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## Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association

Meetings are held at the **Ethiopian Youth Center (ARYF), located near Dairy Queen at 2171 S. Chambers at 7:00pm** on the second Tuesday of February, May, August, and November.

*As a Woodrim Crossings neighborhood resident, you are urged to attend any and all of these meetings! Meetings keep everyone updated with timely information about the neighborhood, including upcoming events and issues. They're a great way to meet your neighbors and get involved with protecting and sustaining your home and community.*

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At the upcoming February meeting, nominations and elections will be held for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please attend to participate!

Thanks to everyone who attended the last meeting. Congratulations to Lynn and Judy, who won the Nick's Garden Center gift certificates!

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### Next Meeting: Tuesday February 8, 2011 - 7:00pm

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### Neighborhood Watch Wants You!

We still have a few blocks up by Sable who do not have a Block Captain. The more people who participate, the safer the neighborhood is.

If you would like to participate in Neighborhood Watch and receive emails about suspicious activities or crimes in our neighborhood, please contact Lynn Bradley via email at [nwcoordinator@woodrimcrossings.org](mailto:nwcoordinator@woodrimcrossings.org).

If your children enjoy the Neighborhood Watch picnic, I would like to start a Junior Neighborhood Watch. If your kids are interested, we will have a short meeting to do some fun activities. It looks great on their resume and it could be a lot of fun.

Happy New Year.

Lynn Bradley

### Upcoming Events:

February 8, 2011  
 • Neighborhood Assoc. Meeting

February 24, 2011  
 • Ward IV Town Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 Ethiopian Evangelical Church  
 15150 E. Evans Ave.

March 24, 2011  
 • Ward IV Town Meeting  
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Morning Star, 1950 S. Dayton St.

April 28, 2011  
 • Ward IV Town Meeting

See [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org) for details and additional upcoming events.

## President's Message

Fellow Woodrim Crossings Neighbors,

Happy New 2011 Year! May our neighborhood stay safe, and may 2011 be prosperous for you. The great news for 2010 is that our neighborhood has been a great place to live and raise a family. We banded together to oppose intrusion, and we are constantly watch out for each other. Our Neighborhood Watch Program has kept us safe once again.

Now it's 2011, and it's time to get involved and see if you can make a difference in our neighborhood. I encourage new and old neighbors to attend the February meeting. Meet fellow neighbors, and become involved on what goes on in your neighborhood and the city of Aurora. Hope to see you on Feb 8th!

Sincerely, Bill Hallinan

## Thank You Trick-or-Treaters

The members of the Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood present at the November 2010 meeting would like to thank this year's trick-or-treaters for their polite manners as they made the rounds on Halloween. Your good behavior and politeness was much appreciated by the residents of your neighborhood!

## Electronics Recycling Event

*February 12 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Aurora Municipal Center southwest parking lot  
15151 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012*

Both Aurora residents and non-residents may bring DVD players, computers, VCRs, stereos, printers, fax machines, cell phones, microwaves, small appliances and more to be recycled. The cost is \$2 per item (except for computer monitors, which cost \$8 each, and televisions, which are \$15 each). Electronics will be recycled by Metech International (formerly GRX), one of the state's premier electronic waste recyclers. The event is sponsored by Environment Aurora, a citywide effort to think green. Contact 303-739-7173 for more informa-

## Victorian Valentines

*February 13 2 to 3:30 p.m.*

*Aurora History Museum  
15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012*

For ages 6 and older. Since the early 1800s, Valentine's Day traditions have included the exchange of a love token with one's valentine. The tradition peaked during the Victorian era. Discover the history and creativity of old-fashioned, handmade, elaborately decorated Victorian Valentine cards, and create cards for your loved ones. \$5 (\$4 Aurora residents) Contact 303-739-6666 for more information.



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## Meeting Minutes

Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association  
Minutes of the Meeting (November 9, 2010)

### Call to Order:

Bill Hallinan, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

### Role Call:

There were 11 neighbors present.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the August 11, 2010 meeting were approved and printed in the newsletter.

### Treasurer's Report:

The bank balance as of the last meeting on August 11, 2010 was \$1,190.36. On July 13, 2010, a check was written to Office Max for the newsletter printing in the amount of \$112.96. On August 17, 2010 there was a check made payable to Lynn Bradley for the Neighborhood Watch in the amount of \$25.00. On the same day, there were two deposits – one for advertising revenue in the amount of \$145.00 and donations in \$50.00. On October 15, 2010 a check was written in the amount of \$112.96 for the newsletter printing. On November 8, 2010 there was a check written to Nick's Garden in the amount of \$20.00 for gift certificates for the door prizes for this meeting. The final balance on November 8, 2010 was \$1,114.44.

