

# S O U T H P A R K 2 T I M E S

## Upcoming Neighborhood Events

The ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE is set for Saturday, September 10th, 2016. If you are interested in the garage sale, please contact Michele Jacobus at 415-336-9450.

The ANNUAL MEETING is approaching. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, October 20th, 7:30 p.m.

## Send Us Your Resumes

Two (2) positions on the Board of Directors are up for election this year. If you are interested in serving, please send your resume and reasons for wishing to serve to:

*Nominating Committee  
SouthPark #2 HOA  
2850 West Long Avenue  
Littleton, CO 70120*

Deadline for the submissions is September 9, 2016.

Also, if you are interested in serving on any committees, please let your Board know!

**Next HOA  
Board Meeting  
September 20, 7:00 p.m.  
at the SouthPark 2  
Clubhouse**

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## SouthPark 2 Landscape Committee News

In August, the Landscape Committee met with the president of Ivy Street Design to look at the upcoming design process and a possible timeline for our landscape renovation project. During National Night Out, the committee handed out a list of "Frequently Asked Questions"(FAQs) regarding the landscape renovation. You can also find a copy of the FAQs on our website, [www.southpark2/hoa.org](http://www.southpark2/hoa.org).

Our next Landscape Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.

## Transients Near SouthPark HOA #2

Recently there has been an increase in transients or "travelers" sleeping near or in SouthPark HOA #2. The Association would like to remind all homeowners and residents that, though not all transients are violent or criminals, there is an increased risk with unknown people roaming the neighborhood. Please keep all garage doors shut and doors locked so to not invite unwanted guests into your home. Also if you notice anybody sleeping or loitering around the SouthPark HOA #2 area, please call the Littleton Police Department so that they can investigate and/or remove the people.

## Where Can I Put Signs?

The SouthPark #2 Homeowners Association does not allow signs (for sale, for rent, political, etc.) placed within the common properties throughout the community. This includes all grass areas, mulch beds, and at the entrance to the neighborhood. If signs are found on the common properties, they will be pulled and disposed of. You can place signs in the windows of your townhome, on the patio area and patio wall/fence of your unit, and signs can be put in pots and placed in the mulch bed in front of your unit. The Association thanks you for your cooperation in not placing signs throughout the community.

## Exterior Lighting

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) would like to remind all Residents that all exterior lighting will need approval by the ACC prior to installation. This includes but is not limited to lights that are strung up in and around the patio and front door areas of the home. Please submit a written request with a photo of what the lights will look like hung to the ACC for their review. The ACC meets on the last Thursday of each month. If you have any questions, please call Kevin Lavene with Centennial Management at 720-528-8557 or [CMGLittleton@aol.com](mailto:CMGLittleton@aol.com).

## Displaying Political Signs

On November 8th, voters will be asked to cast their ballots on a variety of political issues and candidates on local, state and national levels. Residents are reminded there are guidelines for placement of political signs within the community supporting these issues and/or candidates. Below is the guideline adopted and made a part of the rules and regulations by the Architectural Control Committee on May 1, 2016. This revision to the rules and regulations is in accordance with Colorado state statutes.

Political Signs are defined as, “a sign that carries a message intended to influence the outcome of an election, including supporting or opposing the election of a candidate, the recall of a public official, or the passage of a ballot issue.” Signs that convey general political or ideological beliefs, unless a ballot issue, are not meant to directly influence an election’s outcome and are not considered political signs under this section. **Political signs are allowed on the patio, patio wall windows or in a pot located in the mulch bed of the townhouse no sooner than 45 days before and 7 days after an election.** Such signs may be no larger than 36” X 48”. Such signs shall not be displayed from the mulch beds or common areas throughout the neighborhood. Only one sign per candidate and one sign per issue are permitted to be displayed on a single townhome property. This year signs may be displayed on or after September 25rd, but must be removed on or before November 15th.

Should signs be placed in any part of the common area or multiple signs for a particular candidate or issue is displayed, these shall be removed without notice and discarded. Please support for candidate or issue, but be reasonable.

## Do Not Feed The Wildlife

All residents are reminded to not feed the wildlife. This encourages the animals to be dependant upon humans for their meals and attracts other wildlife such a coyotes, foxes, squirrels, raccoons and skunks. If you have a bird feeder, position the feeder so that animals other than birds cannot get the feed, or the bird. Do not leave any food, including pet food, outside. Throw away all leftover food in garbage receptacles and please make sure your garbage in a storage container that is tightly sealed.

