

Sixth Avenue West HOA • Spring 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming SAWHOA Events:

Neighborhood Spring Clean-up

Saturday, June 1st, 2024 8:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Annual SAWHOA Community Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 23, 2024

Summer 2024 Food Truck Wednesdays

Wednesday MAY 1st, 15th & 29th

Wednesday JUNE ... 12th

WednesdayJUNE 26th - Pool Party/Food Trucks

Wednesday JULY.... 10th & 24th

Wednesday AUG7th& 21st

Wednesday SEPT... 4th & 18th

Wednesday OCT 2nd, 16th & 30th

President's Message

Ken Last

The Denver Federal Center was originally part of the "Down Dale" ranch owned by prominent Colorado pioneer Major Jacob Downing (1830-1907). In the late 1860's, Downing acquired 2,000 acres east of Green Mountain and proceeded to irrigate and fence the property. He planted fruit trees and sugar beets and introduced the first alfalfa, quail, and Hereford cows to Colorado.

It was later purchased by William F. Hayden, who added 4,300 acres and created a cattle ranch that stretched from Garrison to Rooney Road, and from West Sixth Avenue south to Alameda Parkway.

In January 1941, the Federal Government purchased the Hayden Ranch to build the Denver Ordnance Plant to manufacture and test munitions. Between 1941 and 1943, 92 buildings were constructed at the plant. By the end of the war, the facility consisted of nearly 200 structures, many of which are still in use today as Federal Government offices

and labs. The plant included dining facilities and a fire and police station, and a railroad traversed the plant.

After the war, production stopped at the plant, and eventually it was declared surplus property. But the growing need for additional Federal office space eventually led government officials to convert the unused buildings to offices. The first agency to move in was the Veterans Administration in February 1946, followed by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Our Sixth Avenue West neighborhood sits on land that previously served as testing areas and powder storage. No buildings of significance were removed when the government sold the land to Richard Kelly and the McKendry brothers for development. In March 1971, Jefferson County approved the Sixth Avenue West development plan, and over the next 10 years, over 500 homes were built in 6 filings. A map of the filings can be found on the sawhoa.com website.

As you roam the neighborhood and open spaces, if you keep an eye out for artifacts, you may just find a reminder of our neighborhood's history.

Thank you, as always, for doing your part to make our neighborhood desirable.

Pool Party and Food Trucks

Splash into Summer Fun. We're excited to announce our first neighborhood pool party hosted by the HOA, and you're all invited to join in on the fun!

Date: June 26th

Time: 6PM

Location: Sixth Ave. West Pool

Cost: FREE with HOA membership

Food Truck Wednesdays

As we approach the warmer months, we are excited to announce the return of our community food truck events! These events have become a cherished tradition, bringing

together neighbors for delicious meals and enjoyable evenings.

Note the dates for Wednesday Food Truck Nights in the Events box above.

Bring your camping chairs or blankets and join the neighborhood for a Food Truck Picnic at Elk Park near the Flora entrance. This is a great time to connect with neighbors and enjoy a meal. Dogs and frisbees welcome.

Purge the Spurge



The City of Golden is asking residents to help eradicate Myrtle Spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*). The Colorado Department of Agriculture has classified Myrtle Spurge as a noxious weed list A species and is designated for eradication in the state.

How to identify Myrtle Spurge:

- A low growing perennial with trailing fleshy stems.
- Leaves are fleshy, blue-green, and alternate.
- Flowers are inconspicuous with yellow-green, petal-like bracts that appear from March to May.
- Reproduction is by seed and is capable of projecting seeds up to 15 feet.
- Plants contain TOXIC, milky latex sap that causes severe skin irritations.
- It was popular in xeriscapes and rock gardens.
- Prefers direct sunlight but is shade tolerant.

Myrtle Spurge negatively impacts the local ecology by escaping gardens and out-competes native foliage. It reduces forage for wildlife because the entire plant is considered poisonous due to the toxic, milky latex sap.

