

SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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FALL NEWSLETTER, 2019

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A NOTE FROM THE SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, DOUG WHITTEN

I hope I don't sound like a broken record, but the Southern Gables neighborhood continues to be SUPER! We had the largest crowd ever participating at our 5th Annual Neighborhood Night Out on August 23, 2019. The volunteers were exceptional and everybody had a good time, especially the five \$100 winners of our drawing. Some of our neighborhood partners, Green Gables Elementary School, Green Gables PTA, Sustainable Southern Gables and Westwoods Community Church all participate to make Southern Gables neighborhood one of the finest, and one of the most recognized neighborhoods in Lakewood. **THANK YOU SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORS.**

As an organization, we are working diligently to provide more services to our neighborhood which is diverse and can include many more of our neighbors. We want to engage more neighbors and drive broader involvement in neighborhood generated and neighborhood-centered activities. The ultimate goal is to develop a diversified and robust Southern Gables Neighborhood Association that is aligned with the neighborhood's needs and includes more members from **ALL** demographics who take pride in and are committed to creating an even stronger community of neighbors and the best neighborhood we can all have. We will be using a survey to ask neighbors about their perceptions, needs, and desire for a more perfect neighborhood in the very near future. **PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY.**

Change is inevitable. Please consider becoming a member of the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Board as some members will be exiting at the end of the Board year, which is May 5, 2020. Please consider serving!

As usual, if anyone has questions about the Southern Gables Neighborhood Association, please contact me or any Board member.

Follow us on Facebook and on our neighborhood website, southerngableshoa.com to keep in touch with what's going on in our terrific neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Doug Whitten

Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Survey

What can we do for you? What do you need? How can our neighborhood be improved? What do you think of our Association dues? We will be passing out survey forms at neighborhood events, and advertising the online version on nextdoor.com and Facebook. But don't wait for all that to happen. While you're thinking of it, you can help us out right now, and make your voice heard: on your phone or computer, go to bit.ly/sgna2019survey.

SURPRISE! WINTER IS COMING...

... and if you have a lawn, here are some tips to help it meet the challenge.

Extend watering or let it go?

Once the freezing weather sets in you won't be watering, but how about the time counting down to those frosty mornings? Healthy lawns need water whenever the weather is dry, even in the "shoulder season" of fall. We've had a pretty wet summer, but it's been dry lately. If that keeps going in the coming month or so, it would be good to continue watering once or twice a week until winter gets serious. If you turn off and blow out or drain your in-ground sprinklers for the season, a hose and sprinkler can do the job of easing the lawn into a healthy transition into dormancy. As always, early morning is the best time, although without the summer heat full daytime is OK; it's still good to avoid watering in the evening to avoid fungus growth.

Patches

If you have bare spots or dead zones from kids playing or uneven watering, now is a good time to use a seeding product formulated for patching and repairing troubled lawns. Follow the instructions

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LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL HAWLEY, GREEN GABLES ELEMENTARY

As I enter my fourth year serving as principal at Green Gables Elementary School, I feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful neighborhood community. Much appreciation to all of you who support Green Gables. We remain centered on our school vision of "Leading, Learning, and Growing TOGETHER!" It is truly an amazing neighborhood school and one in which you can be very proud! Here are some of our points of pride:

Academics

- Meets Academic Achievement and Exceeds Academic Growth on the School Performance Framework (SPF) from the Colorado Department of Education
- Second highest academic growth in Math out of 85 elementary schools in Jefferson County in 2018-19
- Third highest academic growth in English Language Arts out of 85 elementary schools in Jefferson County in 2018-19
- Recognized by the Jefferson County School Board for high Academic Growth (2017-18)
- Strong connection between social emotional learning and academics including strong habits of character and restorative practices

Strong Community Partnerships

- School Community Garden
- Watch D.O.G (Dads of Great Students) Program
- Active Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Southern Gables Neighborhood Association Partnership
- Westwood Community Church (Grub to Go Program)

- Bear Creek High School Articulation Area
- Alliance Grant Recipient Satellite School (2019-21) This program provides workshops, field trips and assemblies from 27 arts, culture and science organizations funded by the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD)
- Metro State University Teacher Resident School
- Neighborhood Volunteers

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

- Student-Led Daily Announcements • Peers for Peace
- School Buddies • Young Author's Night • Science Night
- Math Night • Grade Level Nights • Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Before and After School Clubs (running, gardening, coding, games, Empty Baskets Filling Hearts Club, music, Young Rembrandts, geography, and other opportunities depending on interest and volunteers)

On behalf of Green Gables Elementary, I welcome you to reach out and come see for yourself what a truly amazing school we have right here in the neighborhood. We are always looking for more volunteers and we welcome new students and their families.

