kicks off with the inaugural Unified Ride at 1 p.m. Find race schedule and more activities at bicyclecolorado.org.

8/2: **Shakespeare in the Park.** *Twelfth Night.* Grant Family Amphitheater in Clement Park. **7-8 p.m. Free.** 

8/2: Paris Street Market at Aspen Grove - Vive Vintage! 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The Market brings French inspired flea market charm to Littleton. Find curated, antiques, vintage finds, arts and goods, home decor, food and more. It all happens rain or shine.

8/4-8/25: Outdoor yoga at Hudson Gardens. Mondays, 8/4-25 and Wednesdays 8/6-27. Price includes all classes in the series. \$32. Registration is required.

8/6: **Hudson Gardens - Meet the Water Gardeners** and learn how they create and care for the stunning water garden displays. Session offers a unique insider look at water garden installation and maintenance – giving you the perfect opportunity to ask questions and get advice from the experts or just watch the gardeners go about their day. Drop by anytime between **9 and 11 a.m.** Event is **free** and open to the public. Registration is requested.

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8/6: **Bemis Library - Board Game Night.** Enjoy an evening of family-friendly fun with the library board game collection. Pizza and snacks will be served **5–7 p.m**. in the large meeting room.

8/6: **Denver Audubon Nature Center**, 11280 Waterton Road. **Hummingbirds of Colorado** – **ID**, **Behavior and Where to Find Them. 10 a.m. \$10.** Pre-registration is required at *denveraudubon.org/calendar*.

8/8-8/17: **97th Western Welcome Week** features over 40 community events, including the fun-for-all-ages Grand Parade Aug. 16. This year's theme, The Spirit of Generosity, captures the heart of what makes Littleton so special – kindness, compassion and a community minded spirit.

8/8: Littleton Little Jam presents That 80s Band and drone show at Sterne Park. 5-10 p.m.

8/9: Littleton Artisan Fair at Arapahoe Community College 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Discover Colorado's best at this local artisan market. Showcases the talents of dozens of handpicked, small-scale makers.

8/14: **Denver Audubon Nature Center. Film screening of "Bird Walk"** and discussion with Cintia Cabib, Producer and Videographer of the film. **5:30 p.m.** Free tickets available online.

8/14: **Bemis Library front lawn. 6-8 p.m. The Constant Tourist, a band** featuring a unique blend of vocal, guitar, trumpet, accordion, bass and drums. The band plays originals that showcase lyrical writing and sounds shaped by a love of exploring music from across genres. Bring a chair, bring a picnic, bring a friend!

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8/24: **Affordable Art Festival at Arapahoe Community College (ACC). 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.** All art is \$150 or less and proceeds from ticket sales help support students at ACC with scholarships. Tickets at *aaf.wellattended.com.* \$12.

8/25: **Bemis Library Active Minds: Hawaii. 2-3 p.m.** Hawaii has most recently been on the news with volcanoes and wildfires. Join active minds to explore the history and culture of the United States' Pacific Paradise.

8/28: **Hudson Gardens, Charcuterie Board Class. 6 p.m. \$70**. Learn a new way to impress your guests at this class. Presenters will bring expertise, eats and the tools you need to create a charcuterie board. Grab your friends and enjoy a fun and interactive evening as you learn tips and tricks to take your charcuterie skills to the next level. You'll also be going home with a wooden charcuterie board to put your lesson in action. Registration is required.

#### Tornado hits SouthPark2, townhomes end up in Kansas!

Just kidding, but there was enough wind from one of our crazy July microgusts to send this anchored umbrella flying.



## A Message From Our City Councilwoman

By Andrea Peters, District 4 Representative

I hope you're all enjoying the summer. I wanted to share a quick update on a couple of big projects happening in our neighborhood.

Our new Costco is on track — they'll be delivered a pad site on Aug. 1 so they can get building. The work along Mineral will continue and the rest of the development will still be under construction but Costco plans to open 2026. You can keep an eye on our Development Activity List on the city website as more of the 12 site pads go under contract.

Farther west, the Mineral Mobility Improvements Phase 1 has officially kicked off. Crews started concrete work along Jackass Hill Road in July, and we've set a deadline for the contractor to complete all work there – including paving and crossing improvements – before school starts Aug. 12. Paving is planned for the first week of August. Trail work along Mineral should begin once permits are in, and the whole project should reach substantial completion in early November.

As always, please reach out anytime with questions, concerns or ideas, at: apeters@LittletonCO.gov, 720-935-1958.

#### **Resources for Mineral Mobility:**

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## Green Neighborhood Gets a Makeover

By Beth Fox-Kret, Landscape Committee

Each year, the Landscape Committee selects one of SP2's color-named areas to renovate. This year's winner was the Green area, where we concentrated on the HUGE overgrown and dead junipers.

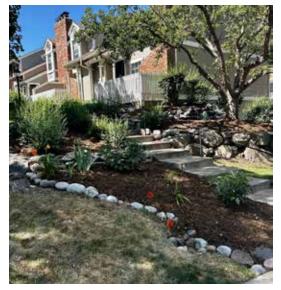
We invite all of you to look at this beautiful new area, between 2822-2852 W. Long Drive, on the south side of the street. And don't just peek in from the street – go the full length of the buildings to enjoy every bit of it.

