

# SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



Serving Southern Gables and Valley View

FALL NEWSLETTER, 2017

## RECENT ASSOCIATION EVENTS AND SUCCESSES

**Successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition!!** On May 9, 2017, many long-time residents of Southern Gables were recognized as living in our neighborhood for at least 40 to 50 years. The approximately 165 in attendance saw pictures and memorabilia that showcased our neighborhood from 1965 to present. Perhaps most important, many of those neighbors had an opportunity to share their neighborhood experiences with new and older neighbors. A special THANK YOU to the many neighborhood volunteers who helped gather information from the many neighbors.

### Did you know about Southern Gables History?

1. First filing for building homes was recorded April 8, 1963.
2. The Southern Gables HOA was formed in 1972.
3. The Southern Gables HOA began when Luby Chevrolet purchased the land at S. Wadsworth and W. Evans Ave. in 1972. Neighbors were very concerned about the impact on the neighborhood, and they developed a PUD plan with the City of Lakewood. The plan included indirect lighting, parking restrictions on W. Evans, requiring a berm on W. Evans and several other considerations which Joe Luby agreed. (Dealership under Luby and now Emich has worked very closely with the HOA and is a wonderful partner).
4. The Southern Gables HOA by-laws were written in March, 1973 and approved by the State of Colorado.
5. Southern Gables boundaries are S. Wadsworth to the east, Morrison Rd. to the south, W. Jewell Ave. to the north, and S. Garrison St. to the west. Approximately 955 single-family homes are located in this area.

**Southern Gables Neighborhood Night Out** was held August 25, 2017 at Green Gables Elementary. Approximately 545 neighbors enjoyed free food, visited 25 Business Sponsor booths, watched the circus, juggler, face and tattoo painting and toured our ever successful Community Garden. Four drawings for items of at least \$250.00 in value were held. Mark your calendar: next year's Neighborhood Night Out will be August 24, 2018.

## NOTE FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DOUG WHITTEN

Southern Gables is an exceptional and recognized neighborhood in the City of Lakewood. Neighbors continue to work together to improve the lifestyles of our residents and children. Green Gables Elementary School is **ON FIRE** with a sense of pride and ownership not only by the Principal, Suanne Hawley, but all of the staff **and** students as well as its **great** PTA. Our Sustainable Southern Gables continues to be the leader in Lakewood by its innovative programs & services to our community. The Southern Gables Neighborhood Association continues to provide activities & services to Southern Gables which fosters & encourages neighbor participation, cooperation & understanding to make Southern Gables a **GREAT** neighborhood to live & raise children. Thanks to all the great neighbors of Southern Gables for making this happen.

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 at [whittend@comcast.net](mailto:whittend@comcast.net) (303-986-7157) or any of the Board members concerning current or possible future activities.

For more information about Southern Gables, please go to your neighborhood website [www.SouthernGablesHOA.com](http://www.SouthernGablesHOA.com). Every neighbor is encouraged to get involved and make a difference.

Sincerely,  
*Doug Whitten*

## LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL HAWLEY, GREEN GABLES ELEMENTARY

### Leading, Learning, and Growing Together

Dear Green Gables Community,

Happy Fall! It's hard to believe we are already almost half way through our first trimester of the school year. Things are off to a great start. There are many celebrations to share with the community:

- Our students have been busy in the community garden. We started the year with a school garden day which involved a garden tour learning about the various items all of the gardeners are growing. Students also tasted items from the school plots, learned how to care for their grade level plots, and listened to garden books with Christy Cerrone's mom, Jan. This would not have been possible without our community volunteers (Bruce, Bonnie, Justina, Glenn, Christine, Christy, and Jan).
- Students have also used the garden to engage in authentic learning experiences involving math, science and writing. You might also notice students reading books outside in the outdoor learning space.
- This year we started a running club with the leadership of our PE teacher, Mrs. Miner, as well as other teachers and family volunteers. You may notice students running in the neighborhood after school twice a week. They are working hard to train for a 5k in November.

- Another proud moment came when the preliminary School Performance Framework (SPF) from the state was released. The SPF is a document that is used as part of the school accountability process to show academic achievement and growth. Our school rating based on last year was Performance Plan. This is up from the previous year (2015-16), which was Improvement Plan.

There are four types of plans:

1. **Performance Plan** - The school meets or exceeds statewide attainment on the performance indicators and is required to adopt and implement a Performance Plan.
2. **Improvement Plan** - The school is required to adopt and implement an Improvement Plan.
3. **Priority Improvement Plan** - The school is required to adopt and implement a Priority Improvement Plan.
4. **Turnaround Plan** - The school is required to adopt and implement a Turnaround Plan.

Our students made tremendous growth, and in some areas outperformed the state in reading and math growth! I contribute this to the hard work of our students, staff, families, and community members who all

support the growth of our amazing children. I believe it takes an entire community working together and I am proud of our Green Gables Leprechauns! We still have much work to do and will always work within a cycle of continuous improvement.

- Finally, a big thank you to Westwood Community Church for the donations of school supplies and all the support you give our school. Thank you also to the Southern Gables Association for the various ways you support our school and give back to the community. I am humbled to serve as principal in this wonderful community and I welcome any ideas, suggestions, or volunteers. (We are still in need of crossing guards before and after school if you are interested.) Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,  
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Green Gables Elementary School  
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303-982-8314



## ADDITIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

**DID YOU KNOW** you can join the Green Gables PTA even if you don't have a student enrolled at Green Gables Elementary?

Please join by emailing [greenablespta@yahoo.com](mailto:greenablespta@yahoo.com) or contact the school or a current PTA member.

**CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED** – Crossing guards are needed at Green Gables Elementary School before school and after school. Time committed should be no more than 20 minutes. Please go to the Main Desk at the school for more information.

**SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSISTANCE** – The library at Green Gables Elementary School needs some volunteers. Please contact the school front desk at 303-982-8314 for additional information.

## NOTES

And Updates...

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leaf Collection Day** – We need volunteers to help raking senior neighbor's lawns. Please contact Christy at 303-984-0496 to help with this neighborhood project.

**Concerned about old cars in driveways, tall weeds, RV's, etc. in the Neighborhood?** Please go to [Lakewood.org/codeenforcement](http://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](mailto: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. Our two neighbors who sponsor these libraries do a fantastic job.

**BIG THANKS TO SAM SOTIROS, C.P.A.,** our Southern Gables neighbor and businessman, for volunteering to again prepare the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association tax return.

**Be A Good Neighbor** and **PLEASE** pick up after your pets when walking in the neighborhood. Also, please try to limit barking dogs, as they do bother some neighbors.

**NEXTDOOR.COM UPDATES** – When you sign up for Nextdoor.com, you automatically receive emails from 42 neighborhoods. To help reduce the number of emails you receive, Gayle Gunderson posted on Nextdoor September 19, 2017 suggestions how to eliminate emails which are not relevant to you. To summarize:

- 1 Go to your Profile
- 2 Go to Settings
- 3 Go to Nearby Neighborhoods
- 4 Go to Personalize your list of nearby neighborhoods
- 5 On right of screen, turn off or on neighborhoods you would like to receive emails about.

## SUSTAINABLE SOUTHERN GABLES

### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION DAY, NOV. 11, 7:30 AM-12 PM

Sustainable Southern Gables and the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association are again partnering to collect and compost leaves from our neighborhood.

- 1- **Save your Leaves:** Bring your leaves to the Green Gables Elementary School parking lot for composting rather than sending to a landfill.
- 2- **Neighbors Who Need Help Raking:** We will have volunteers to help our neighborhood seniors rake leaves from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Judy at **or 303-986-7157** to sign up or to nominate a senior Southern Gables neighbor who needs help.
- 3- **Want to Volunteer?** We need many volunteers to rake lawns and/or help at our drop-off Station. Contact Christy at **303-984-0496** to sign up to be a part of this big day in our Southern Gables neighborhood.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

We hope you enjoyed watching the garden grow over the course of the summer. We'll be back next spring and summer with more gardening workshops and tips and tricks. And we'll also be working in the school helping students at Green Gables Elementary learn about growing and using fresh food.

## POSTCARDS

Watch your mail for postcards each season with all of the Sustainable Southern Gables events, or visit [www.GreenerGables.org](http://www.GreenerGables.org) for all of our information.



## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD

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## 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 including:

- *Resources* including the Fall and Spring Southern Gables Newsletters, Tote Bags, and neighborhood entry sign on Estes and Jewell.
- *Events* like Neighborhood Night Out, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Leaf Collection Day, Neighborhood Luncheons, and Neighborhood Evening Get-Togethers.
- *Leadership* of neighborhood community on Nextdoor.org.
- *Support* of organizations including Green Gables Elementary School, JeffCo Action Center, Lakewood Police, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and the Senior Resource Center (SRC).

Please go to [www.SouthernGablesHOA.com](http://www.SouthernGablesHOA.com) to pay your annual dues, or send your \$15.00 annual dues to Southern Gables Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 36072, Denver, CO 80236.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark your Calendar...

**TRICK-or-TREAT STREET** Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 from 10:00 AM -12:30 PM  
Carnival Games, Arts & Crafts, Bounce House, Trunk-or-Treat and Chili Lunch. **FREE!** Sponsored by our great neighbors at Westwoods Community Church, 7700 W. Woodard Dr.

**All mail-in ballots** for the upcoming election are due to the City of Lakewood by November 7, 2017. For our Ward 5 election, Karen Harrison is the incumbent and Nancy Palozzi is her opponent. Voting information is available at <http://jeffco.us/elections/voting-and-registration/>. Please vote!

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leaf Collection & Composting Day** Nov. 11 See details on page 3.

**Fundraiser at Chipotle by Kohls-** Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 4 - 8 PM.  
Coordinated by the Neighborhood Association to benefit Green Gables Elementary School. 50% of receipts received by Chipotle will go to Green Gables Elementary.

**Neighborhood Garage Sale** – June 6 & 7, 2018.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Gables Neighborhood Night Out** – August 24, 2018 at Green Gables Elementary School. For **ALL** Southern Gables neighbors and students at Green Gables.

**Southern Gables Neighborhood Luncheons** are the first Thursday of each month. Meet and chat with your neighbors. Location and times will be listed in Nextdoor.com and [www.southerngableshoa.com](http://www.southerngableshoa.com).

**Southern Gables Neighborhood Evening Get-Togethers** are on rotating days monthly and dates and locations will be listed in Nextdoor.com and [www.southerngableshoa.com](http://www.southerngableshoa.com).

**Ward 5 meetings** are the **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month** at Bear Valley Church on W. Jewell and S. Old Kipling at 9 am. These meeting are for all Southern Gables neighbors to learn more about the City of Lakewood and services offered, and are hosted by our two Ward 5 City Councilors.