Conservatory Metropolitan District Community Update June 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>New Mail Kiosk Scheduled for Installation</u>: The mail pickup location at South Nepal Court and South Conservatory Parkway will soon be covered by a kiosk (shelter). This is the only mail pickup location in the District unprotected by a kiosk. The new Kiosk is expected to be constructed this month.

<u>News You Can Use:</u> This year's dry winter conditions have created ideal conditions for Turf Mites, which thrive in winter drought conditions and cause damage to lawns. Turf damage can be prevented with prudent winter watering. Areas damaged by Turf Mites can be slow to reestablish. Over-seeding affected areas is a common approach for aiding in the reestablishment of turf, and of course laying new sod will yield the most immediate results. For more information about Turf Mites, please visit the Colorado State University Website at: <u>www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/insect/05505.html</u>



Photo: Turf Mite Damage

Landscaping Irrigation on District Tracts: We are extremely grateful for the rainfall we received in May, as this reduced our need to irrigate the landscaping and incur water consumption charges. During the early start-up phase for our seasonal irrigation we received several reports that the District's sprinkler system was running while it was raining. We appreciate the notifications as they allowed us to immediately pass this information to Summit Services, our Landscaping Contractor. Fine tuning of the system will continue throughout the season.

Tree Replacements: The District's Board of Directors is planning to replace the dead and declining trees 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. Ten additional ornamental trees will be planted in beds in the greenbelt areas this month. Please be aware that the District is making replacements on District property only. Please refer to the Maintenance Responsibility Map posted at the Mail Kiosks for clarification as to which areas are owned and maintained by the District.

Flower Planting: It's that time of year again! The flower beds throughout the community will soon be planted with a mix of annual and perennial flowers. Flowers at the entrance beds on Hampden will be planted first. After a review of the remaining beds with Summit Services, the District's Landscaping contractor, we will be able to determine the level of attention needed.

Informational Meetings: Director Palmer is hosting quarterly informational meetings to educate residents about the Conservatory Metropolitan District. In 2010 there were a total of 12 attendees at the four meetings. You are invited to attend the next quarterly informational meeting scheduled for June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Conservatory Clubhouse located at 2665 South Jebel Way. Please RSVP to Laverne's email address: <u>lpalmer@yourcmd.org.</u>