## Conservatory at the Plains February 2020



### **Board Member Corner**

Living in a covenant-controlled community means we are more than just neighbors; we are stakeholders together in the Conservatory Homeowners Association. It's not us versus the HOA. It's just us. We are the HOA. When we bought our home, we entered into an agreement with each other.

Since this was my first experience with community associations, when I moved here in 2015, I was eager to learn how everything worked. I made the effort to attend events, meetings and volunteer. I challenge you to do the same in 2020.

Serving on the Design Review Committee in 2016 made me appreciate how beautiful our community is and how this group of hardworking volunteers works to keep it looking good. Our community manager also helps by reminding us when our homes need attention. Homes that are well maintained is one of the reasons we were attracted to this area. It is also the reason our home values remain high and desirable to buyers when we want to sell.

Our Social Committee, Welcome Committee, Website Committee, and Clubhouse Operations Committee support activities that help us get to know each other, keep us informed and care for our Clubhouse and Pool. Our HOA Board of directors is charged with the management of the community assets and compliance with our covenants.

We're in this together. Will you join us by contributing your time and talents? Make 2020 the year you become informed and engaged by participating or volunteering.

Helen Hardin Vice President Conservatory Board of Directors

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### **Helpful numbers**

## Waste Connections

303-288-2100

### **Parks and Recreation**

303-739-7160

#### **Xcel Energy**

Street Light Outages 800-895-4999

https://www.xcelenergy.com/ outages\_and\_emergencies/ outdoor\_lighting\_outages

A lot of information related to the HOA can be found on the association's website including important forms:

www.conservatoryhoa.com

## **City of Aurora Information**



Save the Date: City of Aurora Cesar Chavez & Dolores Huerta Community Celebration

The Community Relations Division is excited to announce the first-ever City of Aurora Cesar Chavez & Dolores Huerta Community Celebration. The event will celebrate civil rights leaders Cesar Chavez & Dolores Huerta and will feature live entertainment, food, activities for kids, and resources for families.

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Location: Aurora Municipal Center - 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Aurora, CO

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Joshua Nicholas at 303.739.7257 or <a href="mailto:jnichola@auroragov.org">jnichola@auroragov.org</a>

### **Call for Nominations: Community Spirit Awards**

The city of Aurora needs your help to recognize and celebrate community volunteers who have made Aurora a great place to call home. The Community Spirit Awards, which can be received by individuals, organizations and businesses, are presented to those who demonstrate ongoing leadership, a commitment to volunteerism and involvement in our community.

Nominations are being accepted in nine categories, including Youth Volunteer of the Year, Service Member of the Year, Community Partner of the Year, and the city's highest volunteer honor, Community Leader of the Year. Refer to the nomination guide for complete details.

Nominations must be received by Wednesday, March 18, at 5 p.m., by emailing the nomination form to <a href="mailto:inichola@auroragov.org">inichola@auroragov.org</a> or dropping it off/mailing it to: Community Spirit Awards Nominations, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Suite 4500, Aurora, CO 80012.

The Community Spirit Awards will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at the Aurora Municipal Center. The volunteer reception will be at 5:30 p.m., and the award ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

### HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN MY COMMUNITY?

The Conservatory has many opportunities for owners and residents to get involved in the community!

- Come to a Board Meeting and see what the Board of Directors reviews from month to month and the decisions they make regarding the association.
- Join a committee!

**Social Committee Meeting**  $-3^{rd}$  Tuesday @ 11:00AM – Feel free to join this committee to help plan the events for the community. Even if you can only help with one event, your help would be appreciated.

**Communications Committee**—This committee focuses on the website and other ways in which to communicate with owners and residents.

**Design Review Committee (DRC)** - Have some input about the architectural rules in the community? Perhaps you have some expertise with paint, building expertise, or aesthetics. This committee meets on Monday evenings that vary in different seasonal times of the year.

**Budget Committee** - This committee is an Ad Hoc Committee that forms once per year to help establish the budget for the upcoming year. The budget process begins approximately in August each year.

If you are interested in any of these committees, please reach out to our community manager, Cylinda Walker at cylinda@westwindmanagement.com, for more information.





