Conservatory Metropolitan District Community Update November 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 adopted its 2016 budget at the October 19, 2015 Budget Hearing. The District did not increase the mill levy for the 2016 fiscal year.

Irrigation Shut Off: The irrigation in the common areas has been turned off and winterized for the season. If you are aware of any water leaks or irrigation problems please report them via the website as discussed above.

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

<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 un-manicured 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.

Prairie Dogs: As we have previously reported, prairie dogs migrating from the Plains Conservation Center ("PCC") to the Conservatory have required extensive control efforts on the part of the District. In response to this, the District's Board of Directors has researched options and is now constructing the third and final phase of the installation of a wildlife barrier. Once this phase is complete the barrier will be in place on all District tracts that border the PCC. This final phase of the project includes approximately 748 feet of the barrier in Tract U and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. If you see prairie dog activity in the neighborhood please report it immediately to the District Manager at the number referenced above.

Holiday Lighting: We are excited to report that the District has engaged the services of Swingle Lawn, Tree & Landscape Care to install lighting displays for the holiday season. The holiday lighting will be hung at the entrances to the community; primarily on the monuments and nearby trees at East Hampden and South Conservatory Parkway, and East Hampden and South Jericho Way. A smaller display will also be installed at the entrance on the north end of the community on the monument located at South Conservatory Parkway and South Ireland Way. The displays are scheduled to be installed the week of November 2, 2015.