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## Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association

**We hold quarterly meetings at the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, located at Chambers and Evans, 15150 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.

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### Next Meeting: February 4th, 2007 - 7:00pm

**Location: Ethiopian Evangelical Church (address above)**

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### Reporting Street Light Outages

Now you can report street light outages with an easy online form. Go to [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com), click on the Residential tab and you'll find a link to our street light outage report form. Or, you can type 'report street light outage' in the search tool from anywhere on the Xcel Energy website. Online reporting is fully integrated with street light repair and maintenance to provide you with better service. You can still call our 24/7 customer service number at 1-800-895-4999. Phone representatives use the same online reporting system.

### Snow Removal Reminder

Snow and ice on sidewalks can be slippery and dangerous, not only to mail carriers and other delivery people but also to senior citizens, children, disabled people and the public in general.

As a resident or property owner, it is your responsibility to keep those city sidewalks adjacent to your property free and clear of snow and ice, even though the sidewalks may be behind or outside the rear and side fences and adjacent to any street.

**Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after a snowfall ends, and 48 hours after a snow emergency is declared by the city.**

To ensure pedestrian safety, City of Aurora Code Enforcement Officers regularly inspect school routes and other areas where pedestrian traffic is heavy. In addition, the officers answer citizen complaints concerning lack of snow and ice removal from sidewalks.

**Failure to comply with the ordinance carries a \$10-per-day fine for single-family homes and a \$20-per-day fine for all others.**

**Officers are not required to give a warning notice prior to issuing a snow ticket.**

### Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 24th, 2007
  - Ward IV Town Meeting
- Feb. 4th, 2007
  - Neighborhood Association Meeting
- Feb. 28th, 2007
  - Ward IV Town Meeting
- Mar. 15th, 2007
  - High Line Canal Cleanup Day
- Mar. 27th, 2007
  - Ward IV Town Meeting

## Ward IV Town Meetings

January 24 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Ethiopian Evangelical Church  
15150 E. Evans Ave. Aurora

February 28 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Fire Station #11 2291 S. Joliet St. Aurora

March 27 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.

## High Line Canal Cleanup Day

March 15 8 a.m. to Noon  
Registration at the Community College of Aurora  
16000 E. Centretech Parkway Aurora 80012

Bring your neighbors, friends and family out to the 10th annual High Line Canal Clean Up on March 15. Help remove the trash and debris from the High Line Canal before spring run off flushes it into our rivers, lakes and streams.

Contact 303-739-7372 for more information.

## Successful Neighborhood Cleanup Day

Thank you to all those that volunteered to help cleanup the neighborhood on Saturday, November 17th. We had several members of the community, as well as, several children and Pastor Stan Lawson from the Ethiopian Evangelical Church help pickup trash along the major boundaries of Woodrim Crossings. The crews cleaned trash along Iliff, Sable, and Asbury. A large number of bags of trash were collected in under 2 hours to help keep our neighborhood looking clean.

## Neighborhood Watch Welcomes New PAR Officer

Officer Chad Berger has officially become our new PAR officer. He is taking over the reigns from Officer Damon Vaz, who has recently passed the test to become a Sergeant in the Aurora Police Department. We welcome Officer Berger to the neighborhood and look forward to working closely with him as we strive to maintain a safe neighborhood.

Officer Vaz has been a huge reason that our neighborhood has stayed so safe and that our neighborhood watch program has been so strong. If you happen to see Officer Vaz around, please congratulate him on his well deserved promotion, and thank him for his service to our neighborhood and the community.

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 safe and informed! If you are interesting in participating or becoming a block captain, please contact Lynn Bradley to join. E-mail Lynn at: [nwcoordinator@woodrimcrossings.org](mailto:nwcoordinator@woodrimcrossings.org)

**This newsletter is a proud supporter of our Neighborhood Watch Program.  
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Please  
join us!

# Meeting Minutes

WOODRIM CROSSINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING (November 5th, 2007)  
Ethiopian Evangelical Church, 15150 E. Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014

## Call to Order:

Scott Willis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

## Role Call:

There were 15 neighbors and 1 speaker present.

## Minutes:

The minutes of the August 6, 2007 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

## Treasurer's Report:

The account balance as of the last report was \$832.92. Two checks for \$104.79 and \$129.59, were written to pay for newsletter printing costs. In addition, a deposit from newsletter advertising revenue in the amount of \$20.00 was made to the account. As a result, the ending account balance as of November 5th, 2007 was \$618.54.