### **Social Committee On-Going Events**

Tuesday Morning Coffee Klatch - 9:30 Wednesday Sit n Stitch - 10:30-noon

**Ladies Night Out Bunco –** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7 PM – Bring \$5 for the prize pot and a beverage or an appetizer/dessert to share.

"No Pressure" Book Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 11 AM Mar. 10 Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty

Apr. 14 <u>I Will Always Write Back</u> by Caitlin Alifirenka and & Martin Granda

### IT'S CHILI COOK-OFF TIME!

Pull out your favorite chili recipe and join your neighbors on 3/7/2020 at 6 PM at the Conservatory Community Center for a fun evening at the 3rd annual Conservatory Chili Cook-off. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded based on confidential voting. If you want to join in the fun, but don't want to compete, feel free to bring a dessert or side dish of your preference. Please be aware that there may be alcohol at this event and therefore it is restricted to those 21 and over only. We will provide water and coffee. Please feel free to bring your own favorite beverage.





# CONSERVATORY EGG HUNT – 4/11/2020 – 11 AM at the Conservatory Community Center

Make sure you save the date of **4/11/2020** for a fun morning with the Easter Bunny and Spring Chicken! The fun will start at 11 AM. We will meet at the pavilion at the park next to the community pool. Please bring a bag or a basket to allow the kiddos to gather eggs. More details will appear in the March newsletter.

### **Crime Statistics District 3 Area 22**

### **Area 22 Crime Stats -1/1 to 1/31:**

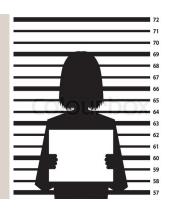
Assault: 2 Burglary: 0

**Larceny From Auto: 0** 

Motor Vehicle Theft/Attempt/Recovery: 0

Robbery: 0

Damaged Property: 1 Traffic Crashes: 3 Traffic Contacts: 18



### LET'S GET THE WEIGHT OFF BEFORE THE SUMMER!

The HOA Social Committee will again be offering a weight loss support group to get ready for summer, right here in our Conservatory Community Cen-

ter. This class is a 10 week commitment and we will be using the Anschutz Health Center nutritionist notebook to guide us. You will do weigh-ins at home, and any information that you share will be confidential. Weight loss is easier and more fun when you have a support group in your corner! All adults – male, female, couples – are encouraged to join us. Our groups in the past have been very successful for those that stuck it out!!

We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm, from February 25th – May 12th. Note, we have built in a couple of extra weeks in case we have scheduling issues.





Bridge players & those interested in learning to play: The Social Committee would like to hear from you if you're interested in playing once a week at the Community Center. We'd like it to be a relaxed, fun group for party bridge. Please reply to:

sfisher.conservatoryhoasocial@gmail.com with your preference of morning, afternoon, or evening.

#### **2020 Board of Directors**

Dave Altman - President
Helen Hardin - VP
Bill Fisher—Treasurer
Bob Hunchberger—Secretary
Tim Siml—Director
Dean Harris—Director

#### **Design Review Committee**

Therese Sullivan - co-chair Dave Sunstrom - co-chair

#### **Operations Committee**

Jim Hardin

#### **Communications Committee**

Helen Hardin Bob Hunchberger Niya Simmons Sharon Fisher

#### **Social Committee**

**Sharon Fisher Patty Maetas** 

### **Conservatory Contact Information**

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### **Conservatory Metro District**

303-987-0835 www.yourcmd.org

### **Compliance Reminders**

Although there is snow on the ground, compliance inspections are still conducted on a regular basis. What is our community manager looking for during her inspections?

- Trash containers left out past trash day
- Inoperable and commercial vehicles
- Window grid failures
- General unsightliness

### **Spring Compliance**

Starting late Spring, there will be separate compliance inspections specific to homes needing paint.

Also, with Spring on our heels, grass and trees will start coming back. Inspections will include capturing landscape violations and dead trees.

Please remember that any exterior modification or exterior violation requires approval from the Design Review Committee PRIOR to work commencing.