## Conservatory Metropolitan District Community Update July 1, 2011

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. The Board meets regularly at 9:00 a.m. on the third Monday of each month 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.

<u>Tree Replacements:</u> The District will be removing dead trees along Conservatory Parkway and Jericho in July. As previously reported, the District's Board of Directors is planning to replace the dead and declining trees on the District's tracts in phases, as budgetary constraints allow over the next few years. Earlier this year the District replaced 69 trees along Hampden, Jericho and Conservatory Parkway and 10 ornamental in beds in the greenbelt areas.

<u>Flowers:</u> We hope you are enjoying the flowers planted at the entrance beds on East Hampden Avenue. The District's Landscaping contractor, Summit Services, is currently redesigning the planting configuration for the interior flower beds. These areas will be planted with perennials that will grow back each season with the intent of reducing our flower budget over the years. The interior beds are expected to be completed this month.

<u>Landscaping Irrigation on District Tracts:</u> The District is continuing with improvements to the irrigation system over the summer months. The District's landscaping contractor, Summit Services, is analyzing the irrigation system and will continue to make replacements and adjustments one zone at a time. They have replaced numerous sprinkler heads to optimize the irrigation coverage and water use in specific areas. Efficient operation of the irrigation system is an ongoing priority as water bills account for almost twenty-five percent of the District's operating budget.

<u>Natural Surface Trails on Tracts NN, VV and WW:</u> The District has experienced erosion problems with the natural trail surface on the paths in Tracts NN, VV and WW. This summer the District will replace the surface of the sloped portion of the paths in all of these tracts with a "stabilized" material. The trail surface will be the same material as the other naturals surface trails but the gravel will contain a binding agent to help resist erosion. In Tract NN additional improvements are planned. The District will be adding cobble stone beds with drainage improvements on either side of the trail to help move water away from the natural surface. Once these improvements are made the District will further evaluate the ponding conditions present at the bottom of the sloped portion of the path.

**Removal of Dead Shrubs:** Numerous dead shrubs have been observed in the planted beds this year. The District will be removing them this season. Once the removal is complete replacements will be considered.

<u>Postings at Mail Kiosks:</u> The District's Board of Directors has determined to discontinue posting this publication at the mail kiosks. Distribution by email will continue, and printed copies of the Community Update can be obtained at the Clubhouse on Wednesdays from the on-site representative of the Conservatory Homeowners' Association.

**Notice of Board Meetings and Agendas:** The Board meeting agendas will be posted at the bulletin board at the Clubhouse approximately one week prior to the upcoming meeting. The agenda also will be posted to the District's website at <a href="https://www.yourcmd.org">www.yourcmd.org</a>.

Quarterly Information Sessions: Due to a lack of participation by Home Owners, the sessions held by Director Palmer have been discontinued.