Residents should immediately remove all Myrtle Spurge from their landscapes. The plant is most easily removed

during springtime. Please remove myrtle spurge using the following methods:

- Mechanical - Hand pull the plant when soil is moist. Wear protective gloves to protect yourself from the TOXIC, milky latex sap. DO NOT HANDLE myrtle spurge with bare hands. Be certain to pull all the roots and dispose of the plant completely. Place it in a plastic bag and place in the trash. Do not compost.
- Chemical - Broadleaf herbicides found at garden supply stores will kill the weed.

For questions or to report sightings of myrtle spurge- contact the City of Golden Parks department at (303) 384-8142.

Annual Neighborhood Cleanup

Sat June 1st , 8:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

The SAWHOA will again sponsor the neighborhood clean-up day (Dumpster Day) in the parking lot at Kyffin Elementary School. This year we are offering a new service, secure Document Shredding along with the recycling and donating services. Our cleanup day allows current dues paying members to clean up their property and discard the debris cheaply without the long drive to the landfill. Keep in mind a trip to the Jeffco landfill is over \$ 70.00 per load, and a half a day adventure.

If you haven't paid your dues this year, you can pay onsite. (Check/Cash only) Or, pay beforehand via <https://www.sawhoa.com/paydues> or by check with the enclosed envelope.

First trip is FREE with paid membership

Each visit after the first trip:

\$5 for Cars and SUV's,

\$20.00 fee for Truck and/or Trailer.

With the popularity of this event homeowners should plan to unload their own items. Help will be available to those who need assistance. Children under 16 years of age should keep out of the loading areas.

Document Shredding:

10:30AM to 12:30PM only. Limit 5 boxes. \$5.00/box after.

METAL Recycle Service:

Cliff will be helping us recycle ALL metal and steel items. Saving our HOA the cost of 2 dumpsters and keeping our landfills free of these metals.

ARC Collection Truck:

ARC Thrift Stores will be on site from 9:00- 1:00 PM This is a good time to clean out and donate gently used items.

Electronic Recycling:

Drop off your old computers, TVs and other electronics.

FYI – No Paint Recycling this year:

The dumpsters will be gone after 1:30 PM. Please try and bring your loads prior to that time. Signs will direct you into the parking lot.

Thank you for keeping our neighborhood beautiful by doing your part to keep it a desirable place to live. To new Homeowners, this is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors.

RV HOA Covenant Reminder

As the summer season is approaching and the RVs start coming out, please remember are HOA has rules regarding parking them in our neighborhood. SAWHOA Covenant C-6 says that recreational vehicles including RV'S, campers, all trailers, boats and any similar vehicles that are stored on private property must be screened from view with a 6 foot-high fence.

Temporary un-screened parking of these units will be acceptable for up to 72 hours in preparation for travel or when returning from travel. By county ordinance, RV's may not be parked on public streets for more than 28 days (accumulative) in any one year.

Whether you pay your voluntary due's or not, you must comply with all covenants and By-Laws of the HOA. There will be NO exceptions on this matter. Thank you for helping us out with this issue. Thank you to all homeowners for complying with the Covenants. Your neighbors appreciate it!



SAWHOA.COM Website

Visit SAWHOA.com for document links, relevant information, and **the option to pay your annual HOA dues online**. You will find the following information under the Documents tab:

- Pay Dues
- SAWHOA Articles of Incorporation & Bylaws
- Official Development Plans
- Map of Filings
- Covenants
- Neighborhood Guidelines
- ACC Operating Procedures
- Records Inspection Policy
- A summary of our HOA for Buyers, Sellers, Agents, and Title Companies

Find a summary of our HOA specifically written for buyers, sellers, agents, and title companies under the 'Buying/Selling' tab.

Help make 6th Ave West Safe

Jeffco's crime prevention deputies strongly encourage residents to take some basic steps to help prevent themselves from becoming victims.

Put your home to the Test! We encourage you to take a few minutes to Complete your Residential Security Survey <https://www.jeffco.us/997/Residential-Security> This is a pop quiz on home security that you can answer in just a few minutes. "No" responses signify areas where you can improve upon your home's security. Take the time to complete a quiz and find out, are you ready to resist crime? Some basics items to help make your home safer:

Get to Know Your Neighbors

- Communicate, be on the lookout for each other.
- Know who's in the neighborhood, what they drive.
- Ask neighbors to keep an eye out when you're away.