## National Night Out “HUGE SUCCESS”

Our annual National Night Out party held on August 6th, was a huge success again this year. BBQ was served to over 250 people in attendance. A special thanks to all of our volunteers and an extra BIG thanks to Norma Theisen. Norma began organizing this event twelve years ago. She suggested that this would be a great event to bring the community together and she was absolutely correct. Without her eagerness, dedication and planning, this successful event would not take place for all to enjoy. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped before, during and after the event.

It’s a great opportunity for residents to meet each other and enjoy some great food. If you didn’t make it, you missed a great party. This event is held the first Tuesday of August, so mark your calendars now for this great event next year.

Any exterior changes, replacements and/or additions **MUST** be approved by the ACC Committee.  
Please address your request in writing to:  
**Kevin Lavene,**  
**Centennial Management Group, LLC**  
**P.O. Box 3459, Littleton CO 80161**

**Who To Call:**  
Maintenance  
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#### News Articles

The deadline for news articles is the 20th of the month before the next month’s issue. Contact **Kevin Lavene at 720-528-8557** to submit a news articles. All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.

#### Advertising

The deadline for advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month’s issue, except for the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. To place an ad, call **Colorado Lasertype, 303-979-7499.**

Email: [getinfo@coloradolasertype.com](mailto:getinfo@coloradolasertype.com)

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## FINAL 2016 Painting Reminder



A reminder to those owners who are required to paint their townhome, the deadline for completion of painting is **September 30, 2016**. The following buildings are required to have their townhome painted, **including** refinishing of your front door.

**West Long Circle:**      2880    2882    2884    2886  
                                  2888    2890    2892

Paint manufacture: KWAL/Sherwin Williams Paints

Building paint color name: Sierra Tan

Trim paint color name: Writer White

Paint type name: Accu-Tone "Ambassador" Satin

**Paint store address:** 8001 S. Broadway, Littleton, CO 80122 (Behind McDonalds), 303-730-7964.

**SUBSTITUTION FOR PAINT MANUFACTURER AND PAINT TYPE IS PROHIBITED. ALL PAINT MUST BE PURCHASED AT THE KWAL PAINT STORE LISTED ABOVE.**

Noncompliance by **September 30, 2016**, will result in the Association employing a contractor to repaint the exterior of your home and billing the cost of that repainting to you (pursuant to Article VIII of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions). In addition, a \$50.00 fine will be imposed.

Check the newsletter for advertised paint contractors. Ask for discounts if all townhomes in a building are painted by the same company. Check references and hopefully some from other owners in the community.

The SouthPark 2 Homeowner Association, Board of Directors, Covenant Committee and the Architectural Committee does not endorse or recommend any of the advertising contractors.

Should you have any questions regarding the painting, call Kevin Lavene at Centennial Management Group, 720-528-8557 or check the web site at www.southpark2-hoa.org.

## Neighborhood Fences

A reminder to all residents of SouthPark HOA #2, please do not climb on or over the split rail fences throughout the neighborhood. The fences are not play structures nor are they shortcuts to the light rail station, so please do not treat them as such. The fence post can become loose and damaged, not only causing unnecessary expense to the Association, but potentially causing injury to residents. Please stay off of the fences throughout the neighborhood.

## Alleyway Safety Precautions

The alleyways behind the garages can be dangerous. Parents are advised to discourage their children from playing in the alleys behind the garages. There are many other open areas within the community that are safe and available for children's activities. All residents are encouraged to drive slowly and cautiously through the alleyways and neighborhood. Before backing out of the garage, check the surrounding area for pedestrians and obstacles. Furthermore, the alleyways are posted fire lanes and vehicle parking is prohibited.

**Yee Haw Y'ALL!**

**Sheridan Celebrates Festival**

**Saturday, 9/24**

**4101 S. Federal Blvd.**

**9 am: Children's Parade**  
**10 am: Grand Parade**  
**11 am-3 pm: Live Country Rock**

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<p><b>Saturdays</b>  <b>SOUTHWEST PLAZA</b>                  MAY 7 - OCT. 29                  Southeast Parking Lot                  Wadsworth &amp; Bowles                  8am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p><b>Saturdays</b>  <b>LAKWOOD</b>                  JUNE 18 - OCT. 1                  9077 W Alameda Ave                  Alameda &amp; Garrison                  (Mile Hi Church)                  10am-2pm or Sellout</p>
<p><b>Sundays</b>  <b>HIGHLANDS RANCH</b>                  MAY 8 - OCT. 30                  Highlands Ranch Town Ctr.                  9288 Dorchester St.                  10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	
<p><b>Wednesdays</b>  <b>LITTLETON</b>                  JUNE 15 - OCT. 12                  Aspen Grove Lifestyle Ctr.                  7301 S. Santa Fe Dr.                  10am-2pm or Sellout</p>	<p><b>Thursdays</b>  <b>BROADRIDGE PLAZA</b>                  JUNE 16 - OCT. 13                  Broadway and Ridge Rd.                  6905 S. Broadway                  10am-2pm or Sellout</p>

