

LITTLETON VILLAGE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Mission: "To preserve a family-oriented and economically vibrant community that encourages citizen involvement, respects diversity, values community character, and enhances the quality of life of Littleton residents and businesses."

BOARD MEMBERS CORNER

From the Board President:

What has been on the Littleton Village Metro District 2 Board agendas:

As was reported last quarter, the separation of the Littleton Village Metropolitan District(s) has proceeded through the year-end. Agreements were reached on all substantive measures. There will remain some cooperative elements between District 2 (primarily residential) and District 3 (primarily commercial), at least for 2021. An audit is to be completed before the 'full dissolution' of District 1, which had been the 'administrative district,' through which all contracting and servicing had occurred. All remaining 'loose strings' should be resolved by the end of First Quarter, 2021.

The District 2 Board has set a 2021 budget that includes a few 'operational changes' designed to save funds to allow for previously delayed items. One of these is deferred attention to landscaping within the common areas of District 2. A prioritization of these will be discussed at the January Board Meeting.

Clarifications have been adopted to the language regarding covenants. This should lead to improved understanding of what are the physical requirements for our shared community.

The 2021 budget does also include a ~5% increase to the operations and maintenance fee (after holding the fee for 2020), a move to quarterly billing (rather than monthly), and scheduled quarterly Board Meetings, again, all to save funds for deferred items. There has been limited tracking of District 2 specific costs over the past two years, but there has been some 'muddying of the waters' with allocations and subsidies to District 1.

A modification to street parking on the South sides of Hinsdale Avenue and Dry Creek Place has been discussed, and is being implemented by the City to provide for no parking on one day per week (to allow for plowing / snow and ice removal. In previous winters, the snow build-up into ice where the sun doesn't shine became significant and dangerous. There also is to be some provision for improving sight lines for exits from alleys. [Earlier, it was considered to move the street parking to the North side of the East directions. This was rejected due to aesthetic and other logistical considerations.]

In 2021, the Board will also be considering a 'reserve study,' with the intent to clearly identify common interest assets, estimated depreciation schedules, and provide for improved planning and budgeting in attempt to avoid unscheduled assessments. (We have all agreed that special assessments are not pleasant for everyone, and we would prefer to try to avoid them as much as possible.)

Cheers!

Phil Cernanec, President LVMD D2 Board

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC) CORNER

Architectural Modifications. As a District, we process several Architectural Review Requests each month. From solar panels and storm doors to decks and landscape, the committee provides a detailed review for projects requiring District approval. This all-volunteer committee of homeowners prides itself on timely responses and helpful feedback when possible. The majority of our responses have been within a few days. Once approved you can proceed with your project with the assurance of being in compliance. We even waive the fee for certain projects so there is no reason to avoid this simple process. **We do ask homeowners, especially those in the Townhome and CityScape areas, to please not alter or modify landscapes without ACC approval.** The rules for these areas are clearly defined in the District Architectural Guidelines. These modifications become an issue and expense for the District to maintain, especially when homes are sold and the landscape must be restored. It is important to keep the landscape uniform and maintainable by the district contractor. The Residential Design Review Request Form, Architectural Guidelines and instructions are on the District website: <http://www.littletonvillagemd.com/services.htm>

RESIDENTS CORNER

- **Snow Removal.** Please remember to shovel your sidewalks and steps to help keep our neighbors safe. In general, single family homes are responsible for their sidewalks and the landscape contractor takes care of the rest of the community common areas **above 2 inches of snowfall.** Please see <http://littletonvillagemd.com/map.htm>.
- **Noise.** We live in a densely populated community, so please be a courteous neighbor by being aware of and addressing habitual dog barking, loud music, party noise, gunning vehicle engines, etc. The neighborly approach would be to confront the offenders privately. If that doesn't work you can report violations to the Littleton police non-emergency number at 303-794-1551.
- **Pet Waste. Please clean up after your pet.** Pet waste stations have been placed throughout the community to help keep the Village clean. In addition, please only allow your pet to urinate in common areas and not on residents' personal property—it has been damaging some owners' grass.
- **Leashes for Pets.** Please remember the City of Littleton's policy regarding leashing of pets – **ALL pets must be on a leash at ALL times, unless at a designated off-leash park.** The fine for an unleashed pet is determined by the court and can be up to \$999.00. The park and retention ponds are NOT off-leash areas, please use the dog park.
- **Speeding. Please obey the speed limit of 25 mph within the community.**
- **Click & Fix.** To report issues concerning property owned or enforced by the City of Littleton, including weeds over 8 inches, construction trash and noise, clogged inlets, graffiti, street light outages, traffic signal malfunctions, potholes, missing street signs, abandoned vehicles, see <https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/seeclickfix-littleton>

METRO DISTRICT CORNER

- **Wood Burning.** According to the covenants, no outdoor open fires are permitted except in a contained barbeque unit while attended and in use for cooking purposes or an outdoor fire pit powered by natural gas or propane.
- **Trash Cans.** No garbage or trash cans or receptacles shall be maintained in an exposed or unsightly manner. Please take your receptacles out the evening prior to trash day and bring in to store the evening of trash day. Please note that this means they CANNOT BE STORED BETWEEN UNITS.
- **No Parking in Alleys. All alleyways are fire lanes and designated as no parking areas throughout the community - these need to be adhered to.** There could be serious consequences by parking in those areas, as emergency vehicles may need access. CARS PARKED IN ALLEYS WILL BE TOWED. If someone is blocking access to your unit or parking illegally in the fire lane you can contact Wyatt directly at 303-777-2448. *Please indicate you are in Littleton Village MD and reference the address: 7377 S. Pennsylvania, which is the District's account address.
- **Board Meetings.** Meetings are open to the public for comments and typically held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. To confirm meeting dates, times and locations, please check the District website: www.littletonvillagemd.com or the bulletin boards within the community. **NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Email List.** The District is building an email directory to distribute the newsletter and any other important information via email. Please submit your email, if you want to be included, to trina.hartman@claconnect.com