

Southmoor Park Review

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New HOA/RNO Officers for 2018 - 2020

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The new Southmoor Park RNO Board is excited to publish this first edition of the "Southmoor Park Review" newsletter. We will try to provide information and stories relevant to our Southmoor Park West neighborhood. If you have a story, recipe or an idea to share, please contact one of the board members.

Grilled Chicken with Herbed Corn Salsa



Ingredients

2 1/4 lb. skin-on, bone-in chicken thighs
salt, pepper
2 large ears corn, shucked
1 c. packed fresh basil leaves
1/2 c. packed fresh mint leaves
1/4 c. grated Parmesan
1 clove garlic
1/4 c. lemon juice
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

Directions

1. Season chicken thighs with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Grill chicken on medium, covered, 15 to 20 minutes or until chicken is cooked (165 degrees F), turning over once.
2. Grill corn on medium 10 minutes, turning occasionally. In food processor, pulse basil, mint, Parmesan, garlic, and 1/4 teaspoon salt until finely chopped. Add lemon juice and olive oil; pulse until just combined. Cut kernels off cobs; stir into herb sauce. Serve chicken with corn mixture.

Southeast Denver Bond Projects Include:

- Highline Canal tunnel at Yale & Holly
- Yale improvements at I-25 and Quebec
- Hampden corridor multi-modal improvements
- Buchtel & Colorado Blvd bike/pedestrian improvements
- Ross-University Hills Library renovation
- Eisenhower Rec Center upgrades
- Rosamond Park new playground
- Bible Park new playground
- Hampden Heights trails resurfacing
- Bike lanes on S. Birch & E. Princeton
- Fire Station 13 & 22 upgrades



Southmoor Park West

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community" - Anthony D'Angelo

Southmoor Park West 2018 Summer Kick-Off Breakfast in the Park



The 2018 Summer Kick-Off party held on June 10th featured breakfast in the park and live music provided by Owen Kortz. Chris' Cakes catered a yummy pancake breakfast. Picnic goers caught pancakes in mid-air as the cook tossed them hot off the grill! John Elway dealerships donated free gifts and sponsored face painting for kids big and small from About Face. RNO President Lori Church provided free massages as door prizes. We were joined by Station 22 of the Denver Fire Department. Kids and adults alike took tours of the fire engines. Local businesses promoted their services and products, as well as provided coupons to attendees. They included the Gluten Escape (owned by our own Southmoor Park neighbor, Kathy Letson), Tony's Meat Market and Mathnasium (both of Happy Canyon Shopping Center), and A Fur Stylist (dog groomer located in the Goldsmith shoppette).

2018 Bikes, Bagels, and the Star-Spangled Banner



The 2018 Bikes, Bagels and the Star-Spangled Banner July 4th event was a huge success! Kids demonstrated their patriotism and style by decorating their bikes and strollers in red, white, and blue! Coffee, juice, bagels, donuts, and delicious homemade treats were available for all to enjoy. The parade route, which included most of the neighborhood, was accompanied by patriotic music and horn honking. If you missed this year's festivities, please join us in future years for this annual neighborhood tradition!

Snow Help This Winter – The City of Denver requires all residents to shovel the snow from their main walkway (front of your house) within 24 hours after a storm, or face a fine. We are aware that some of our neighbors may not be physically able to do this due to health, surgeries, physical or financial reasons. So, we would like to help out. If you are in a situation that deters you from shoveling your main walk, please contact a Board Member per emails on page 1, or you can call 303-947-2413 to leave a message. If you rely on medical deliveries, we will also shovel the walkway to your front door. Driveways will only be considered on a special needs basis.

We would also like to have a contact list of neighbors who may need to be checked on in case of a power outage, especially if you need power for any medical equipment. Again, please contact us if you would like to be on this list so we can better understand your needs.

Southmoor Park West Directory – For those of you that have lived here for awhile, you may remember the directory of both Southmoor Park West but also Southmoor Park East. The board is interested in creating a new directory of only Southmoor Park West residents. This will be strictly voluntary and can include phone numbers and/or email addresses. Again, we will only publish neighbors that want to be included. We will be reaching out to the neighbors in the near future. Please consider being a part of this directory.