Besides removing all the dead junipers, we had the old dirt removed, new dirt added, water lines put in for sprinklers and drip lines, a railing on the steps installed and rocks added for separation of plants and

grass. Finally, bushes and flowers were planted, with sod and mulch providing the finishing touches.

The LC's remaining projects in the Green area include more juniper removal and mulch replacement that we hope to complete by the end of 2025.

The LC would like to thank Advanced Concepts and their team for helping with this project.



## **Get Crafty at Clubhouse Scrapbooking Events**

By Lisa Laframboise, SP2 Resident

Looking for a fun and creative way to preserve your memories while getting to know your neighbors? Then mark your calendars because I am hosting monthly scrapbooking/cardmaking events, and everyone is welcome!

The next gathering is Saturday, Aug. 23, at our clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is limited to 15 participants so please RSVP soon. Please bring your own water/soda and snack.

Seasoned scrapbookers and novices are all welcome. Just come to play with paper and meet people. While I'll have a few tools available to borrow and some card kits on hand, please bring your basic supplies. Each participant will receive a special project to make while at the event.

The cost is \$10 per person. Upcoming dates: Aug. 23, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 13.

Please RSVP to stampinkindness@gmail.com.

#### **Book Lovers Day: August 9**

An unofficial holiday encouraging everyone to celebrate reading and literature. People are advised to put away their smartphones and technological distractions and pick up a book to read.

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## That Bus May Be Filming You!

By Susan Fornoff, Newsletter Committee

Littleton Public Schools reopen Tues., Aug. 12. With Colorado school districts now permitted to install motorist-monitoring cameras, here are a few reminders for drivers as the big yellow buses roll back into SP2:

- When the buses flash yellow lights, they're preparing to stop and we should too. The yellow lights also automatically reduce the speed limit to 20 mph.
- Don't tailgate the buses. The law requires drivers to stop at least 20 feet behind a school bus that is flashing its red lights and extending its stop sign.
- All drivers in all directions must stop, no matter which side of the road or intersection the bus is on, unless it is on the opposite side of a median or other physical barrier.
- Bus drivers will wait to see that all their riders are safe before turning off their flashers. That signals that it's OK to pass.



## Hop, Skip or Jump To Carson Nature Center

By Anne Strand, Newsletter Committee

South Platte Park is a natural oasis, practically in our own backyard, that features 880 acres of open space along the Platte River and Mary Carter Greenway Trail.

In addition to biking, hiking, floating, or just viewing the gorgeous scenery of the area, you can also spend time at the Carson Nature Center and learn about the wildlife of the area and about the 1965 flood of the Platte River, a devastating event. The flood resulted in

lost lives, widespread property damage and lasting impacts on the region's infrastructure and planning. It also led to the creation of South Platte Park, the

first floodplain park in the nation. See the sculpture that represents the 20-foot height of the water that flowed through the area.

A variety of programs are offered at the Carson Nature Center, including nature classes, field trips, stargazing, full moon

walks, Perseids Meteor Shower viewings, hands-on bike repair lessons, homeschool science, youth fly fishing and more.

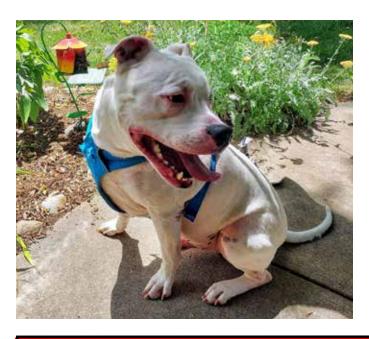
The park is under the umbrella of the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District, and more information and registration links can be found on the *ssprd.org* website.



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#### **Pet Portrait: Apollo**

By Keith DuBay, SP2 Resident

I know, as soon as you see my photo you humans might get nervous. I'm a 9-year-old pit bull named Apollo with albino coloring and bulging muscles. Looks are deceiving, because I'm actually shy and sometimes afraid of other dogs, and I'm friendly with humans.

I have a special Emotional Support Animal relationship with my humans. Human Beth calls me "the most loving, sweet, gentle man." She also laughs at my goofy, confused underbite faces that I make just to cheer her up.

My favorite activities are sunbathing, destroying my plushies and snuggling with my humans. Look for my smiling face on the sidewalks. Maybe I'll make you laugh as well.

Editor's Note: Keith loves to meet and interview the pets of SP2. If you'd like him to meet yours, just shoot us an email to sp2hoa.newsletter@gmail.com and we'll set that up.

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#### SouthPark Real Estate Update for August 2025 <u>SouthPark Single Family Homes</u>

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For Sale	0	0	0			
<b>Under Contract</b>	0	0	1			
Total Sold 2024	1	10	0			
Total Sold 2025	1	4	1			
SouthPark Townhomes						
	Up to \$480,000	\$480,000-\$540,000	\$540,000-Plus			

	Up to \$480,000	\$480,000-\$540,000	\$540,000-Plus
For Sale	2	2	5
<b>Under Contract</b>	: 1	4	0
Total Sold 2024	9	10	9
Total Sold 2025	3	4	5

The information is based on MLS July 14, 2025 Not all of the properties were listed and/or sold by Terry Jenni, Metro Brokers.



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