

the SouthPark2 post

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Littleton City Council 2025 Election: November 4

By Carol Ayars, SP2 Resident

Four Littleton City Council seats are up for election this fall: District I, District III, an At-Large seat and Mayor, which is also an At-Large Seat.

All Littleton residents may vote Nov. 4 for one of the two At-Large candidates and for the Mayor of Littleton. Residents in Districts I and III will also vote for one of the candidates running in the district in which they live. (SouthPark2 residents live in District IV.) Ballots will be mailed beginning October 10th.

So far, eight candidates are running for the four open seats, all of which have four-year terms. Get to know the candidates on Thursday, October 9th at Bemis Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton during a 6 p.m. Candidate Forum – **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

In the meantime, you can find information about the candidates and election information at www.littletonco.gov/Government/Departments/City-Clerk/Elections/2025-General-Election.

HOA Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 6 p.m.

Newsletter Committee

Thursday, October 2, 1 p.m.

2987 W Long Dr, Unit A

ACC Meeting

Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Landscape Committee

Monday, October 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 September Board Meeting

By Raina Brichetto, Newsletter Committee

Highlights of the virtual meeting not mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter include:

Call for HOA board candidates; send in your resume if you're interested; we need some new faces. ... The **Landscape Committee** will be walking the property with vendors seeking bids for juniper removal. We'll see how many we can tackle this fall based on the bids. ...

The **Pool Committee** commented that the pool monitor vendor was great, and we will be looking for a different pool company next year. ... The **ACC again stressed the patio lights rule** – not higher than the patio's lowest wall. And, please remember to get approval before you have exterior work done. ... The **Newsletter Committee** needs people, whether that means as committee members or as occasional article writers. ... The

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The Volunteer Powerhouse: Giving Back to Our Community

By Mike Goldberg, SP2 Vice-President

Our beloved SP2 community no longer grows in size, it is mature, landlocked and defined, BUT it is changing. When I moved here, most who lived and owned here were retired (or near retirement) and wanted an anchor of homelife that wrapped them in what was. They elected HOA boards that preserved this. In the years since, I have seen many more kids in the neighborhood, I've been pleasantly surprised by the diversity of those moving here and joyous at the kids playing in the grassy areas. I've met new parents, and I enjoy being and working with them, exchanging ideas and value judgments with them, and talking about our common wants for the future. We are concerned for those still arriving and for preserving our property values. An HOA must be concerned with what is for the greater good of the community and its future. As a result, we have an HOA board that wants to be by the community, for the community, and of the community.

Today's SP2 seven-member board is a new regime that has four vacancies in the next election. At the last election we voted in an entirely new board that shed the old anchors and is now down to four members of seven. There are four seats up for election in the next election and we want new younger people to fill those seats to preserve what should be kept and help guide us toward the change that our future demographics require. This is about planning for the future, not preserving the past, being part of the solution. Join and help shape a community that will meet your future needs.

Everything above regarding volunteering on our board is also true for our Newsletter, Landscape, Pool, Clubhouse and Architectural Committees as well. They too need members and importantly these committees are a big part of the board's eyes and ears in the community. To a great extent they are the board's sensory organs.

Please consider joining a committee or our HOA board. Your input is helpful and important. Please don't complain unless you are willing to help resolve the problem. Board members are not paid but do this as part of their civic duty.

Parking Reminder

Street parking in SP2 during the week requires a permit. Street parking hangers can be obtained at the Littleton Center, 2255 W. Berry Avenue. City of Littleton manages the parking permits for street parking. Residents can apply for these on the city's website. <https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/City-Permits-and-Licenses/Neighborhood-Parking-Permits>



Thursday = Trashday

Trash pickup in SouthPark2 is every Thursday and recycling pickup is every other Thursday. It's OK to mix paper, plastic, metal and other recyclables, but don't use plastic bags in the recycling bin. If you have questions or wish to arrange a bulk or special item pickup, visit the website at wasteconnections.com/denver or call 303-288-2100. Upcoming recycling dates: October 9 and 23. And, please, put your receptacles out Thursday morning so as not to attract critters, then take them in that evening.