Warm Regards,

Suanne Hawley

Green Gables Elementary School Principal
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VOTE!

State Propositions, School Board, And Lakewood Municipal Elections November 5

Ballots will be mailed the week of October 14.

Information booklets have already been mailed for the Statewide propositions. For the School Board, see election info on jeffcppublicschools.org.

Information on the municipal election can be found at Lakewood.org/elections. Our City Council Representative for Ward 5, Dana Gutwein, is running for re-election, and Chad Gardner is running to replace her. You can hear their positions and answers at bit.ly/2019ward5. We will also be voting for Mayor and on two ballot questions: Residential Waste Collection and Municipal Broadband.

6TH ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTING, RAKING, AND COMPOSTING DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Southern Gables Neighborhood Association sponsors this leaf collection and compost project for our neighborhood.

1. **Save Your Leaves; Don't Trash Them.** Bring your leaves to the Drop-Off Station on ~~Friday, November 1~~ **UPDATE! Drop point Fleischer Family Farm, 2004 So. Zephyr Ct.** on ~~Friday, November 1~~ **Saturday, November 2** for composting rather than sending to a landfill. **(Please only leaves – NO tree branches or any other trash.)**
2. **Neighbors Who Need Help Raking:** On Friday, November 1, 2019 Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade students, chaperoned by their parents, from **Denver Christian School** will be raking the lawns of senior citizens and those with mobility impairments in our neighborhood from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The bags of leaves will be left on the edge of the yard and picked up by volunteers on Saturday morning, November 2, 2019. Contact Judy Whitten at 303-986-7157 to sign up or to nominate a senior Southern Gables neighbor who needs help.
3. **Can You Volunteer?** We need volunteers to help at the Drop-Off Station and leaf pick up on Saturday, November 2. Call Judy Whitten at 303-986-7157 to be a part of this big event in our Southern Gables Neighborhood.

It's All About Doing Good Things for the Neighborhood. In addition to putting on the big summer bash at Neighborhood Night Out, and paying for the cost of hauling off leaves for composting in the fall, your Association dues contribute to many worthwhile projects for our community. Within the last year, we have contributed to the Green Gables Elementary School Needy Family Fund, the Senior Resource Center, Westwoods Community Church Youth Fund, the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) program to help foster kids, the Action Center providing food and household goods to families in need, the Lakewood Police Toy Fund, and youth programs at Carmody Middle School. **WE ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORS TO BELONG TO AND PARTICIPATE WITH THE SOUTHERN GABLES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.** How? Join us! See southerngableshoa.com/dues.

KUDOS

Thank You!

- To Westwoods Community Church and Colorado Christian University for providing volunteers at our ever-successful Neighborhood Night Out on August 23.
- To our neighbors for the very successful Chipotle Benefit Night on August 27, 2019 where over \$900 was raised by Sustainable Southern Gables for the Community Garden at Green Gables Elementary School.
- To Frank Bontrager for herding volunteers to water and weed the landscaping at our neighborhood entry sign, Jewell at Estes, all summer long.
- To our City Councilors Dana Gutwein and Karen Harrison for their successful efforts in acquiring the Taylor property as dedicated open space. We also appreciate their informative and interactive monthly Ward 5 meetings to keep us informed in Lakewood issues.
- To the Agricultural Ditch Company for cutting weeds along both sides of the ditch from Jewell Ave. south to Woodard. The west side of the ditch had not been mowed for decades and the improvement was fantastic.
- To our veterans of the Armed Services not only on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, but for every day we enjoy the freedom that has been preserved since the founding of our nation. A special shout-out to veterans of the U.S. Navy on the upcoming Navy Birthday, October 13. The U. S. Marines observe their birthday on November 10, and both date back to 1775. Happy 244th!

