Conservatory Metropolitan District Community Update October 2015

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 here is only a brief summary, and residents are encouraged to attend Board meetings to learn about matters firsthand. With the exception of October 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>.

<u>2015 Budget Hearing</u>: The District will adopt its 2016 budget at the October 19, 2015 Budget Hearing. The District does not anticipate a mill levy increase for 2016. All members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Landscaping and Snow Removal Services: The District's Board of Directors is pleased to report that Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance, Inc. has been retained for another year as the District's snow removal contractor. The landscaping contract for 2016 is expected to be approved at the October 19, 2015 Board Meeting. In 2014, the District's Board and Landscaping Committee reviewed proposals from several different service providers and determined to engage Valley Crest Landscape Maintenance, Inc. after careful consideration. Your feedback on landscaping matters is important. If you are aware of a landscaping problem or wish to share your feedback on the quality of the service the District is receiving, please feel free to report this information using the District's website at: www.yourcmd.org; click on the Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping section where you will find the Maintenance Request form.

Irrigation Shut Off: The irrigation in the common areas is scheduled to be turned off and winterized by the end of October. If you are aware of any water leaks or irrigation problems please report them via the website as discussed above.

<u>New Lennar Development Landscaping</u>: The District has received numerous inquiries regarding the maintenance responsibility for the landscaping being installed in the Lennar Development on the east side of South Conservatory Parkway and South Jericho Way. Many residents have expressed concern about the unmanicured appearance of the open space that fronts the development. The landscaping plan for this area was approved by the City of Aurora and calls for native grasses in the open space area. The landscaping and various other public improvements in the Lennar area will remain the responsibility of Lennar until the District has accepted the improvements for ownership and maintenance. This will occur once all items are found to be in an acceptable condition and free of substantial defects.

Dead Tree Removal: The District will be removing approximately 80 dead trees this fall. The ongoing tree replacement project will continue in the spring of 2016.

Lighting at Mailbox Kiosks: In response to several requests by members of the community the District has researched the feasibility of installing lighting at the mailbox kiosks—either electrical or solar. When compared to other maintenance priorities, however, and given the District's budget limitations, the District's Board of Directors has determined that this enhancement is not economically feasible.