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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 Donna LaWall, dlawall@msiho.com, 720 -974-4257.

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 Donna LaWall 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.



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Fly On The Wall, *continued from front page*

Clubhouse Committee appealed to the board to write TV how-to instructions for clubhouse renters. ... **Parking and towing** information is now on our website. ... President **Dan Trojan** has been working with two financial groups which will provide proposals for **investing our money**. For comparison, in 2024 our funds earned approximately \$10,000 in interest; estimates suggest we could be realizing \$4,000 to \$5,000 monthly. **Kudos to Dan!** ... The **website platform** that we now use with MSI is changing in the near future. Stay tuned. ... Charles Taylor Group has been approved as the engineering firm to examine the condition of our **retaining walls** and create a design plan. ... The board approved the repair or replacement of the remaining **185 lights**; McBride will finish many this year and the rest next year. ... The **Annual Meeting and Budget Presentation** will be held on the same evening – November 18 at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse. The budget proposal will be mailed to homeowners well in advance. ... **Painting SP2 handrails** has been added to the scope of work for painting firm **Helix**. The clubhouse will be painted the week of September 29, after the pool is closed. ... Advanced Concepts will handle our **snow removal**. ... I, Raina Brichetto, have been approved as an ACC member. ... Three bids have been received for **concrete work** (sidewalks and steps); the areas that are urgent and most important will receive attention first. ... And, as usual, check the website for last month's minutes.

Fall Gardening Pointers

by Val Witte, *Landscape Committee Chair*

Now that it's fall, there are a few things that should be done in our mulch beds. As our landscape company, Advanced Concepts, does not do these things, it's up to us, the residents, to help put the beds to bed for the winter.

Irises should be cut back to 2 or 3 inches above the ground. Bag the stems and stalks. Leaving them on the ground promotes fungus and looks untidy.

Peony shrubs should be cut down to the ground after the first frost. Again, take away the debris.

Any plants with spent blooms can be cut back. Black-eyed Susans and Clematis are examples. Sometimes people like to keep the stalks/flowers as they provide food for birds. It's your choice.

Mulch with gorilla hair if at all possible. If you can buy it but not spread it yourself, let the LC know and we'll help you with that chore. Wait until Advanced Concepts has blown away the fallen leaves before putting down mulch. It will compact during the winter and can be fluffed up in the spring.

If you have a mulch bed that needs some attention, and can't do it yourself, let us know and we will help if we can.

Hello Neighbors

by Donna LaWall, *CMCA, MSI Property Manager*

If we haven't met yet, I'm Donna LaWall, and I'm your new Community Manager. I look forward to working with you and supporting the community. The best way to reach me is by email at dlawall@msihoia.com or by phone at 720-974-4257. My regular hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and I do my best to respond to emails as time allows and return calls promptly. I'll also be working alongside Lauren to wrap up the remaining 2025 projects and will keep you updated as we move forward. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out at any time.

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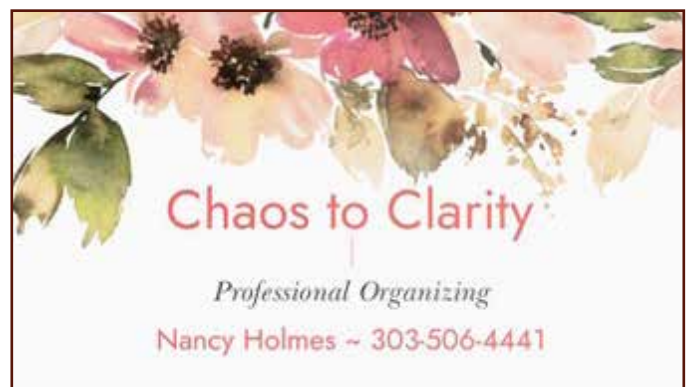
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Cooler Temps in October: Nearby Events?

by Raina Brichetto, Newsletter Committee

All sorts of cool stuff happens in October (fall and Halloween), but the Calendar is on vacation. If you're missing all the good info usually found here, consider joining the newsletter team so the Calendar never goes on vacation again. Extra researchers/writers always are welcome!