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What's Going on in the Neighborhood?

- **Green Gables Youth Farm Stand** will be open for the last two times this season on October 10 and 17, 2:45 PM - 3:30 PM at Green Gables Elementary.
- **Free Recycling Event** on October 12, 10:00 am – Noon at Morse Park, 20th Ave & Carr. Take your old paint to get rid of it in an environmentally responsible way. (Information provided by Sustainable Southern Gables)
- **6th Annual Leaf Collecting and Composting Day** at [Fleischer Family Farm, 2004 S. Zephyr Ct.](http://FleischerFamilyFarm.com) Saturday, November 2, 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM.
- **Southern Gables Neighborhood Luncheons** are the first Thursday of each month, 11:30 AM. Meet and converse with your neighbors. Locations will be listed under “Events” on nextdoor.com and your neighborhood website, southerngableshoa.com.
- **Ward 5 Meetings** are the first Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00 AM held at the Bear Valley Church, Old Kipling and W. Jewell. Our City Councilors conduct these meetings on topics of interest and there is always lively and useful discussion.
- **Hey, you got a problem?** If you have questions or complaints about how things should be done to keep up our standards in the Neighborhood? If you have property concerns, see lakewood.org/codeenforcement to check out the rules and whom to contact with your concerns.
- **2019 is Lakewood's 50th Birthday!** Go to lakewoodtogether.org and check out some fun things going on in this anniversary year. To see a video showing how Lakewood got started go to bit.ly/lakewood50.
- **You can** put up a NO SOLICITORS sign on your door if you do not want salespeople knocking on your door.
- **You can** call the Lakewood Police non-emergency number 303-987-7111 to report any disturbances, suspicious activity, or other such concerns.

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Contact Doug Whitten if you're interested in
joining or helping the Board.

Fall Lawn Tips cont'd

on the bag or box, which will essentially amount to keeping the soil moist. That's probably the hardest part, but with some planning you can handle it. According to Better Homes & Gardens, "Frequent light sprinklings are best at first. Gradually increase the interval between waterings to encourage the roots to grow deeper into the soil."

Hungry lawns need feeding

Keeping the lawn healthy and attractive through the fall, and having a good start next spring, both can benefit from a good feeding during this critical time of year. You don't want to wait too late, so if you're reading this in early October you might want to head over to the store and pick up a bag of winterizing fertilizer. We like to go to our local Ace Hardware, and Tom or Mike will help you with what you need. Doing this job in early fall will heal grass roots damaged by the summer heat. If you have a problem with weeds, you'll want to choose a weed & feed to give them a knockout punch as they are starting to work on their winter survival challenge.

Rake your leaves

If leaves stay on your yard as the days provide less sunlight and into the winter, they can have a smothering effect on your grass. It's not a good idea to think that a layer of leaves will "insulate" the grass; they will block vital sunlight, have a thinning effect, and encourage mold growth. Raking them is better. If you really want to use them for mulch right where they are, it's important to chop them up into tiny pieces with your lawn mower. If you choose this method do it before your fall feeding so the mulch can get worked on by the microbes in the soil. Whether you rake them yourself or have it done, be sure to get them into our Southern Gables Leaf Collection Day event on November 2, so they will go in for composting and not just landfill.

Trim the grass to a shorter length

You've probably been giving your grass a better chance at a healthy life during the summer by cutting it high, so the blades can shade the soil and help retain moisture. Well, fall is the time to hunker down a bit. Adjust that little lever on the side of your mower to drop it down and cut the grass 1 to 2 inches shorter. This mowing to a shorter length will continue for the few remaining cuts until the cessation of growth in early winter. For the last cut, you can drop it even lower. That will keep the blades of grass from becoming matted under the snow, and in their dormant state they won't miss the extra length with their healthy roots resting comfortably underground.

One More Thing...

Did you do our survey yet? (The Neighborhood Association would like to serve you better.) Details on the front page. Oh, and another thing (last one, really...)

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