

**Conservatory Metropolitan District
Community Update
October, 2014**

As part of its ongoing effort to keep residents apprised of current matters before the Board of Directors of the Conservatory Metropolitan District, the Board intends to provide periodic updates to the community. The information contained here is only a brief summary, and residents are encouraged to attend Board meetings to learn about matters firsthand. The Board meets regularly at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday of every other month (odd numbered months) at the Conservatory Clubhouse, 2665 S. Jebel Way. Minutes of recent meetings are posted to the District's website. For additional information please contact the District Manager at (303) 987-0835 or visit our website at www.yourcmd.org.

Prairie Dogs: For the past few years damage caused by prairie dogs migrating from the Plains Conservation Center ("PCC") to the Conservatory has been a significant concern. As you may know, the District's Board of Directors installed a prairie dog barrier on the eastern boundary of tracts A and B near the main entrance close to Hampden and Conservatory Parkway (see attached map). The barrier is a solid, off-white metal wall extending 20 inches above ground and 20 inches below ground. Following the installation, the damage to landscaping in this area significantly decreased. The District is now planning to install an additional section approximately 720 feet long on the eastern boundary of tract U this fall. In addition to the barriers, conventional control efforts are still necessary. If you see prairie dog activity in the neighborhood, please report it immediately to the District Manager at the number referenced above.

Tree Replacements: The District has completed the replacement of 61 trees along Conservatory Parkway and Jericho this spring as part of a multi-year tree replacement plan. Since 2011, the District has replaced approximately 65 unhealthy trees per year in District tracts, for a total replacement count of 257 trees to date. The replacement plan is expected to continue through 2016. The District will remove 59 standing dead and severely stressed trees in October 2014.

Tract NN Erosion: The natural surface path in this tract is prone to erosion due to the topography of the area approved grading plan. Each year repairs are necessary, and the District has made significant improvements over the years to divert water away from the path. This fall the District is planning to install additional improvements to better divert drainage and reduce erosion problems.

Landscaping and Snow Removal Services: The District's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that ValleyCrest Landscape has been engaged as the District's landscaping and snow removal contractor. The landscaping contract will become effective January 1, 2015, and snow removal services will begin in the winter of 2014. The District's Board and Landscaping Committee reviewed proposals from several different service providers and determined to engage ValleyCrest after careful consideration.

Public Art Coming to Conservatory: The District's Board of Directors will be working with the City of Aurora to incorporate public art into the District. Through a Public Arts Agreement with the City and the Developers, the District will have a budget of approximately \$143,000 to fund the improvements. The design and location of the artwork has not yet been determined. The District will invite input from the Homeowners Association and members of the community through the design and selection process which is expected to begin this fall.

2015 Budget Hearing: The District will adopt its 2015 budget at the October 20, 2014 budget hearing. The District does not anticipate a mill levy increase for 2015. All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.