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# GMCA ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to the Neighborhood

Greetings, neighbors! In 2021, we were excited to bring back a few of our postponed neighborhood events. Over 30 homes participated in the Annual Community Garage Sale. The 4th of July Parade was a great success, featuring decorated bicycles and scooters and cheering spectators. We had a great turn-out at the 'National Night-Out Block Party' which promotes first-responder/community partnerships. At the 2021 Fall Clean-up, neighbors were able to conveniently dispose of their junk and we filled two large dumpsters. GMCA participated in the Field of Dreams event at Foothills Elementary to share resources and fun activities with our community. As we move into 2022, we are asking neighbors not only for your continued support but also for you to volunteer for GMCA. All of our events are FREE to Green Mountain neighbors. Your voluntary annual contribution of \$25 to GMCA helps keep Green Mountain Estates a great place to live!

Green Mountainside Civic Association (GMCA) is a non-HOA organization run by volunteers who are residents of the neighborhood. In addition to organizing neighborhood events, GMCA promotes the preservation and creation of parks and open spaces. GMCA has worked with the City of Lakewood to obtain grants for the construction of Mountainside Park, Foothills Park, the Community Garden, and the Foothills Elementary Field of Dreams.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact GMCA President, Diane Rhodus, at [dirho@comcast.net](mailto:dirho@comcast.net). Sign up for our infrequent email bulletins to get updates about neighborhood events, alerts, and activities at our website: [greenmountainstates.org](http://greenmountainstates.org)

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# A Note from Foothills Elementary Principal

BY JOSH SHAPIRO, FOOHILLS ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

Hello Foothills Elementary Community,

As I reflect on the first semester of school, I am amazed at the great work that has been happening at Foothills. Our staff, students, families, and community members have worked together to keep each other safe and help students learn and thrive. I want to give a Shout Out to everyone who supported our students during the first semester. We have so much to celebrate so far this school year!

A Precious Child provided backpacks and school supplies to every student. Our Take Me Out to the Field of Dreams Information Night really captured our commitment to excellence and strong partnership with our community members. We were recognized by CDE with a Promising Practice award for our work during last year's Read Across Foothills Month. Our preschool classrooms have served as model classrooms. Our art teacher secured a grant to create a student mosaic in our school, and had a picture of our Foothills #bettertogether banner displayed on the Jeffco Facebook page. Our Girls on the Run team represented their school by completing a 5K in November. Our Foothills track team trained and competed in a track meet at Jeffco Stadium. We received a donation from the American Legion Post 178 to replace our US and Colorado flags. Foothills has become the largest site for Whiz Kids tutoring. We celebrated our community partners at our Pancakes with Partners breakfast at Concordia Lutheran Church. PTA donated funds to purchase new technology. We became an official site school for student teachers at Colorado Christian University. The Hub at Foothills Foodies has provided 250 weekend food bags to Foothills and Hutchinson this semester. Foothills staff members provided 30 Thanksgiving meals to our families. Through our many partnerships, we were able to provide 38 gift bags to families for the holidays.

We look forward to continued collaboration with our incredible community members. We are so proud of everyone for their hard work and are truly thankful for our Foothills Family. If you know any families with school age children who are interested in attending Foothills during the 2022-23 school year, please direct them to our Foothills Website. You can learn more about enrollment in all Jeffco Schools and access the enrollment application process at the Enroll Jeffco website. As a Foothills Community, we will continue to Dream, Lead, and Achieve TOGETHER!

## Community Garden at Foothills Elementary in 2022

Did you know that we have a community garden in our neighborhood? It is located behind Foothills Elementary School next to the playground. This will be our fourth year for the garden. We have six student plots for members of the school Garden Club and sixteen community plots. Plots are available!! The plots are 8X10 in size and cost \$40.00 a year per plot. We require a background check with a \$7.00 fee. If you are interested in a plot or the student Garden Club please contact Diane Rhodus at dirho@comcast.net or 303.986.9400.