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### 2016 Ladies Night Out Schedule

Ladies, here is the schedule for the 2016 LNO. All events begin at 6:00 pm. Each event is also posted on the Calendar of Events page of the SouthPark website at [www.southparkhoa.com](http://www.southparkhoa.com). Please contact Judy Cowell or Roberta Wheeler at [cwll4@netscape.net](mailto:cwll4@netscape.net) or [frkrakr@yahoo.com](mailto:frkrakr@yahoo.com) to join in.



- September 13 -- *Zaika Indian Cuisine*
- October 12 -- *Carlos Miguel's Mexican Bar & Grill*
- November 7 -- *Bistro at Aspen Grove*
- December -- *no event*

## Dog Owners of SouthPark 2

Owning a dog in SouthPark 2 is a privilege, as many communities do not allow dogs. However, this privilege comes with extra responsibilities for each owner and family. **ANYONE, including adults, children, and hired dog walkers**, who walk a dog(s) is solely responsible for keeping that dog on a leash at **ALL TIMES** and picking up the dog's feces **IMMEDIATELY**.

Regardless if it's summer or winter, day or night, you are required to pick up after your dog. At night, you can carry a flashlight, as some owners have commented that they cannot find the feces at night, and therefore don't pick it up. Also, It does not matter where your dog defecates, whether it's in the grass, the park areas, on the sidewalks around the townhomes or even outside of SouthPark 2, you are required by City of Littleton Law to pick up and leash your dog.

If you see someone who doesn't pick up after their dog, you may want to offer one of your bags to them or direct them to the SouthPark 2 dog stations. Please be sure your children understand why it's important and how to do it, so that they learn the responsibility of owning a pet. Check to make sure each person that walks out the door with the dog(s), has an ample amount of sacks in their pocket to pick up after the dog(s).

If you like to exercise your dog off the leash, there are many great dog parks nearby where they can run freely. Remember that leashing your dog is a Covenant Rule, as well as a City Law. Please, let's all be appreciative and show responsibility for owning a dog!

— A SouthPark 2 Dog Owner



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## Do Not Set Large Items On Street

There has been an abundant amount of large items, such as book cases, couches, grills, and mattresses, set out on the curb. Large items are not permitted to be set on the curb unless they are being picked up IMMEDIATELY. Putting large items on the side of the street with or without a "FREE" sign is not permitted by the Homeowners Association. If violators are caught/reported, they are subject to fines and payment of dumping fees. Large items being left out degrades the quality of the neighborhood and the overall aesthetics. Instead of putting items out on the street, please contact the following companies who will remove large items for free or at a minimal cost:

- **Pro Disposal: 303-791-3827**
- **Salvation Army: 303-779-9662**
- **St. Andrew United Methodist Church (collecting beds for Family Homestead): 303-794-2683**
- **Denver Rescue Mission (Accepts mattresses in good condition): 303-297-1815**
- **A Bedder World Mattress Removal & Recycling: 720-263-6094**

## Hunger Action Month

Sponsored by Feeding America ([www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org)) and member food banks to encourage Americans to take action in the fight against hunger in their community by advocating, raising awareness, making donations, or volunteering.

## National Cholesterol Education Month

More than 20 million American adults have unhealthy levels of cholesterol, putting them at high risk of heart disease. September is a good time to get your blood cholesterol checked and take steps to lower it if necessary.



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## Letter From A Neighbor

It's September but SouthPark kids have been in school almost two weeks, burning through pencils, paper, and early fall enthusiasm for school's start! Do you remember Tom Hanks' email to Meg Ryan in *You've Got Mail* saying he loved NY in the fall, wanted to buy school supplies, and send her a "bouquet of newly sharpened pencils"? Grown-ups are kids, too, with jobs instead of school.

September usually means empty weekday playgrounds, but at Writers Vista playground next to the Highline, it's not school keeping kids away. Our ball field is missing, the kids' playground is torn up, the slide with the tunnel and the tan curvy one lay in a tumble next to salvage bins. I've glided down that curvy slide several times being a kid again, so this is personal loss! I was aghast at this debacle, wondered what would replace it.

