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Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association

We hold bi-monthly meetings at the Life Care Center of Aurora, located at Blackhawk and Evans, 14101 E. Evans Ave. at 7:00pm.

Neighbors are encouraged to participate to help keep our neighborhood strong. Woodrim Crossings is also actively involved in the Neighborhood Watch program. This newsletter is published a few weeks prior to each meeting, and volunteers deliver it to every home in the neighborhood.

Next Meeting: February 5th, 2007 - 7:00pm

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Newsletter Publication Changes

As a result of bylaw changes that were voted on and approved during the last neighborhood association meeting, we will be reducing the number of newsletters that are printed each year to four. This is being done to better coincide with the change to quarterly neighborhood association meetings instead of bi-monthly meetings.

If you have e-mail, you can still stay informed between newsletter publications by using our neighborhood website. Simply access the internet and type the following address:

www.woodrimcrossings.org

Enter your e-mail address in the area towards the lower-right corner of the home page to subscribe and receive occasional meeting reminders, notices of important events, and other useful information regarding our neighborhood.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 25, 2007
 - Ward IV Town Meeting (pg. 2)
- Feb. 5, 2007
 - Neighborhood Association Meeting (pg. 1)
- Feb. 13, 2007
 - CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser Day
- Feb. 22, 2007
 - Ward IV Town Meeting (pg. 2)
- March 13, 2007
 - CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser Day
- May 7, 2007
 - Neighborhood Association Meeting

Top Ten Reasons the Recent Snow is Good!

10. Your lawn will be a deep green this upcoming spring.
9. A snowman may actually last awhile in your lawn.
8. A sore back from shoveling may lead to a back massage.
7. Christmas lights always look better with snow.
6. It's much easier to hide your trash behind the snow piles when pickup is a few days late.
5. Your in-laws couldn't make it for the holidays due to the airport shutdown.
4. It makes getting new tires much more exciting.
3. It's much needed practice for those that can't seem to drive in the snow.
2. Tube sand for your truck bed becomes an acceptable birthday gift.
1. That cool sound you made as a kid when talking into a fan can also be made by talking while driving on our washboard-like neighborhood streets.

Join Neighborhood Watch!

Our Neighborhood Watch program works through the use of an e-mail communication tree. Important information from the Aurora Police Department regarding our neighborhood is forwarded to each participating resident in a timely manner. Each area has a block captain that is responsible for his/her area of residents. Currently we have over 25 block captains and over 300 participating households. Our neighborhood contains roughly 500 households, so that means there are nearly 200 households not yet participating. Joining only takes a moment and helps you stay informed!

If you are interesting in participating or becoming a block captain, please contact our Area Coordinator Lynn Bradley to join.

E-mail Lynn at:
nwcoordinator@woodrimcrossings.org

Neighborhood Watch Tip Record and Report Suspicious Activity

In the last couple months we have seen an increased amount of suspicious activity in and around our neighborhood. In many cases, neighbors have helped to provide information and even video recordings of the suspicious activity to police. Please continue to keep your eyes open and report any and all suspicious activity no matter how small it may seem to be. Let the police determine if the activity is "normal" or not. Eventually the word will be out that WE ARE WATCHING!

Ward IV Town Meetings

January 25 5-7 p.m.
Gibby's Sports Bar 1555 S. Havana St. Aurora

February 22 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fire Station 11 2291 S. Joliet St. Aurora

March 22 6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Andrews Village 13801 E. Yale Ave. Aurora

Join Council Member Molly Markert for a discussion on issues affecting Ward IV residents.
Contact 303-739-7015 for more information.

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Sunday Morning Worship
9:00 am

Children's Sunday School
9:15 - 10:15 am

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Meeting Minutes

WOODRIM/CROSSINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Cornerstone Community Church, 14140 E. Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO
November 6, 2006

Call to Order:

Scott Willis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

There were 13 neighbors and 3 guests present.

Scott Willis thanked Jack Nelson, one of our neighbors, for the use of his church for our meeting. Jack welcomed us and invited all to services at 9:00, Sunday mornings.

Scott welcomed Molly Markert, our City Council Representative, and Damon Vaz, our PAR Officer, to our meeting.

Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Barb Johnson gave the treasurer's report for the period of Aug.1 through the first part of November. The beginning balance was \$1,348.82. Deposits included \$180 for advertising in our newsletter. Expenses were \$50 for an ad for the community garage sale, \$285.27 for the printing of 2 newsletters, and \$12.30 for postage. The ending balance was \$1,206.25. Barb also gave a report of expenses and income for the whole year. Our beginning balance Jan. 1 was \$1,723.49. Income included \$305 from advertising and \$100 from donations. Expenses were \$787.94 for newsletters, \$50 for a garage sale ad, \$72 for web hosting, and \$12.30 for postage. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Barb reported that it has been 18 to 24 months since we have asked for donations from the neighborhood. We have never had a budget, and this might be a good idea. Barb will have a recommended budget in the newsletter before the February meeting. We receive a very good price at Office Max for our printing costs, which is certainly appreciated. It was decided to put something in the next newsletter to thank Office Max.

Old Business:

Scott had met with Alan Samura about the possibility of 4-way stop signs at the intersection of E. Evans Ave. and S. Fairplay St. Due to the reasons discussed at the last meeting, our neighborhood will not be getting a 4-way stop sign at this intersection. Scott showed a diagram of this intersection, which is at the entrance to our neighborhood from Chambers by Nick's. He reported that 2 new signs have been installed. One is a speed limit sign on the north side of Evans St. and a reverse curve sign on the south side of the street. When the weather is warmer, a double yellow line will be installed at the curve on Evans Ave, which will be like the one on Asbury and Fairplay. Hopefully, these improvements will help the speeding problem. Officer Vaz will be bringing the city's speed trailer to Evans Ave. for three days starting tonight. It will let people know how fast they are going.

It was reported that other signage was installed on Asbury and Eagle about two weeks after the last meeting. This area is now a safety zone. Kids enter the neighborhood at this intersection after walking through the park from school and there is also a bus stop there. If drivers don't stop they can be fined up to \$300.

Officer Vaz reported that he stood at the Fairplay and Evans intersection on October 27 from 4:45 to 6:00. He conducted an impromptu survey. He asked drivers a question about their destination. Of those surveyed, 43 lived in our neighborhood, 13 were visiting someone in the neighborhood, and 7 were using it as a short cut. This showed that probably most of the speeders live in the neighborhood. Officer Vaz asked those attending the meeting what would be a fair speed for drivers to receive a ticket in this area. It was felt that 30 mph, which is 5 miles over the speed limit, is fair. Officer Vaz will be on Evans with a radar gun sometime the week after the meeting. Scott was thanked for the work he did on the diagram of the intersection.

Scott Willis talked about the training he and his wife, Pam, had taken for the Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT. The city and county provide this training for volunteers to help in situations like tornados, snowstorms, checking for victims, etc. When the city is swamped with emergency calls, the CERT leaders would help where needed. Scott and Pam had 32 hours of training, which was free. CERT leaders could be the first responders in our neighborhood when the city has many calls. They receive some light search and rescue training. It was mentioned that there might be interest in CERT in other neighborhoods around us. Scott will send out an invitation to take the next class, which is in February. There is an 8-hour class and the advanced class is 32 hours. Officer Vaz will also set out an email about it. (continued on next page)

Meeting Minutes (continued from page 3)

Officer Vaz reported that he received 13 responses of interest for a radar class. They responded to an email he sent. The class date is not scheduled yet. As part of the Citizen's Traffic Corps, students will learn to use the radar gun. They could possibly be asked to testify in court. Three would work together at their assignment. The first 2 times a speeder is caught, a warning would be given. The third time a summons is given. This would be when the volunteer may need to go to court.

Molly Markert talked a little about city zoning. Responding to a question, she said that church services held in homes are not allowed because of the many cars that would be parked on the street. If this is happening, we were encouraged to call Access Aurora.

Ryan Frazier, one of our At-Large City Council Members, arrived and was welcomed. He spoke briefly about the Public Safety Committee, which he chairs. He reported that recently many people from non-profit agencies, different levels of the city government, and others learned how to work together to be prepared to meet major disasters. They now have a plan and are making preparations. They are also applying for a Homeland Security Grant.

Molly announced that the next Ward IV meeting will be on Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Applecreek Restaurant.