EV Chargers Coming

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Pickleball, Anyone?

By Steve Nelly, SP1 Resident

If you live in SP1 or SP2 and want to find a pickleball partner or become a fourth, join our email list. All levels are welcome. Express your interest by emailing DenverArea@hotmail.com.

Late Fall Is Gutter Attention Time

by Anne Strand, Newsletter Committee; content generated with ChatGPT assistance

Maintaining clean gutters is crucial for protecting your home from costly damage. Gutters direct rainwater away from your roof, walls, and foundation. When they become clogged with leaves, twigs and pine needles, water can overflow, leading to roof leaks, water damage inside your home, and even structural issues. The moisture can also foster mold growth which poses a health risk.

Clogged gutters are a breeding ground for pests like mosquitoes, rodents, and birds. Water that pools around your home foundation can lead to cracks, weakening the structure over time and potentially causing basement flooding.

Regular gutter cleaning, ideally once or twice a year, ensures proper water flow and prevents ice dams. Ice dams can cause significant roof damage if not addressed promptly. Last but not least clean gutters decrease fire hazards which is especially important in our dry area.

By investing a little time and effort into annual gutter cleaning, you can avoid expensive repairs and extend the lifespan of your roof and foundation to maintain a healthier living environment. It's a simple effective way to protect your home's integrity and value.

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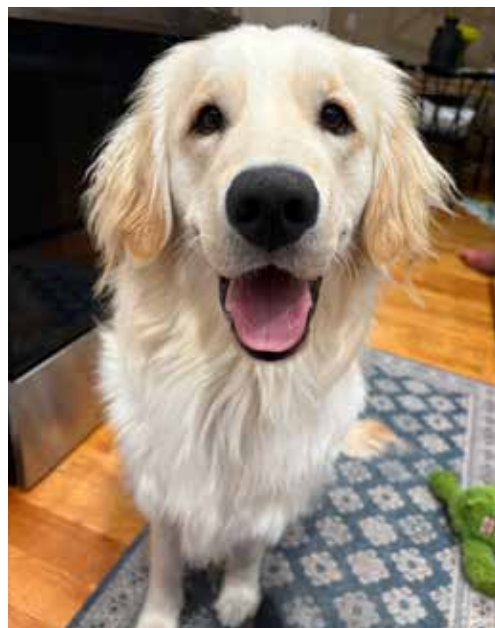
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Pet Portrait: Happy

by Keith DuBay, SP2 Resident

Hello, I'm Happy, a 1-year-old golden retriever. My human, Annie, chose me because I'm perfect and named me that because I'm almost always a happy girl. When I met the pet reporter, I instantly worked my charms on him and brightened up his day. I know he thinks he's special to me but the truth is I love everyone – people and animals. I make my human laugh when I stick my whole head in the bowl when I drink and water gets all over the place. Try and catch me, you won't, because I'm young and faster than a superhero, never slowing down. We just moved to SouthPark2 and I think it's beautiful, but just wish we pets could jump in the pool on any hot summer day, not just for the end-of-season Doggie Swim. Let me in, I promise not to shake on you sunbathers.

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



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SouthPark Real Estate Update for October 2025

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	Up to 700,000	700,000–900,000	900,000–Plus
For Sale	0	2	0
Under Contract	0	0	0
Total Sold 2024	1	10	0
Total Sold 2025	1	5	1

SouthPark Townhomes

	Up to \$480,000	\$480,000–\$540,000	\$540,000–Plus
For Sale	2	3	1
Under Contract	1	2	1
Total Sold 2024	9	10	9
Total Sold 2025	8	8	6

The information is based on MLS September 15, 2025
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