There is a Woodrim Crossings account at Office Max that is used for the newsletter printing. The average charge is \$129, which would otherwise be \$250.00 without the discount. This is available for everyone in the neighborhood, but the project must first be approved by the treasurer.

**Speaker 1:** Molly Markert was there to hand out her newsletter and mention if you send her an e-mail, she will add you to her e-mail list. There is a guide to neighborhood traffic safety, engineering information on her web site. She may start having the Ward IV meetings at the Ethiopian Evangelical Church as well.

## Old Business:

The Tierra Park project of adding faux rock to the existing concrete structure – Scott was unable to help with the labor the group installed the faux rock. He has looked at the wall, and it looks good. Ken was making sure everything was perfect, and Raul and Chris and quite a few new trees were planted. Some Democrats had volunteered to do this type of work throughout the city. Xcel Energy dug the holes and other volunteers spent the night to make sure the 28 new trees stayed in place. It was a good cooperative effort.

A neighborhood clean up time was scheduled for Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for neighborhood volunteers to pick up all of the trash and debris along Sable Street and throughout the area between 10:00a.m. and noon.

There was more discussion about the project of installing rocks at the corner of Iliff and Sable. Molly has agreed to look into a mini grant for about \$2,000 or so to get the labor done. Nick's Garden has offered a 10% discount for the rocks. We are still looking for some competitive prices at Pioneer and a few other places.

The Woodrim signs are in need of refinishing and painting. There are still a few that need to be mounted on the fences on the Warren Place block.

## Other Neighborhood Watch Tips:

Try to be proactive –

Keep the lights on and keep eyes out.

Report things that seem suspicious.

Make sure to be friendly and greet the people in the neighborhood.

The Holidays are coming up. Make sure to keep outside lights on and be safe.

## New Business:

Pastor Stan Lawson has allowed us to use one of the meeting rooms in the church for the neighborhood watch meetings. We are planning to use this as the new location for all upcoming meetings. He also mentioned they will soon be having two Sunday services.

The 460 space wing at Buckley Air Force Base Community Advisory Group meets every quarter about environmental cleanup programs at the base. The tentative schedule for 2008 is as follows: Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Meeting room from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Central Aurora Public Library. The July meeting will be at the base so the clean-up projects can be viewed first-hand. Judy Shultheiss will attend the first meeting to see if it is a meeting that concerns the Woodrim Crossings neighborhood. If so, we will regularly attend the new meeting.

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## Meeting Minutes (continued from page 3)

Lynn Bradley mentioned that she spoke with Officer Vaz. Two parolees that live on Atlantic Place have just been released from prison. There were two recent burglaries at 14793 E. Evans and 14706 E. Adriatic Place this weekend. He will send out more information about it soon. He urges everyone to report anyone or anything that appears to be strange or out of place in the neighborhood. If it is urgent, he also urges everyone to call 911. It is also important to report any abandoned vehicles.

One neighbor mentioned her mail box had been damaged. It was suggested to make sure to report anything like this to the police non-emergency line.

Sharon brought a sample color of the paper for the upcoming newsletter. She will pick a bright color if it is comparable in price.

The Yard of the Month Committee will be meeting on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to have the lights on that night.

### Correspondence:

The Country Square Plaza will be going in on the SW corner of Chambers and Iliff, which may cause additional traffic problems. There has been a notice of public hearing, and the project is set to move forward.

In the open space near the office buildings a couple of blocks past Iliff and Chambers to the West of Chambers, and on the North side of Iliff, there are plans to build the Grace Korean Baptist Church. The building will be an L shape, with adequate parking (parking spaces estimating 1 space per every 4 people - planning on 93 regular, 4 hand-capped spaces, and 3 for bikes must have 75 required parking spaces for the approximate amount of 300 people) surrounding the new building. There will be a faux brick front and stucco for the rest of the building. It will be 18,720 square feet, which is a little larger than the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, which is 14,000 square feet. The maximum height of the building will be 32 feet. There have been some concerns over the retention of the existing trees on the property. There is still more work and follow up to be done to find out the entire scope of the project.

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## New Church Proposed near Iliff and Chambers

The neighborhood development committee has been informed that the Grace Korean Church has submitted a proposal to purchase and build on the vacant land on Iliff near our neighborhood. This property is along Iliff, near Fraser street. It sits just to the west of the old State Farm building which now houses the Craftmatic beds call center. Several members of the committee, as well as, several neighbors that back-up to this piece of property attended a planning meeting in December hosted by the city to learn about the plans. During the meeting, attendees were able to talk with leaders of the new church, the architects, and the landscape designer to voice opinions before the proposal is voted on by the city council. Apart from a few amendments to the original plans, all those attending were in favor of the new church's plans to build on this property.

