

SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Serving Southern Gables and Valley View

SPRING NEWSLETTER, 2017

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Celebrate our Neighborhood's History and Future

The Southern Gables neighborhood is 50 years old. We will celebrate this landmark and recognize our original and longtime homeowners at a very special event on **May 9, 2017, 6-8 p.m. in the gym at Green Gables Elementary School.**

There will be displays and other memorabilia that will showcase our neighborhood from 1965 to the present!

Come enjoy the evening with us and see pictures of homes in Southern Gables under construction, homebuilder models and original prices, and the history of our neighborhood, just to name some of the highlights!

You will have the opportunity to meet many of the original

and longtime homeowners and reconnect with friends throughout our neighborhood.

ALL SOUTHERN GABLES RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND MEET YOUR FRIENDLY SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORS!

"Our neighborhood has done great things over the past 50 years. And looking toward the future, we are as strong as ever!" Mary Vodneck

all residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Free refreshments will be provided.

At the end of this festive event, there will be a short Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Membership General Meeting that

NOTE FROM SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DOUG WHITTEN

Southern Gables is a special neighborhood. Our schools, PTA, Sustainable Southern Gables, Southern Gables Neighborhood and others are continually improving to assist each other to make Southern Gables one of the premier neighborhoods in the city of Lakewood. THANKS TO ALL THE GREAT NEIGHBORS OF SOUTHERN GABLES for making this happen.

Our 50th Anniversary Celebration will be a very special event—we hope you will attend.

We want to hear from our neighbors of Southern Gables. How would you like to see the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association provide additional support to the neighborhood? Please contact me whittend@comcast.net (303-986-7157) or any of the Board members concerning current or possible future activities.

LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL HAWLEY, GREEN GABLES ELEMENTARY

Leading, Learning, and Growing Together

Dear Green Gables Community,

The 2016-17 school year has been a huge success. In my first year as principal at Green Gables Elementary, I have been amazed at the amount of community support. I believe it is the collaborative efforts of an entire community which makes our school such a great place to be for our students and helps them thrive. We have the best students!

Together, we are building our future. I would like to thank those of you who have reached out, serving as crossing guards, volunteering in the classroom or library, and working on our new school/community garden. It has been a joy to meet you.

We are in the process of planning for next year and one of our big foci will be the school/community garden. We have great plans on how to weave this wonderful opportunity into our existing curriculum and support our students in authentic, project-based learning opportunities. Our

school theme is “Leading, Learning, and Growing Together”.

I would like to give a special shout out to our Garden Steering Committee, which includes community members from Southern Gables: Robert Young, Christy Cerrone, Wendy and Brian Diamante, Bonnie Johnson, Christine Dove, Christine Portwich (2nd grade teacher) and Kristalina O’Bannon (1st grade teacher).

Many of you have also reached out to support with weeding and watering the school plots during the summer. We have also received interest from community members who would like to teach our children their own expertise about gardening. The outpouring of support will make this community garden a sustainable project for many years to come.

It is our mission at Green Gables to “provide multiple pathways to foster a rigorous learning environment for student success in school and in life.” We believe learning is a journey of

continual growth and reflection and we work to support our students in being self-directed learners with a growth mindset. One of our greatest hopes is for every student to celebrate their efforts and persevere through challenges, so they leave Green Gables ready for middle school, both academically and socially.

Finally, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about our school. I look forward to continuing to cultivate a collaborative partnership between our school and community.

Warm Regards,
Suanne Hawley
Green Gables Elementary School
Principal



NOTES

And Updates

NEXTDOOR.com - Neighbors are experiencing Nextdoor.com as a tremendous informational network to make them aware of events in the area as well as some serious safety and neighborhood issues (suspicious autos, unwanted salespersons, potential burglars and dangerous neighborhood road conditions.) In addition, neighbors also post items they have for sale, as well as looking for repair persons, lost/found animals. **ALL NEIGHBORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BELONG!** To enroll, go to SouthernGables.Nextdoor.com.

Those neighbors living by the Irrigation Ditch and/or Ward Canal irrigation ditches are urged to contact Gary Thelander, 303-419-8977 with questions/ concerns/problems.

Concerned about old cars in driveway, tall weeds, RV's, etc. in the Neighborhood? Please go to lakewood.org/codeenforcement, and see what the City of Lakewood allows for some of your concerns. You can call Code Enforcement at 303-987-7566, or email them at codeenforcement@lakewoodco.org.

Little Free Libraries are located at 2004 S. Cape Way and 8340 W. Evans Pl. Please participate in this free library experience.

Please put a NO SOLICITORS sign on your door if you do not want salespeople, etc. knocking on your door. Remember, you have the right to call the Lakewood Police at 303-987-7111 to report such disturbances if you have a sign.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

"The Gables Garden"

Opening This Spring!