### Guest Speakers:

Molly Markert was our guest speaker. She is encouraging everyone to shop in Aurora whenever possible. The sales tax revenue pays for many of the city's services and repairs. If enough revenue is earned, the Village Green pool will reopen. Some of the other pools closed one month early this year, and we do not have the library back yet. These are the types of things that our sales taxes pay for, so it is necessary to try as much as we can to spend our money within the city of Aurora. A new city manager was hired. There are not any new plans to allow new home building or additional resources for the area east of E-470. The growth is not paying its own way, and it costs the city approximately \$12,000 in services annually for each new home. A neighbor asked about a maple tree that needs to be trimmed. The forestry department has been cut a bit, so the tree trimming is taking much longer. The public works department will come by and pick up branches if they are in the street.

### New Business:

Stan, from the Ethiopian Evangelical Church mentioned that on November 27<sup>th</sup>, he has a college prayer group that will be in the area to try and get the community more involved and to pray for the community. There is also a kid's musical at 6:30pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. They are also going to be adding on to the building. They are currently interviewing architects. They will be building onto the West side of the building adding more classroom space and a kitchen. They are also converting the existing parking lights to solar energy. They expect this to be a six to seven month process. In the past, we have had a nominating committee for the board. We will be looking at developing this again.

*(Minutes continued on page 4)*

## **Meeting Minutes (continued from page 3)**

Neighborhood Development Committee Report/Correspondence:

The city granted the cabaret license to America's Bar and Grill on Chambers and Iliff so they would be allowed to install a small dance floor. They have not had the money to install it yet. There was a hearing date for a liquor license for a new restaurant Ajuuah, that is in the old Zio's building. They received their liquor license. We received some correspondence that Heather Gardens is making improvements to their existing community center. We returned our input as no opinion. The Aurora planning department mentioned that out of the many homeowners associations, we are one of the few that they hear from regularly.

### **Zoning Code Reminders**

City Codes relating to zoning and community maintenance are a means of ensuring that the community's land uses are compatibly located and used for the health, safety and general welfare of the community. The city of Aurora has a commitment to provide safe and sanitary living conditions for all of its residents. It takes a cooperative effort of investors, owners, tenants and the City to achieve a successful property maintenance program. Please contact the Neighborhood Support Division for further information.

#### **Alleys**

Occupants and/or owners are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the area from the rear property line to the center line of the alley. (Tree trimming, cutting weeds, disposing of trash, etc.)

#### **Animals**

Only customary household pets are allowed. A maximum of three adult dogs and five cats may be kept at any one location. All cats and dogs must have yearly rabies vaccinations and be licensed within the City. It is the responsibility of the occupants and/or owner to remove all animal droppings from their property on a daily basis. Animal owners/custodians are responsible for the immediate removal of all excrement deposited by the animal upon any Public Property. Dogs found running at large may be impounded by the Animal Care Division, 303-326-8280.

#### **Bushes, Plants, Trees and Special Hazards**

Bushes over sidewalks must be cut back six inches from the sidewalk to clear the walkway. The maximum height of hedges in the front yard is 42 inches. (Exception- See Visibility Triangle). Plants which have thorns, spines or prickles shall not be planted within 4 feet of the public sidewalk or maintained in the city right-of-way. City right-of-way ranges from 7 feet to 11 feet from flow-line (street gutter). It is the responsibility of the occupant and/or owner to cut and remove all private tree branches lower than 8 feet over sidewalks and 13 feet 6 inches over street, alley or highway. It is also the responsibility of the occupant and/or owner to correct or remove any unsafe trees. If it is a City of Aurora tree, call Forestry at 303-739-7177.

#### **Erosion Control/ New Lawn Permits**

Some type of landscape material must be installed and maintained to prevent erosion and conditions which may cause erosion. Aurora's lawn ordinance requires the purchase and posting of a lawn permit for the installation of new lawns. For further information, call Lawn Permits at 303-739-7195.

## Zoning Code Reminders (cont.)

### Exterior Maintenance

All structures and accessory structures must be maintained in a state of good repair, weather tight and painted. All exterior portions on any structure including exterior walls, windows, doors, molding, roofing, gutters, etc. must be maintained in a state of good repair. Any paintable surface deteriorated more than 30% is a violation.