Ivanhoe Island -The Ivanhoe Island at Hampden Ave, belonging to the City of Denver, has long been an eyesore. In late summer of 2017, several residents of our neighborhood initiated a project to improve the appearance of this island and the problem of washout of dirt and mulch during strong rainstorms. Collaborating with Denver Parks and Recreation, Southmoor Park Condos, District 4 Council Person Kendra Black and our own Southmoor Park RNO, significant upgrades were made. These include new perennials and mulch, cobble to prevent erosion and an engraved entrance boulder. Maintenance of this island continues to be provided by a small group of residents in conjunction with Denver Parks and Rec.

The island at the cul-de-sac on Hillcrest also belongs to the City of Denver. The same residents have spent weekend mornings pulling weeds and trimming juniper. Please be mindful of their hard work and clean up after your furry friends!

Property at 3888 S Jersey Street Update - Mr. Ku, owner of the home at the northeast corner of S Jersey and Mansfield, decided to renovate the home and list it for sale as a single family home, rather than convert it to a group living facility.

Neighborhood Safety - The Denver Police Department strongly recommends keeping cars locked at all times and keeping your garage doors closed due to the increased automobile burglaries in Southeast Denver. Call the Denver Police Department at 720-913-2000 if you see something suspicious and it is not an emergency. Always call 911 if there is an emergency. We also will notify you when we organize "Walk a Mile in Your Shoes" with the Denver Police Department. This is a great way for you to connect with local Law Enforcement and ask questions about our neighborhood's safety. It's also a great way to meet some new neighbors - ask them to join you for the walk, too. It will be a 30 minute walk of our neighborhood with a Denver Police officer. See what it's like to walk a foot beat as an officer while the officer experiences a stroll around our neighborhood! We will also be updating the "Neighborhood Watch Program" in the very near future. We will update you soon in Nextdoor and with our yard signs. Please contact us with any questions.

Slow Down in the Neighborhood - In response to many of our neighbors, please slow down. Many have shared concerns about drivers going down streets faster than the posted 25 miles per hour. Should you see speeding cars on your street call the DPD Neighborhood Enforcement Team at (720) 337-1030. With numerous calls to this Team we may see more enforcement.

Continued Support for Our Neighborhood - Our Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO), also known as SPHOA, uses the funds we have available to host neighborhood events to encourage community, provide small neighborhood improvements, and occasionally obtain legal advice. As an RNO, we embrace both homeowners and renters alike. Our only income is the \$25.00 voluntary dues. Not all households pay these dues so our account has been slowly dwindling over the past few years. Prior to 2016, dues revenue of about \$4000 per year kept us solvent. But annual revenue has been falling since 2016 and is now at half this amount. At this rate, we will be out of funds in about five years. We want to continue to support our neighborhood and dues make that possible! If you are able, please pay your 2018 SPHOA dues. (The Board is not asking for dues owed from prior years.) You can also ask that your dues be used for a particular event or project by adding a note with your check or by contacting a Board member and let them know.

We know that not everyone attends the sponsored events every year and would prefer their due money go to improvements of the neighborhood. We hear you and have ideas of cleaning up our streets and continuing improvements to the neighborhood, in general. We also have other ideas for next year that will enhance our community involvement and possibly create other sources of income.

You can now pay your dues using Zelle[™]. The payment email is southmoorhoa@gmail.com. Or, mail your dues to: Southmoor Park West HOA P.O. Box 370164 Denver, CO. 80237-0164.

Please feel free to contact Bill Rutherford, SPHOA treasurer, with any questions or concerns regarding your dues or with corrections/edits to your contact information. You can email or leave a message at 303-947-2413.

Can Your Neighbors Affect Your Property Value? - Neighbors who fail to keep up their homes and yards can not only be an eyesore, but can cost you at appraisal time. In addition to your home's structural and cosmetic features, appraisers take note of surrounding conditions, such as cluttered yards or noise disturbances. Neighborhood nuisances such as an overgrown yard or a persistent odor could bring down the value of adjacent homes by 5 percent to 10 percent, says Richard L. Borges II, the president of the Appraisal Institute. Please do your best to keep your "curb appeal" appealing.

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