The Gables Community and School Garden at Green Gables Elementary School has really come together. Here are a few numbers that highlight what is happening in our garden:

- **24** community garden plots (3 plots still available for sign-up! Let us know if you're interested).
- **8** school garden plots.
- **270** students learning in the garden and outdoor classroom.
- **14** big boulder benches in our new outdoor classroom.
- **60** different volunteers have filled **172** volunteer shifts and worked for over **522** hours at garden work days to construct the garden.
- **\$34,500**: grant from Lakewood's Neighborhood Participation Program for the garden.
- **\$10,000**: in addition to the basic community garden construction, we added an outdoor classroom, more picnic tables, benches, trees, perennial flower beds, and an additional shed. We've received \$1,700 in donations, and are working to raise an additional \$8,300.
- **4/22/17**: Join us for our Garden Grand Opening on Saturday, April 22, 4-6 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Watch your mail for an invitation with more details from Sustainable Southern Gables.

You can Help the Garden Grow

If you're interested in making a financial contribution to help complete our garden and outdoor classroom, please contact us. Donations are tax deductible and will make a lasting and meaningful difference to the neighborhood and to the students at the school. We will also have memorial opportunities available. Please call Christy Cerrone at 303-984-0496 for more information about donating to our neighborhood's garden.

SUSTAINABLE SOUTHERN GABLES: CERTIFIED FOR 4TH YEAR RUNNING

This May marks our neighborhood's 4th anniversary of participation in Lakewood's award-winning Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. We've been certified again for 2016-2017 as an "Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood"—this year, we've earned 203 credits for the workshops, events, and initiatives we've planned (and, would you believe, only 70 credits are required for re-certification!). Thank you for all of your support as we've built our neighborhood's program over these four years!

This year, a lot of our group's work has been focused on the Community Garden, but we've had some additional exciting events and successes throughout the year, including our 3rd annual Neighborhood Leaf Raking and Composting Day, a workshop on Protecting Pollinators, a Children's Clothing Swap, volunteering at The Action Center's Santa Shop, a Bike to Work Day Water Station, and a Chicken-Keeping Class.

Our team of 13 volunteers loves planning events and has a great lineup of events planned for this spring and summer! Watch for your Sustainable Southern Gables postcards in the mail for all of the details! Or check our website for updates anytime: www.GreenerGables.org



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Area 8: Frank Bontrager, 303-987-3042, flbontrager@comcast.net

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At Large: Ken Fisher, 303-472-9746, blazerwood@gmail.com

YOUR SOUTHERN GABLES

Belong to Something Great

The Southern Gables Neighborhood Association is inviting ALL of its neighbors to belong to our exciting Neighborhood Association—dues are only \$15 per year and you get a lot for that! Some of our current and past activities include:

1. Write, print and deliver the Fall and Spring Southern Gables Newsletters.
2. Represent our neighbors on neighborhood development and improvements.
3. Sponsor and develop the Neighborhood Tote Bags.
4. Plan and lead our Neighborhood Night Out to connect neighbors, local businesses, and Lakewood Police and Fire Departments in a night of family-friendly activities. We had 596 neighbors attend in 2016.
5. Organize and advertise the neighborhood garage sale.
6. Develop and assist community-based activities such as the Leaf Collection Day, Neighborhood Luncheons, and Neighborhood Evening Get-Togethers.
7. Lead neighborhood community on Nextdoor.org.
8. Fund and maintain the neighborhood sign at S. Estes St. and W. Jewell Ave.
9. Contribute to needy families at Green Gables Elementary School, JeffCo Action Center, Lakewood Police, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and the Senior Resource Center(SRC).

Please go to our neighborhood link: <http://southerngableshoa.com/about/pay-dues/> to pay your annual dues, or submit your \$15.00 annual dues to Southern Gables Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 36072, Denver, CO 80236.

For more information about Southern Gables, please go to your neighborhood website, www.SouthernGablesHOA.com. Every neighbor is encouraged to make a difference. LET'S MAKE SOUTHERN GABLES EVEN GREATER!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your Calendar...

Southern Gables 50th Anniversary Celebration, Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6-8 p.m.

Green Gables Elementary School Gym

Neighborhood Garage Sale Friday-Saturday May 19-20, 2017

Neighborhood Night Out Fri., Aug. 25, 2017, 5-8 p.m. at Green Gables

Elementary, We will have free food and drinks, games, booths from our Selected Business Partners, a DJ, face-painting, fire-truck tours.... We will also have some drawings for items such as a BBQ grill and more.

Southern Gables Neighborhood Luncheons are the first Thursday of each month.

Meet and chat with your neighbors. Location and times will be listed on Nextdoor.com and at www.southerngableshoa.com.

Ward 5 meetings are the 1st Saturday of each month at Bear Valley Church for all neighbors to learn about the City of Lakewood and services offered.

Southern Gables Neighborhood Evening Get-Togethers on rotating days monthly; dates and locations will be listed on Nextdoor.com.

Southern Gables is a neighborhood located in south Lakewood, Colorado. Our boundaries: Jewell Avenue to Morrison Road, Garrison to Wadsworth Boulevard.

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