Conservatory Metropolitan District Community Update April 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 every other month (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 <u>www.yourcmd.org</u>.

Public Art Dedication Ceremony: The Public Art Committee for the Conservatory at the Plains cordially invites all residents to join us on May 20, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. for a dedication ceremony marking the completion of the community's public art improvements in Tract I. Two large interactive sculptures created by Madeline Weiner are the center pieces of a new seating area at South Conservatory Parkway and South Jericho Way. The District is adding some final touches including the relocation of a telecommunications pedestal to move it away from the area of interest, and the addition of ornamental plants and sod to further enhance the area. Ms. Weiner will be in attendance as well as representatives from the City of Aurora, members of the Public Art Committee, and the Aurora Frontier School K-8 School. Invitations are being sent to residents by US Mail, and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

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 the ponds are now complete and the District is in the process of developing an Inspection and Maintenance Plan. The plan is necessary to keep the ponds functioning properly and is a requirement of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and the City of Aurora.

Financial Audit: Each year the District engages an independent Auditor to review the prior year's financial statements and activity to assure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Audited 2018 financial statements were issued by Schilling & Company, Inc., and were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Directors on March 18, 2019. The Auditor issued a clean, unqualified opinion that the District's financial activity is in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. This is the highest and best opinion the Auditor can issue. The Audit is available on the District's website.

Entry Landscaping: The District recently engaged Tim Dunn Design, LLC to redesign the landscaping at the entrances to the community. Mr. Dunn is the Landscape Architect who prepared the original design for the community approximately twenty years ago. The District asked Mr. Dunn to prepare concepts which will maintain a high level of visual interest and incorporate a sustainable plant palate. Once the concepts meet with Board approval, the entry area redesign will proceed as a pilot project for consideration in other areas of the community.

The Conservatory Maintenance Responsibility Map: A color coded map is being distributed to residents in the community to aid them with seeing the additions in the community, and in determining who to report landscaping issues/problems to. Everyone is encouraged to keep the map on hand for future reference. If you have not received a map, please contact the District Manager.