# GMCA 2022 Activity Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday March 3	Community Meeting	7:00 PM	GMUMC
Thursday April 7	Community Meeting	7:00 PM	GMUMC
Saturday April 16	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 AM	Foothills Park
Thursday May 5	Community Meeting	7:00 PM	GMUMC
Thursday June 2	Community Meeting	7:00 PM	GMUMC
Fri & Sat June 3-4	Community Garage Sale	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Neighborhood
Saturday June 11	Spring Clean-up	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	GMUMC
Monday July 4	4th of July Parade	10:00 AM	Neighborhood
Tuesday August 2	National Night Out	5:00 PM	Neighborhood
Thursday August 4	Community Meeting	7:00 PM	GMUMC
Thursday September 11	Community Meeting	7:00 PM	GMUMC
Saturday September 10	Fall Clean-up	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	GMUMC
Thursday October 6	Annual Community Meeting	6:30 PM	GMUMC
Thursday November 3	Community Meeting	7:00 PM	GMUMC
Thursday December 1	Community Meeting	7:00 PM	GMUMC
Friday December TBD	Santa Visit	9:00 AM	Foothills Elem.
December 1st-17th	Adopt-a-Family	--	Online

## Annual Holiday Light Contest

Each year, a group of GMCA volunteers selects the very best of Green Mountain Estates' holiday light displays for a bit of friendly competition. Our community is full of creative and impressive holiday decorations, see the winners of our 2021 holiday light contest below:



**1st Place: 14022 W. Exposition Pl.**

The entire house and yard were decorated in a beautiful display that featured a reindeer-drawn carriage, giant inflatable snowman and many glowing Christmas trees.



**2nd Place: 334 S. Cole Ct**

The snowman family and colorful trees made this home a winner. The candy cane and snowflake fence was also a sight to behold.



**3rd Place: 14254 W. Exposition Dr.**

The twinkling icicle lights on the peaks of this house looked incredible. Look closely, and you may see Santa's sleigh and reindeer flying through the sky.

# Snow Shovelers Needed!

During the winter months, many neighbors would appreciate some help shoveling their driveways and sidewalks. Are you a high schooler or looking to earn extra income? Email the GMCA with your contact information. GMCA will compile a list of neighborhood snow shovelers and post it on our website and email bulletins.

Available shoveling service: Contact Chris Somora (303)931-4334 for pricing and availability



## Did you Know? Green Mountain FAQs

BY CORY GRADY

- William Frederick Hayden Park (“Green Mountain” or simply “the hill”) is a City of Lakewood Park and is the second largest park in the City. The summit of Green Mountain is over 6,800’ in elevation.
- Established in 1972, the bulk of the over 2,400 acres of open space and trails was donated to Lakewood or purchased from the Hayden family. Those that frequent Green Mountain are familiar with the city and Front Range views, spring wildflowers, along with encounters of many bird species, rattlesnakes, coyotes, rabbits, and deer. Occasionally bobcats, elk, bear, and mountain lion are reported.
- Green Mountain Estates was the site of the 1962 Parade of Homes where 13 homes were featured. The custom and semi-custom homes that make up GME were mostly built from the early ‘60s through the mid ‘70s and were the work of primarily 10 different homebuilders (a few newer, custom homes have been sprinkled in over the years).
- Green Mountain Geology: The layers of boulders, cobbles, pebbles, and coarse gravel that make up Green Mountain came from the erosion of a mountain range that was present to the north and west at around 55-64 million years ago (Green Mountain is younger than the dinosaurs!). Fossilized plant and wood material can be found on the slopes of the mountain within the conglomerate and represent tropical or subtropical forests that would have been in the Green Mountain vicinity at that time.
- Before homes were built on Green Mountain, it was a munitions range for the Army National Guard based at Camp George West. The northern slopes of the hill were used as an impact area for artillery training for 75mm high explosive projectiles from 1912 through the late 1930s. The area has been swept for old munitions, but should you encounter them on the mountain, practice the 3 Rs. (RECOGNIZE potential munitions, RETREAT-Do Not Touch or Disturb, and REPORT suspicious items by calling 911).
- Green Mountain was first formally mapped (and possibly formally named) by famous geologist-surveyor Ferdinand Vandeveer Hayden in 1873. Hayden spent a considerable amount of time in the Golden/Morrison/Green Mountain area as leader of one of his many government-funded expeditions of the Rocky Mountain region. The expeditions were manned by a collection of surveyors, scientists, and artists to catalog not only the natural resources of the region, but also its history and natural beauty.

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