

the SouthPark2 post

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Watering Tips During the Drought

By Val Witte,
Landscape Committee Chair

Even under the drought regulations, we can and should continue to hand water our gardens. The most restrictive rules are for sprinkler irrigation because water is lost due to evaporation. Hand watering with a hose that has a shutoff valve or using a watering can may be done any day before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

Although established shrubs can be maintained with little water, they will thrive with some extra moisture. The key is to give them a long, deep drink once or twice a week and not just a little sip every day.

Water around the edge of the plant, not at the center. The dripline is where the water drips off the leaves at the outer circumference of the shrub. That's where the root ends are, so watering there will encourage the root to seek the moisture, creating a stronger root system and healthy plant.

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HOA Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 6 p.m.

Clubhouse & Virtual Hybrid

Newsletter Committee

Wednesday, July 1, 4 p.m.

2988 W. Long Dr, Unit A

ACC Meeting

Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m.

Landscape Committee

Monday, July 13, 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 June Board Meeting

By Susan Fornoff, Newsletter Committee

The new format of the monthly HOA meeting leads off with resident concerns, which made for a lot of discussion about the drought, fiber optics and the pool. Read on for the highlights.

Property manager Donna LaWall gently reminded us that Denver Water reps have canvassed the property looking for violations of the **current watering restrictions**, so be sure you're out watering your gardens or washing your cars only before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. ... Board members apologized for **brown grass and dirt patches**, which likely will not heal this summer because the sprinklers can be run only twice a week. And only about 80 percent of the irrigation system is fully operational. Can you help the board by serving on an **irrigation advisory committee**? Email or call

LaWall, dlwall@msi.com, 702.974.4257. ...

Fiber optic installations are on hold pending discussions among attorneys. All that digging we saw earlier this year was done without permission of SP2. ... **Kudos to the Pool Crew** for applying for grants to allow us to party together for Independence Day and National Night Out celebrations. ... Parents, teach your kids to **heed the instructions of pool monitors**, especially when it comes to playing ball in the pool. "All homeowners are

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A Note From Our City Council Representative

By Andrea Peters, Littleton District 4 Councilwoman

Editor's Note: SP2's district councilwoman, Andrea Peters, was vocal in her support for a public-private partnership on First Street Farms, a restaurant/events/recreation project to be located in the area of the southwest corner of Mineral and Santa Fe. The city's \$5 million financial package passed, 4-3, on June 9. We invited Ms. Peters to share her enthusiasm with us and update us on other neighborhood doings.

As a sales-tax-driven city operating in a climate where sales tax growth is becoming less predictable, Littleton must look for strategic opportunities to strengthen our economic base while also creating places that add value to our community. This project has the potential to do both. ... One of the things I appreciate about First Street Farms is that it represents an investment in tourism and destination-making. I also appreciate the flexibility of the space. Not every community gathering place needs to require spending money to be enjoyed. Someone could come and simply spend time with friends, enjoy the atmosphere and be part of the community. Others may choose to have dinner, attend a special event or celebrate a wedding. To me, that mix of public gathering space and private investment is part of what makes this proposal compelling. ... I also believe it is important to recognize what we would lose if this site were developed differently. There are certainly places in our city where

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Fly on the Wall, *continued from front page*

subject to the loss of amenities and need to treat everyone with respect,” LaWall said. ... A neighbor reported that **a turkey bit a SP2 resident’s leashed dog**. People, keep your dogs, kids and selves at a safe distance from these mostly docile but still wild birds. See Talkin’ Turkey on page 3 for more about them. ... **Tennis court gate access** remains under construction with a July 2 target completion. ... **New signs** will be coming to the community. And, with that, Fly is signing off.

City Council, *continued from front page*

additional housing and density make sense, but I do not believe this is one of them. ... While no project is without risk, I trust the analysis, expertise and thoughtful approach that have brought us to this point, and I believe this partnership is a worthwhile investment in Littleton’s future.