### Fences

All fences must be maintained in good structural condition including pickets, rails and posts. A fence permit is required for any fence construction. Fences installed in the front yard cannot exceed 42 inches in height and must be at least 50% open. Fences installed in the “visibility triangle” must be at least 75% open. Permits and information are available from the Planning Department (Zoning Division) at the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 303-739-7347.

### Graffiti

Graffiti on private and public property should be reported to the Police Department Gang Investigation Unit (303-739-6063) and be removed as soon as possible. Graffiti removal on business and commercial property is the responsibility of the owner and/or occupant.

### Parking Surfaces and Driveways

Only 40 percent of the front yard can be a parking or driveway surface. The parking or driveway surface in a rear yard cannot exceed 750 square feet or 25 percent of the backyard- whichever is less. Parking of any type of vehicles, boats, trailers and campers on landscape and/or lawn portion of the yard is prohibited. Any new parking area must be surfaced with asphalt, concrete, brick or stone pavers. All surfaces shall be maintained free of vegetation, weeds, dirt, trash and debris.

Grandfathered rock parking surfaces must have a border and be maintained to a depth not less than 2 1/2 inches. Failure to maintain requires compliance with new standards.

*These excerpts of Aurora’s Zoning Codes were copied from [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org). Please visit this website and click on Residents; Code Enforcement; Zoning Code for additional information.*

## Treasurer’s Report

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Orig. Amount</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Wells Fargo Bank</b>									<b>1,190.36</b>
	Check	07/13/10	2051	Office Max	Newsletter Printing	Printing	-112.96	-112.96	1,077.40
	Check	08/17/10	2052	Lynn Bradley		N. Watch	-25.00	-25.00	1,052.40
	Deposit	08/17/10	DEP		Deposit	Advertising	145.00	145.00	1,197.40
	Deposit	08/17/10	DEP		Deposit	Donations	50.00	50.00	1,247.40
	Check	10/15/10	2053	Office Max	Newsletter Printing	Printing	-112.96	-112.96	1,134.44
	Check	11/08/10	2054	Nick’s Garden	Door prizes	Gift Cert.	-20.00	-20.00	1,114.44
Total Bank								-75.92	1,114.44
<b>TOTAL</b>								<b>-75.92</b>	<b>1,114.44</b>

## Important Numbers

Access Aurora	<b>303-739-7000</b>
Aurora Police Administration	303-739-6000
Non-Emergency	303-627-3100
Narcotics Tip Anonymous	303-739-1964
Animal Control	303-326-8288
Lost and Found Pets	303-326-8280
Graffiti Hotline	303-739-6063
Code Enforcement	303-739-7280
<b>PAR Officer, Chad Berger</b>	303-627-3173
<b>cberger@auroragov.org</b>	
Aurora Fire, Non-emergency	303-627-3130
Molly Markert - Ward IV	303-739-7516

## Submit Your Newsletter Ideas

As a way to foster community involvement in the production of this newsletter, you are invited to submit article ideas, recipes, or even comments on what you like or dislike about the newsletter. Please take advantage of this by contacting our newsletter editor at the following e-mail address:

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



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## High Line Canal Cleanup

*March 12 8 a.m. to noon*

*Community College of Aurora*

*16000 E. CentreTech Parkway Aurora 80012*

Volunteers ages 8 and up can help beautify Aurora by cleaning a portion of the 11 miles of the High Line Canal that runs through the city.

## A Millinery Tale: The History of Ladies Hats

*January 18 - April 17*

*9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday*

*11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday*

*Aurora History Museum*

*15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012*

Women have been wearing hats for centuries. Discover how styles and hat-wearing trends have changed, when hats were required and what hat designs are prevalent today. Highlights include hats from private collections and the museum's mid-century hat collection.

Free admission.

Contact 303-739-6666 for more information.

## Pet License & Vaccination Clinic

*February 12 9 a.m to 1 p.m.*

*Aurora Animal Shelter*

*15750 E. 32nd Avenue Aurora*

Protect your pet from deadly diseases. Licensing of pets is required under city of Aurora ordinance. Vaccinations are available for both dogs and cats. All proceeds used to help homeless, shelter animals. Prices vary. Call for more information on the vaccination clinic, licensing, adoption and other services at the shelter.

Contact Animal Shelter, 303-326-8280 for more information.