Enhance Your Home's Security

- Exterior lights, something almost all of us have but not all of us have them on.
- Turn them on in the evening every day, easier yet, set timers to turn them off and on to make it easier day to day and when you're away!

Make sure streetlights are lighted and working

properly

- If they're out contact Xcel for service at (800)895-4999
- Install video cameras or video doorbells. These are great additions to your home security.

Keep our Neighborhood and Property Clean

- Pick up and put away tools, toys, bikes etc.
- Keep yards mowed, trees and bushes trimmed especially around windows and doors.

Make it Less Appealing to Steal

- Keep yard gates closed, keep automobiles locked, don't leave items in your car

- Close and lock windows and doors especially when you are away and in the evening
- Don't announce when you're away on social media. Want to share with the world? Wait until you're back!

Buying/Selling

The board receives several requests every month from realtors and title companies wanting to verify that a property is up to date on its HOA fees. This requirement does not apply to Sixth Avenue West properties.

As a voluntary HOA that holds no common property and that does not have the authority to require homeowner participation in the HOA nor to enforce the payment of dues nor assess any kind of fines, the Sixth Avenue West HOA is not subject to many CCIOA regulations.

Notwithstanding the voluntary nature of HOA participation, the covenants still apply to every homeowner and renter.

College Park Water and Sanitation District

George Hamblin, Board President CPW&SD

College Park Water and Sanitation District, a quasi-municipal government entity, was created on May 3, 1971 to provide for sanitation services to residents within the District. It is governed by an elected 5-member Board of Directors. The district's service area is located within Jefferson County, Colorado. Information about the District, its governing board, the service area, and other pertinent information can be found on the website, www.cpwsd.org

Prior to your visit to our website, there are a few items of interest that you might find useful. First, we clean and televise 20 percent of the district main sewer lines every year. The large trucks that you see in the area with the name Ramey Environmental Compliance Inc., belong to our collection system operator who performs services to the district's facilities. The sewer line that runs from your house out to the district main is owned by you and is your responsibility to clean and maintain. We recommend that you contact a plumber to provide that service every 1 to 2 years to avoid a sewer backup in your basement or a collapse of the line due age and/or plant root intrusion.

Next, prior to digging in your yard, you or your landscaper or contractor are required to dial 811 for a locate of existing gas, electric, water, sewer, or cable lines that lie under the surface of the ground.

Please keep wipes out of the pipes! Never flush wipes, feminine hygiene products, cotton swabs, dental floss, etc. in the toilet. Contrary to manufacturers claims, these products are not degradable, and require the sewer treatment plants to clean them from their machinery. Remember the 3 P's, Pee, Poop, and Paper (toilet) are the only items that should be flushed.

College Park does not provide water to the district. That service is provided by Consolidated Mutual Water Company. More information, such as regular or emergency telephone numbers, our address, board members, useful articles, etc., can be found on our website. Visit www.cpwsd.org for information and notifications about your district.

Do You Walk the Loop?

Please help make the county aware of the pedestrian safety issue at South Holman Way where cars line both sides of the street and no sidewalks exist. A critical mass of community reports of this dangerous traffic area will encourage the county to review the matter.

SIDEWALK PETITION

Join the community to petition Jefferson County to add a sidewalk on South Holman Way



<https://jeffersoncountyco.qscend.com/311/>



Report a Road or Traffic Concern

Click the **REPORT A ROAD OR TRAFFIC CONCERN** icon to file a request for a sidewalk at South Holman Way. A critical mass of requests will help the country prioritize resources.

Thank you.

Renew Your SAWHOA Membership

Sixth Avenue West Home Owners Association

It's time to renew SAWHOA dues for the year: May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025.

1. Complete the form below and mail it with your check in the enclosed envelope to....

SAWHOA
P.O. Box 18111
Golden, CO 80401-6035

2. Pay Online! Visit <https://www.sawhoa.com/paydues> to *securely* pay your dues.



Enclosed is my dues payment:

Annual dues \$ 50.00

Donation \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: _____

Comments: _____

Your participation in SAWHOA through payment of your dues and contributions is sincerely appreciated!