

# Resident Newsletter – Winter 2021

Dear Marvella Residents,

The Marvella Metropolitan District Board of Directors is sending this newsletter in an effort to communicate with the community about District news and information. We would like to continue to cultivate a robust email address list, so if you hear of neighbors who did not receive this, please have them send their email address to [sandy.brandenburger@CLAconnect.com](mailto:sandy.brandenburger@CLAconnect.com) with “newsletter” in the subject line. Thank you for your assistance!

## Who’s who in Marvella:

Marvella Metropolitan District – The Marvella Metropolitan District is the entity that is responsible for a variety of functions within the community, such as open space and landscape maintenance, covenant enforcement and architectural review applications, and pool operations. Additionally, the District receives property taxes assessed to every home for operational and debt payment purposes. The debt affiliated with the Marvella community is attributed to the construction of infrastructure (streets, water and sewer, open space, pool, etc.). There is **NO** Homeowner’s Association in Marvella – only the District.

Who is CLA, what do they do, and when do we contact them? – The District does not have any direct employees; CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) is contracted to perform the management and accounting services for Marvella. The role of CLA is to provide day to day operations and oversight for the District, and liaison between the Board and residents. As it can be confusing as to whom to contact should an issue arise, below is a list to help you quickly resolve issues or questions:

**Common area landscaping or fence issues:** CLA (if there is an irrigation break, please text 303-903-9760 so we can get it addressed quickly).

**Pool issues and fobs:** CLA

**Broken streetlight:** Xcel Energy – please note the yellow number on the light pole and then report via the website [https://www.xcelenergy.com/outages\\_and\\_emergencies/report\\_outage](https://www.xcelenergy.com/outages_and_emergencies/report_outage). This is the only and quickest way to report an outage or issue with the pole.

**Dog barking or dog at large:** City of Centennial, Animal Control: 303-325-8079 or [animalservices@centennialco.gov](mailto:animalservices@centennialco.gov). After hours number is 303-795-4711.

**Parking issues:** Several areas within the community are signed “No Parking”. The Marvella Metropolitan District has no purview over this; it was part of the site plan that was approved by the City prior to construction. The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Department is responsible for enforcement of the no parking areas. They patrol occasionally and/or will respond to complaints and may issue tickets. Their phone number is 303-795-4711.

**Solicitors:** Also Arapahoe County Sheriff. The District cannot regulate this.

**Trash and Recycling:** The trash and recycling schedule can be found on the Marvella website homepage: [www.marvellamd.com](http://www.marvellamd.com). A 2022 schedule will be posted on the website prior to year-end. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS TREES:** Waste Management will **NOT** pick up Christmas trees after the holidays, unless they are FULLY contained within the trash receptacle (i.e. cut up into pieces). Residents can

contact WM through their website [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) to schedule a service to pick up your tree (there is a cost to the resident for this service). The City of Centennial and South Suburban Parks and Recreation both have tree recycling programs. Trees can be dropped off at the Willow Spring Service Center located at 7100 S. Holly starting December 26<sup>th</sup> (SSPR). The City of Centennial will have information on their website after the holidays regarding their tree recycling program: [www.cityofcentennialco.gov](http://www.cityofcentennialco.gov).

If your trash is not picked up (your house) please contact Waste Management. If WM misses the entire community, please contact CLA. Regular trash pick-up day is Friday; consult the calendar for holiday and recycling schedule. Trash cans can be placed on the street the night before collection and must be taken inside by the end of the service day. Please plan accordingly if you plan to be out of town. There have been many instances of wildlife taking up camp in neighborhoods in the Denver area this year. They use garbage in trash receptacles to supplement their diets and tend to hang around much longer if they have easy access. Trash cans left out are covenant violations; please be mindful of this.

**Property tax payment information:** Arapahoe County Assessor: [www.arapahoegov.com/204/Assessor](http://www.arapahoegov.com/204/Assessor) or 303-795-4600.

**Changes to exterior of home or landscaping:** CLA – see form and guidelines at [www.marvellamd.com/documents](http://www.marvellamd.com/documents). All changes must go through design review.

**Covenant violations:** CLA

**Can we gate the community?** No – the streets are public and therefore access cannot be restricted.

**Can we get a left-hand turn into the community off Orchard?** This issue sits with the City of Centennial and the City of Greenwood Village. At this point in time, there are no plans for this to change. Marvella sits within City Council District No. 2, currently represented by Councilwoman Maurer and Councilwoman Sweetland.

**Traffic calming:** The City of Centennial has a program for neighborhood traffic management. This issue was last reviewed by the City in 2020 but it did not meet criteria for traffic calming measures to be implemented. See [www.centennialco.gov/Online-Services/Apply-for-Neighborhood-Traffic-Management](http://www.centennialco.gov/Online-Services/Apply-for-Neighborhood-Traffic-Management) for additional information.

### **Who sits on the Board of Directors and what do they do?**

Your current Board of Directors is listed below. Their role is to make policy for the district, and while they may be easily accessible to you, **CLA** is your one stop shop for questions, concerns, and other operational issues. Please refer to the bottom of this newsletter for contact information.

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Tahlia Sayers	President	May 2022
Craig Corliss	Secretary	May 2023
Ian Roth	Treasurer	May 2022
Michael Kark	Asst. Secretary	May 2023
Vacant	Asst. Secretary	May 2022

The District will be sending out a notice of election in early 2022. There are three vacancies in May of 2022. If the District receives more than three interested candidates, there will be a formal mail ballot election (this is called a contested election). If not, the candidates who submit self-nomination forms will be deemed elected and the election will be canceled.

## **Covenants, Rules, Regulations and the Like....**

Marvella is a small community - with only 72 homes! While this makes for a cozy, close-knit feel, it also tends to highlight covenant violations. As such, please be aware of the easy things that can be done to respect your neighbors and avoid covenant violations. Pull your trash cans in in a timely manner. Promptly remove and replace dead plant materials. Keep your property weed and trash free. In other words... **be a good neighbor.**

Please keep in mind that any modifications to the exterior of your home, landscaping installations, and major replacements need to go through the design review process. Forms and guidelines can be found on the District website: <http://www.marvellamd.com/>. Once submitted, your application will be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) which is comprised of two fellow residents.

*A note about covenants:* the covenants are in place to protect the character and property values in the community. At closing, every buyer receives a copy of the covenants and agrees to abide by them. These covenants are so helpful in keeping Marvella the beautiful community that it is.

*The next Board meeting date will be posted on the website: [www.marvellamd.org](http://www.marvellamd.org)*

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Denise's cell is 303-903-9760 – *please feel free to text*