

Conservatory Metropolitan District
Community Update
June 1, 2010

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 each month at the Conservatory Clubhouse, 2665 S. Jebel Way. For additional information please contact the District Manager at (303) 987-0835 or visit our website at www.yourcmd.org.

Wildlife Alert: Many of us are drawn to this neighborhood by its vast greenbelt areas and exceptional location next to the Plains Conservation Center. And as you probably know, our extensive open space is also home to prairie dwelling wildlife including snakes. The Conservatory Metropolitan District has recently received reports of snakes in individual yards and in the open space areas. Because they are a part of the natural environment all around us this should be expected, however we urge you to be cautious, especially near rocks, flowerbeds or landscape features that would provide them shelter. Special caution should be taken with children and pets in your own yard and the open space areas. The Aurora Animal Care Division is available for consultation, and will under certain circumstances relocate snakes or other wildlife that may have made its home in your yard. They may be contacted at (303) 326-8288.

Informational Meetings: Laverne Palmer, one of the District's directors, is hosting quarterly informational meetings to educate residents about the Conservatory Metropolitan District. You are invited to attend the next quarterly informational meeting scheduled for June 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Conservatory Clubhouse located at 2665 South Jebel Way. Please RSVP to Laverne's email address: lpalmer@yourcmd.org.

Flower Beds: Flowers have been planted at the beds throughout the District. The District's Board worked with the Brickman Group, the landscape contractor to select a plant mix comprised of one third perennials and two thirds annuals at all locations. The plant selection was targeted to minimize maintenance cost, and maintain the vibrant colors of annuals while increasing the number of plants that will survive year after year.

Tract U, Turf Replacement: The District is planting Blue Gramma, a native grass requiring 90% less water, in tract U, generally located at South Conservatory Parkway and East Vassar Avenue. In order to prepare the ground in tract U for the native grass seed, the existing turf will be eradicated. You may notice dead turf in this area while this process is underway. We expect to plant the new seed in early June.

Stone Monuments and Walls: The District is moving forward with a construction defect lawsuit against the builder of the walls and monuments. You may notice portions of the structures where deconstructive testing is being conducted or has occurred. While this may be unsightly, it is an important part of our information gathering process. The District will repair the affected areas at the appropriate time. Until this claim is resolved, the District is advising all homeowners and their children not to tamper with, or climb or play on the walls or monuments. Should you have any questions concerning this matter please feel free to contact Cass McKenzie with McKenzie, Rhody & Hearn, the law firm retained to handle the District's claim. Cass can be reached at (303) 561-4740.

Tract NN Trail Surface: The District has experienced erosion problems with the natural trail surface on the path from East Dartmouth Drive to East Doane Drive. This spring the District will replace the surface of the sloped portion of the path with a "stabilized" material. The trail surface will be the same material as the other natural surface trails but the gravel will contain a binding agent to help resist erosion.