

Conservatory Metropolitan District Community Update February 2019

As part of its ongoing effort to keep residents apprised of current matters before the Board of Directors of the Conservatory Metropolitan District, the Board intends to provide periodic updates to the community. The information contained herein is only a brief summary, and residents are encouraged to attend Board meetings to learn about matters firsthand. With the exception of January and special meetings, the Board meets regularly at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday of odd numbered months at the Conservatory Clubhouse, 2665 S. Jebel Way. Minutes of recent meetings are posted to the District's website. For additional information please contact the District Manager at (303) 987-0835 or visit our website at www.yourcmd.org.

Public Art Improvements: Interactive sculptures created by Madeline Wiener are now in place in Tract I, in the open area across from the Aurora Frontier P-8 School. The funding for the artwork was made available through the City of Aurora (“the City”), which requires developers to provide public art within new communities. In our case the City collected and set aside \$72,000 pursuant to a development agreement with Lennar. In 2017 the District



began working with the City to commission and install public art within the community. A Public Art Selection Committee comprised of District representatives, a homeowner within the District, and City representatives, reviewed 61 entries from local and regional artists in response to its Call for Entries published in April 2017. The committee narrowed its selections to four finalists. Presentations to the District's Board of Directors and the Community occurred at the September 18, 2017 Board Meeting. At that time the entry presented by Madeline Wiener, was selected. Ms. Wiener was commissioned to create the two large interactive stone sculptures pictured here, and two stone benches resembling stacked books. The District is now working to relocate a telecommunications pedestal situated in front of the sculptures and seating area, and to add additional landscaping enhancements. These improvements are expected to be completed by the summer of 2019.

Tracts I, J, and K: The District has accepted ownership of Tracts I, J, and K, which include the landscaping in the Lennar Development on the east side of South Conservatory Parkway and South Jericho Way. The landscaping and various other public improvements in the Lennar area are now responsibilities of the District. The District will be upgrading the irrigation system in this area with Weather Track Smart Controllers this spring to match the controllers in the rest of the community. The controllers are expected to reduce water consumption by approximately 20%.

Detention Pond Renovation: As you may know, there are several storm water detention ponds in the utility easement area to the west of our community. These ponds accept storm drainage and allow retention time for impurities to settle to the bottom of the ponds before the water runs into the local creeks and drainage areas. Renovations to remove sediment and rehab the ponds to meet volume certification are now complete. The District will need to budget for and perform regular inspections and periodic maintenance of the ponds going forward. However, with a more frequent inspection and maintenance schedule, we do not anticipate having to perform renovations of the same magnitude as those recently completed.

2019 Tree Planting Project: The District will continue its tree replacement program this year. SavAtree (formerly Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care) has been engaged to remove and replace 40 dead or declining trees along Conservatory Parkway, Hampden, and South Jericho Way this spring.