Barb Johnson gave a report of the Citizen Advisory Budget Commission, CABC, of which she is a member. The board has on vacancy right now. This committee reviews the city budget from a citizen's viewpoint. They then put items into tiers to prioritize them.

It was reported that the corner clean-up was successful. 12 to 14 neighbors showed up to clean up the corner of Sable and Iliff. We discussed applying for a mini grant to have 2" to 4" rocks installed at that corner and also at Iliff and Elkhart. Scott will talk to Marsha Osborn, our Neighborhood Liaison, about applying for this grant. We would need to have a group of us present our grant application to the city grant committee. Nick's is also very happy to help us out with rocks for the area, which is appreciated very much.

We voted on the proposed bylaw changes that have been presented previously. They are to change the number of meetings a year from 6 to 4 and the number of board members from 9 to 5. The meetings would be the first Monday of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt the bylaw changes. The number of newsletters will also be changed to 4 a year. The bylaws committee was thanked for their work on the committee.

New Business:

Chris Neuharth was thanked again for the outstanding newsletter he produces for us. His efforts and time are appreciated very much.

Jack Nelson was thanked again for arranging the use of his church for the meeting since early elections were being held at the Life Care Center.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to set the dates for the community garage sales for May 18 & 19 and September 7 & 8, 2007.

Barb Johnson reported that Amazing Jakes will be opening soon in the old Sam's Club building. There will be an ARC addition on Potomac. Barb reported that the Neighborhood Development Committee for our neighborhood replied that we have no opinion on this addition since it is across I-225. We also replied that we have no opinion on the Medical Center of Aurora parking garage for the same reason.

Chris Neuharth reported that Aurora Public Schools is exploring new boundary changes for several elementary schools including Jewell Elementary. A letter has been sent home with children at these schools about meetings to address the issue. A couple of possibilities would have had children in our neighborhood attending a school other than Jewell, however it looks like those suggestions are not being considered now.

We discussed having a speaker from Xcel Energy speak at the next meeting in Feb. on getting your home buttoned-up for the winter. Kathy will contact Xcel Energy about a speaker for our group.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.
Kathy Gamrath, Secretary

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Jewell Elementary Enrollment

In the previous newsletter edition, it was noted that there may be upcoming enrollment changes at Jewell Elementary. These changes may have affected if your children would have continued to attend Jewell. At the time of the last newsletter, there were 2 out of 5 proposed scenarios that could have caused your kids to be bused to another school.

We are pleased to report that the scenarios that could have affected enrollment of kids from Woodrim Crossings at Jewell Elementary have been rejected.

Community Garage Sale Dates

The dates for the Woodrim Crossings Community garage sale have been set for the 2007 season.

Spring - May 18th and 19th, 2007
Fall - September 7th and 8th, 2007

Yard of the Season Award

Yard of the Season Committee members, Kathy Gamrath, Diane Woodruff, Paula Hale, and JoAnne Clark made the selection for the house with the best lights display for this season. They enjoyed their festive drive through the neighborhood on Dec. 19. Thanks to all of you who made Woodrim/Crossings look so beautiful!

The grand winner this year is **14831 E. Adriatic Pl., the home of Patrick & Jessica Hynes.** The Yard of the Month sign is displayed in their yard. Their home is exquisitely decorated. The committee felt that the prettiest block this year is the 14400 block of E. Warren Pl.

The committee hopes that there were not houses left out because lights weren't on that night. The houses picked for honorable mention are the following:

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| 14532 E. Adriatic Pl. | 2244 S. Eagle St. | 2019 S. Fairplay St. |
| 14603 E. Adriatic Pl. | 2247 S. Eagle St. | 2029 S. Fairplay St. |
| 14765 E. Adriatic Pl. | 2253 S. Eagle St. | 2132 S. Fairplay St. |
| 14796 E. Adriatic Pl. | 2264 S. Eagle St. | 2152 S. Fairplay St. |
| 14822 E. Adriatic Pl. | 2003 S. Elkhart St. | 14566 E. Pacific Pl. |
| 14504 E. Asbury Ave. | 2034 S. Elkhart St. | 14608 E. Pacific Pl. |
| 14534 E. Asbury Ave. | 2043 S. Elkhart St. | 14698 E. Pacific Pl. |
| 14606 E. Asbury Ave. | 2125 S. Elkhart St. | 14837 E. Pacific Pl. |
| 14603 E. Atlantic Dr. | 2126 S. Elkhart St. | 2261 S. Sable Blvd. |
| 14604 E. Atlantic Dr. | 2217 S. Elkhart St. | 2279 S. Sable Blvd. |
| 14614 E. Atlantic Dr. | 2229 S. Elkhart St. | 14606 E. Warren Ave. |
| 14506 E. Baltic Pl. | 2268 S. Elkhart St. | 14636 E. Warren Ave. |
| 14657 E. Baltic Pl. | 14597 E. Evans Ave. | 14695 E. Warren Ave. |
| 14700 E. Baltic Pl. | 14732 E. Evans Ave. | 14873 E. Warren Ave. |
| 2211 S. Dearborn St. | 14762 E. Evans Ave. | 14925 E. Warren Ave. |
| 2231 S. Dearborn St. | 14751 E. Evans Ave. | 14946 E. Warren Ave. |
| 2072 S. Eagle Ct. | 14807 E. Evans Ave. | 14405 E. Warren Pl. |
| 2174 S. Eagle Ct. | 14860 E. Evans Ave. | 14406 E. Warren Pl. |
| 2184 S. Eagle Ct. | 14869 E. Evans Ave. | 14415 E. Warren Pl. |
| 2216 S. Eagle Ct. | 2015 S. Evanston St. | 14416 E. Warren Pl. |
| 2275 S. Eagle Ct. | 2035 S. Evanston St. | 14475 E. Warren Pl. |
| 2285 S. Eagle Ct. | 2000 S. Fairplay St. | |
| 2224 S. Eagle St. | 2010 S. Fairplay St. | |

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Snow Removal Tips

Courtesy of: American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS)

- Shovel early and often. Newly fallen snow is lighter than heavily packed or partially melted snow. Before you begin shoveling, warm up your muscles for 10 minutes with light exercise.
- Push the snow instead of lifting it. Keep the shovel close to your body. Space your hands on the shovel. It increases your leverage.
- If you must lift the snow, lift it properly. Squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Lift with your legs. Do not bend at the waist. Scoop small amounts of snow into the shovel and walk to where you want to dump it. Holding a shovelful of snow with your arms out-stretched puts too much weight on your spine.
- Never remove deep snow all at once; do it piecemeal. Shovel an inch or two, then take another inch off. Rest, and repeat if necessary.
- Do not throw the snow over your shoulder or to the side. This action requires a twisting motion that stresses your back.
- See what you are shoveling. Do not let a hat or scarf block your vision. Watch out for ice patches and uneven surfaces. Avoid falls by wearing shoes/boots that have slip-resistant soles.
- Use a shovel that feels comfortable for your height and strength. Avoid a shovel that is too heavy or too long.
- Pace yourself. Shoveling snow is an aerobic activity, comparable to weightlifting. Take frequent breaks and replenish fluids to prevent dehydration, which affects muscles.
- Check with your doctor. If you have a medical condition or do not exercise regularly, talk with your doctor before shoveling. If necessary, hire someone to remove the snow.

Newsletter Advertising

Advertising helps to offset the cost of printing this newsletter. This newsletter is distributed to approximately 500 households, and is also posted for viewing on our web site. Advertising rates set by the neighborhood association are as follows:

- Business card size ad: \$10.00
- 1/4 page ad: \$25.00
- 1/2 page ad: \$45.00
- Full page ad (one-side): \$75.00

If you, or someone you know, is interested in advertising in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Chris Neuharth at: editor@woodrimcrossings.org

Disclaimer: The neighborhood association reserves the right to refuse any advertising.

Place FREE Classified Ads

Don't forget that you now have the ability to buy and sell items online! The Woodrim Crossings Marketplace allows you to browse classified ads posted by neighbors in our community. The concept is much the same as the classified ads section you see in our local newspapers, but it's free! Log-on and browse or post today!

Visit: www.woodrimcrossings.org

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The Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association wishes to extend a big thank you to **OfficeMax** for providing a special printing rate for these newsletters. This rate helps to keep our newsletter costs low, while maintaining an effective means of communication for our neighbors. Thank You!