## 2007 Yard of Season Award

Four Yard of the Season Committee members made the selection for the house with the best lights display for this season. They enjoyed their festive drive through the neighborhood on Dec. 17. Thanks to all of you who made Woodrim/Crossings look so beautiful!

The grand winner this year is **14506 E. Baltic Pl., the home of Frank and Claudette Minichiello**. The Yard of the Month sign was displayed in their yard. Their home was very exquisitely decorated including a singing light show on a huge blue spruce. The committee felt that the prettiest block this year was 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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|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 14822 E. Adriatic Pl. | 14790 E. Baltic Pl. | 14762 E. Evans Ave.  | 2261 S. Sable Blvd.  | 14475 E. Warren Pl. |
| 14831 E. Adriatic Pl. | 2285 S. Eagle Ct.   | 2008 S. Evanston Ct. | 14695 E. Warren Ave. |                     |
| 14656 E. Asbury Ave.  | 2224 S. Eagle St.   | 2019 S. Fairplay St. | 14925 E. Warren Ave. |                     |
| 14788 E. Asbury Ave.  | 2244 S. Eagle St.   | 2152 S. Fairplay St. | 14405 E. Warren Pl.  |                     |
| 14604 E. Atlantic Dr. | 2217 S. Elkhart St. | 14608 E. Pacific Pl. | 14406 E. Warren Pl.  |                     |
| 14628 E. Baltic Pl.   | 14659 E. Evans Ave. | 14698 E. Pacific Pl. | 14416 E. Warren Pl.  |                     |

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- 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**

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### Did you know?

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Aurora Police Administration	303-739-6000
Non-Emergency	303-627-3100
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<b>PAR Officer, Chad Berger</b>	303-627-3173
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Molly Markert - Ward IV	303-739-7516



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Feel free to send the editor an e-mail indicating what you like, or dislike about the newsletter. Please also provide your suggestions and ideas of what information you'd personally like to see in the newsletter.

E-mail to: [editor@woodrimcrossings.org](mailto:editor@woodrimcrossings.org)

## Proposed Residential Water Rates

Meetings were held by the Aurora Utilities Department January 9 & 10 to unfold a proposal for the 2008 water rate structure. A 2008 "average" rate increase of 12% has been approved and the city is now asking for additional feedback on the design and rate structures. In 2007 customers were concerned about high water bills in summer months and City Council has now directed that the new rate structure meet more stated objectives in an effort to "even out" water bills and minimize seasonal peaks. Residents will now be able to cast their vote by either completing a feedback form or e-mailing the utilities department at: [aurorawater@auroragov.org](mailto:aurorawater@auroragov.org).

The proposed options for the 2008 residential water rates are listed in the table to the right.

## Gas Mileage Tips

1. Check and replace your vehicle's air filter frequently. A clogged air filter can reduce your gas mileage by up to 10%.
2. Keep your tires properly inflated. Under-inflated tires can lower gas mileage by 0.4 percent for every 1 psi drop in pressure of all four tires.
3. Using the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil can improve your gas mileage by 1-2 percent. For example, using 10W-30 motor oil in an engine designed to use 5W-30 can lower your gas mileage by 1-2 percent. Using 5W-30 in an engine designed for 5W-20 can lower your gas mileage by 1-1.5 percent.
4. Keep your engine properly tuned. Fixing a car that is noticeably out of tune or has failed an emissions test can improve its gas mileage by an average of 4 percent, though results vary based on the kind of repair and how well it is done. Fixing a serious maintenance problem, such as a faulty oxygen sensor, can improve your mileage by *as much as 40 percent*.

Residential Options (\$/1000 gallons)				
Per 1000 gallons per month	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
0	4.83	4.14	4.18	4.18
10	4.83	4.14	4.18	4.18
15	4.83	4.14	4.18	4.18
20	4.83	4.14	6.09	5.93
25	5.88	7.15	6.09	5.93
30	5.88	7.15	6.09	5.93
35	5.88	7.15	6.09	6.76
40	5.88	7.15	6.09	6.76
45	6.57	8.18	6.09	6.76
50	6.57	8.18	6.09	6.76
60	6.57	8.18	6.09	6.76
60+	6.57	8.18	8.09	8.18