CITY UPDATES

The new Costco continues to move forward, with the schedule calling for the building pad to be poured by mid-August and vertical construction beginning shortly thereafter. ... We have four **Meet, Greet & Eat** events taking place across the city this summer, and they are a great opportunity to hear updates, ask questions, and connect with Council members and staff. The one nearest to SP2 will be August 19 at Southbridge Park, just off Mineral on Windemere Street. ... You may notice increased communication around **the differences between e-bikes and e-motos**. As these become more common in our community, we’re working to educate residents on the rules, safety considerations, and how we can all share our streets and trails responsibly. ... Finally, I continue to hold **office hours every Friday** from 10 a.m. to noon at Bemis Library. Whether you have questions, concerns, or simply want to share an idea, I would love to visit with you.

Watering Tips, *continued from front page*

The best time to water is early morning, as it helps the shrub withstand the heat of the day. If you don’t have a spigot, hand watering with a can will work. It may be possible to share a spigot and hose with a neighbor.

If you have new plants this summer, then watering three times per week until the frost is important to get the plant established enough to survive the dry winter months.

Potted plants may need watering daily, depending on sun/shade and temperatures. Flowers and leaves will droop when dry, so it’s easy to tell when to give them a drink.



Thursday = Trash Day

SP2 trash pickup happens every Thursday (except holidays, when it is delayed until the next day) and recycling pickup is every other Thursday. Please don’t use plastic bags in the recycling bin. If you wish to arrange a bulk or special item pickup, visit the website at wasteconnections.com/denver or call 303-288-2100.

Upcoming recycling dates: July 2, July 16 and July 30.



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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.

Q: When Is It OK...

By Raina Brichetto, Newsletter Committee

Q: When is it OK to contact our District 4 city council member? Or for that matter, attend a city council meeting?

A: If you're interested in what's going on, or have a specific question about our city, please reach out to our council member, Andrea Peters. She encourages us to contact her any time. Andrea has "office hours" at Bemis Library every Friday from 10 a.m. till noon. Alternatively, you could email her at APeters@LittletonCO.gov.

City Council meetings are always open to citizens. Regular meetings, the forum for public comment, are held the first and third Tuesdays at 6:30 in the council chamber at 2255 W. Berry Ave. On the second and fourth Tuesdays, the council holds study sessions that are televised and video minutes are recorded. You can find the schedule and agendas of upcoming meetings on the calendar page, littletongov.legistar.com/Calendar.

Be Someone Day

On July 21, National Be Someone Day challenges each of us to take ten seconds to make a difference in a child's life.

What can you do in ten seconds? We can shift gears or water a plant. We can hear or tell a bad joke. In ten seconds, we can change our minds, and after doing so, say a prayer of thanks. When we walk into a room, in that time, we can register the pain in someone's eyes and begin to provide comfort. We can praise and honor someone who deserves it.

Talkin' Turkey in SouthPark2

By Dave Heffernan, SP2 Resident

I'm a retired wildlife biologist and my neighbors have been asking me questions about the turkeys who have been roosting next door at Coventry Farm and then coming over and under the fence to visit SP2 the last couple of summers.

It is not unusual for wild turkeys to disperse into wooded urban areas. We should all remember that they are wild animals and need to be treated as such. Small children and pets should be discouraged from approaching them. Enjoy them while they are here and move on and off our area at will. Remember, the turkey is a native Colorado bird and part of our environment.

Here's a favorite source of facts for folks who are interested in learning more: smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/why-are-urban-turkeys-thriving-180985433.

Vote on Restoring The C Line

By Susan Fornoff, Newsletter Committee

RTD's C Line again is taking travelers from the Mineral Station to Union Station this summer, but that was supposed to be temporary while the D Line is suspended for work on the Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project. RTD has heard requests to restore the C Line permanently and wants to hear from riders by July 8. Visit rtd-denver.com/service-changes/proposed-september-26-service-changes and scroll down the page to click on any of the links to SURVEY.