In desperation, I googled South Suburban Recreation District, talked to Steve White, Writers Vista Park's designer, and got the scoop. South Suburban received a \$300k grant from Arapahoe County, put in its own \$160k, so we're getting a new ball field with backstop and roofed dugout! Steve emailed a picture of the proposed expanded playground, too. A section with easy slides for 2-5 yrs olds sits on the hill with best view of lake and foothills. Another for 5-12 year olds with *two* taller curvy tunnel slides fits in the old curbed playground area. Lime green and purple brightly color the new equipment. South Suburban brings us positive change in September!

For those of you wanting your own September positives, I wish you walks on the Highline while the rabbit brush is yellow and the light, golden; drives to Kenosha Pass and Golden Gate State Park to see aspen blaze bold in our mountains, and a full harvest moon at night through your window. For your kid side, I also wish you fast rides down the new curvy slide when it's installed, a ball game in the updated ballpark, and your own "bouquet of newly sharpened pencils" for *your* desk at work! Happy September!

## Chinese Brewed Beer In Ancient Times

Crafts beers are thriving these days, but beer has been around for a long time, scientists say. Researchers in the United States and China have revealed that the Chinese brewed their own beer some 5,000 years ago, much earlier than previously believed.

As reported on the Voice of America website, archaeologists have uncovered brewing equipment in underground rooms in China's central plain region. Traces of ingredients found on the equipment suggests that the ancient brewmasters used a recipe of broomcorn millet, barley, a grain called Job's tears or Chinese pearl barley, and a form of tuber to brew their beverage. The presence of barley 1,000 years before it was believed to have been grown in China suggests that it might have been brought in from other regions, making beer an ingredient in early trade.

Researchers describe the possible taste of the beer as "a bit sour and a bit sweet."

### GAMENIGHT

2nd Wednesday of each month at SouthPark 2 Clubhouse from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Bring a game, bring a friend, or just show up! All are welcome! Any questions call Loren 303-884-9848.

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**SP2 END UNIT RANCH TOWNHOME SOLD 6/7/2016 \$400,000 CASH**  
(5K OVER LIST PRICE)

**SOLD 2/19/16: 2981 W Long Dr #B, \$331,000 (6K over list price!) BAER Realty Seller**  
**SOLD 4/15/16: in The Preserve at Southbridge, \$550,000, BAER Realty Seller**  
**SOLD 5/3/16: 2981 W Long Dr #C, \$332,000, BAER Realty Seller**  
**SOLD 8/30/2016 7751 W Curtice Dr #A, \$344,000, BAER Realty Buyer/Seller**

We are in **NEED** of SouthPark 1 AND 2 HOMES FOR SALE! Please call if you are interested in selling in 2016 - 2017 and **SAVE \$\$\$\$** in fees! Cheers!  
(The information is based on MLS August 17th 2016)

Cheers! Jan Baer, David Baer and Katherine Williams  
(The 3 BAER Realtors of SouthPark!)



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—Malorie Blackman

## Procrastination: A Tool For Creativity?

Do you berate yourself for procrastinating instead of getting right down to work on a creative project? Don't be so hard on yourself. In some cases, a little procrastination may actually help you be more creative.

According to a New York Times article, a University of Wisconsin professor once ran this experiment: She asked two groups of people to come up with new ideas for business. Members of one group started listing ideas right away. In the second group, individuals played Minesweeper or Solitaire for five minutes before starting. Which group came up with more creative ideas? You guessed it—group two, which had "procrastinated" with computer games.

Just don't delay too long. In the experiment, the professor also instructed a third group to wait until the last minute. Their ideas were also less creative than the game-playing crew. The lesson: Give yourself a little time to let your mind roam, just not too much.

### Teen Services

To add your teen's name, please email **Colorado Lasertype** at [getinfo@coloradolasertype.com](mailto:getinfo@coloradolasertype.com) and leave the following information: the **neighborhood you live in**, your age, phone number and the categories you would like included. Categories: **(B)** Baby-sitting; **(\*)** Red Cross Cert for CPR; **(L)** Lawn care; **(S)** Snow removal; **(P)** Pet & House sitting. No recommendation or endorsement of any of the names on this list is implied or stated by the homeowners association board or Colorado Lasertype.

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## Labor Day: A Short History

Labor Day is more than one last chance to fire up the grill before the end of summer. It's a yearly celebration of the American worker—a tribute to labor's contribution to the economic and social well-being of the United States.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first to suggest a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

Other research seems to support the contention that machinist Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

However the idea originated, the first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

The first Monday in September was selected as the holiday in 1884. As labor organizations grew in size and power, so did the idea of Labor Day. In 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

The first governmental recognition of the holiday came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. While the first state bill proposing the holiday was introduced into the New York legislature, Oregon passed the first law on Feb. 21, 1887. Four more states—Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York—created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment that same year.

By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

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