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Creation of wards; goal to promote fair representation of Foothills' residents

Foothills Park & Recreation District's Board of Directors acted in May of this year to divide the Foothills District boundaries into separate "Director districts" or "wards." This decision was made for the purpose of ensuring equal representation on the board of directors for all areas of the District. The change was approved by the Jefferson County District Court in November.

Five wards have been created within Foothills boundaries. One board of directors representative from each ward will be elected by the constituents within that ward. The establishment of wards could give District residents more opportunity to provide input for their area. Wards will also help prevent special interests from any one geographic area within the District from holding a majority of representation on the Board. Ultimately, equal and fair representation of District residents based upon population is the goal.

The new board representation will be in effect for the upcoming board election in May 2010, when two Board members, Walt Frankland and Janet Shangraw, will relinquish their positions due to term limits. In May 2010, the remaining three Board members will have two more years of a four year term to serve. Those remaining, Terri Maulik, Jill Nunes and Keith Sutton, will represent three of the five newly created wards. Those three positions will be up for election in May 2012.

Would you or someone you know be interested in serving as a member of the Foothills Board of Directors? Executive Director, Ronald Hopp, will be holding informational trainings for anyone interested in learning about the roles of a Board member as well as explaining the process of how to become eligible for the election. In addition, Mr. Hopp will provide overall financial and historical details about the District. These board member informational trainings will be held:

- Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. at Lilley Gulch Recreation Center, 6147 S. Holland Way, Littleton, CO
- Tuesday, February 2, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. at Peak Community and Wellness Center, 6612 S. Ward St., Littleton, CO

Please RSVP to Richelle Riley at richeller@fhprd.org or 303.409.2108.

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Wards, continued

The public is always invited to attend board meetings and can provide feedback or information to the Board of Directors during community comments, slated at the beginning of every meeting. Foothills Board meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning 6 p.m. at the Peak Community & Wellness Center (6612 S. Ward St.). For board meeting and wards information, visit www.foothills.org/wards.asp.

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In 2009, Foothills Park & Recreation District is proudly celebrating 50 years of excellence and service!

Foothills Park & Recreation District, founded in 1959, serves a community of 90,000 residents in a 28 square mile area of unincorporated Jefferson County generally bounded by Hampden Avenue south to C-470 from Sheridan Boulevard west to the Dakota Hogback. The District operates the Ridge Recreation Center, Edge Ice Arena, Lilley Gulch Recreation Center, Peak Community and Wellness Center, four outdoor swimming pools, Indoor Sports Arena, Foothills Golf Course complex, Meadows Golf Course, and 70 park sites totaling more than 2,400 acres and including four regional parks, 42 neighborhood and community parks and 24 greenbelts. In addition Foothills manages six regional trail corridors for public use, which, combined with park trails, total more than 31 miles. For more information visit www.foothills.org, or call 303.409.2100.