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Jump Into July For Jolly Summer Fun

By Anne Strand, Newsletter Committee

7/2 - Stars and Stripes Forever, Breckenridge Brewery, 8-10 p.m. Enjoy patriotic music by the Symphony of the Rockies, craft beer, food trucks and a drone show after dark. \$34-\$40.

7/3 - Red, White & ROCK, Hudson Gardens, 5-9:30 p.m. Celebrate our nation's 250 years of independence and Colorado's 150th birthday with family and friends. Live music, food trucks and spectacular fireworks. \$29.

7/3 - Farmers Market at Aspen Grove, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (& every Fri. this summer)

7/4 - Independence Day Celebration at Cornerstone Park, 5-10 p.m. 5150 S. Windemere. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

7/4 - Farmers Market, Downtown Littleton, 8 a.m - 1 p.m. (& every Sat. this summer)

7/6 - Downtown Littleton Historic Walking Tour, Depot Art Gallery, 6 p.m.

7/8 - Summer Concert with band Slopeside at Littleton Museum, 6:30-8 p.m.

7/11 - Scrapbooking and Cardmaking, SP2 Clubhouse, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beginners and advanced crafters welcome. \$10. RSVP to Lisa at stampinkindness@gmail.com.

7/15 - Active Adults Outdoors Club Monthly Meeting & Book Club at Hudson Gardens, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5-\$8. If you are 55 or older and interested in making new connections while enjoying the outdoors, this may be for you! Meetings are typically held on the third Wed. of each month. Each meeting will cover the monthly outings, sharing stories of experiences, and a book discussion. Register at hudsongardens.org.

7/18 - Japanese Beetles and Other Pests at Hudson Gardens, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Free. Japanese beetle season is upon us. Learn the lifecycle of this pest and the best methods for control. The Emerald Ash Borer, another pest in our area, will also be discussed. Register at hudsongardens.org.

7/22 - Summer Concert with band Dakota Blonde at Littleton Museum, 6:30-8 p.m.

7/24 - Illuminate Littleton, 6-10 p.m. (See article on page 6 with more details about this dazzling event.)

7/24, 25, 31 - Shakespeare at Clement Park, Macbeth, 7 p.m. Grant Amphitheater. Bring your blanket or chairs, and perhaps a picnic to enjoy, and relax and enjoy this FREE theater production of one of Shakespeare's most known and beloved plays.

7/27 - Active Minds Lecture About Amelia Earhart at Bemis Library, 2-3 p.m. Learn about this pioneering American aviator famous for her flight records, including being the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932. She disappeared in 1937 over the central Pacific Ocean during an attempted circumnavigation of the globe, a mystery that continues to this day.

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How To Have Fun Helping The Community

By Raina Brichetto and Susan Forno, Newsletter Committee

If you're one of those intrepid bargain hunters who loves to browse garage sales, here's an offer you may not be able to refuse: Take charge of the annual SP2 Garage Sale!

Trust the Newsletter Committee members who took the helm last year, it's easy. Well, pretty easy. You make up the rules and enjoy the journey. Be as creative as you wish – or not; it's entirely up to you.

You get to pick the date that's convenient for you, promote the date with scintillating marketing copy, post signs wherever you think they should be. SP2 even keeps yard signs from previous years and we will get them to you. In past years, the board has approved a small budget for things like balloons for participants, just sayin'. Last year, two lucky residents got gift cards for early RSVPs!

If you're interested, email the Newsletter Committee at sp2hoa.newsletter@gmail.com and we will get you off and running. It's a one-and-done gig and an opportunity to help our community in a fun way, with NO regular meetings and NO long-term commitment.

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—Ronald Reagan

Father Daughter Take A Walk Day: July 7th

National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day is observed annually on July 7th. This day promotes the benefits of family bonding time between fathers and daughters as well as the benefits of physical activity.

The memories made during your time together will stay with you forever. During the summer season, there are many incredible places to walk and enjoy nature as you spend time talking, laughing, and bonding. While taking a stroll, cherish the time spent together. Your child will value the gift of the time you give no matter how old they are.

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Colorado Faves: It's a Grand Getaway in More Ways Than One

By Susan Fornoff, Newsletter Committee

We're packing up soon to spend 10 July days far, far away, in a land where it'll be at least 10 degrees cooler than at our house in SP2. And we're driving not even 2 hours – 90 minutes if the construction at Floyd Hill allows – to get there.

Our special place is Grand County, which to us includes everything once we make it down the hill from atop Berthoud Pass, to Winter Park on up to Grand Lake and the western entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park.

For us, the main attraction is the golf – especially at Pole Creek, Grand Elk and Granby Ranch. We've also become fond of a newish rental in the Cozens Pointe development above Fraser, because it faces east and therefore has a shady afternoon and evening patio, with hot tub and outdoor barbeque.

Over the years we've discovered lots to do. There are water activities in and trails around Grand Lake and Lake Granby, and we have a secret little beach there where we love to prop up our feet and watch storms roll in suddenly. Cyclists love to take the Winter Park gondola to the top and ride down. Downhill from our rental condo, there's a mellow vibe at the Vicious Cycle Brewing Company, with its beers on tap and a food truck alongside.

Come to think of it, Grand County is all about mellow vibes. One night we went to a restaurant we'd wanted to try and found out it was closed because the staff wanted to go to a concert down at Red Rocks, oh well!

At least we can pack light. Don't need a lot of fancy clothes – but, for sure, bring that sweater and rain jacket you put away for the summer in SouthPark2.



The Party's On, For America and Littleton

By Raina Brichetto, Newsletter Committee

This year the nation is 250 years old and Colorado is 150. The Colorado Tourism Office selected Littleton as the city to host the party.

The free, family-friendly event Illuminate Littleton, will take place Friday, July 24, 6-10 p.m. There will be illuminated interactive art installations, musicians and other entertainment, open-air dining, and a drone show to wrap it all up.

Take the kids to the Little Luminaries Kids Area and enjoy activities created just for children. Stop by a Glow for Health wellness tent and cool off in the shade or in front of a mister. More information is at VisitLittleton.org/Illuminate.

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Pet Portrait: Maltese Mix Charlie Brown Launches Campaign For Board

By Keith DuBay, Newsletter Committee

In response to the frequent calls for leadership in our community, I, Charlie Brown, a 3-year-old, 13-pound Maltese mix, have decided to volunteer for the SouthPark2 Board. My political action committee is named Happiest, Friendliest Pet PAC. So far, we are funded by a large bag of freeze-dried chicken treats provided by my human mom, Ashley. Pet reporter Keith has agreed to be my campaign manager, though I'm not sure when the election is. He and I recently had our first high-level strategy meeting, sitting on a curb near West Long Circle, to flesh out our platform, featuring the slogan, "Not all squirrels are evil; they can even be your friends."

As board member, I would work for: Official leash-less happy hours every late afternoon in the Bowl, with BYOB water bowls and treats, unlimited ball-throwing and retrieving; weekly doggie pool plunges; installation of 15 more fire hydrants in the neighborhood; official times at noon when everyone has to be quiet for pet naps; free, always full pet treat boxes on every street corner; decriminalizing barking (barking is fun); human emotional support summer Sunday mornings when no vehicle or motorized bike driving is allowed and quiet walks encouraged, with pets stationed on every corner for petting and human counseling.

These are just some of the creative ideas I have to offer. I'm young, energetic and happy. Please vote for me. Or if not, just smile and pet me when you see me walking the sidewalks and trails around my beloved SP2.

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SouthPark Real Estate Update for July 2026

SouthPark Single Family Homes

	Up to 700,000	700,000-900,000	900,000-Plus
For Sale	0	0	0
Under Contract	1	0	1
Total Sold 2025	1	5	1
Total Sold 2026	1	3	1

SouthPark Townhomes

	Up to \$480,000	\$480,000-\$540,000	\$540,000-Plus
For Sale	3	6	2
Under Contract	0	2	1
Total Sold 2025	12	10	12
Total Sold 2026	7	6	2

The information is based on MLS June 15, 2026

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