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Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association

**Next Meeting Monday
May 2, 2005
7:00 PM**

We hold bi-monthly meetings at the Life Care Center of Aurora, Located at Blackhawk and Evans, 14101 E. Evans Ave. at 7:00 pm. The best way to keep the

neighborhood strong is for each of us to exercise the right to participate. In addition, we encourage and support the neighborhood watch program. The newsletter is published a few weeks prior to each meeting. Volunteers deliver it to every home in the neighborhood.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee nominated the current officers for a second term. Russ Perron, President; Geri Hess, Vice President; Kathy Gamrath, Secretary; and Madolyn Paroske, Treasurer.

Upcoming Calendar

Sat. April 9, 3:00 pm	Open House Expo Recreation Ctr.(page2)
Tue. April 12, all day	CiCi's Pizza Day
Sat. April 16, 10:00 - 11:30 am	Native Plant Walk –
Thur. April 28, 7 to 9 p.m	Ward IV Town Meeting (page2)
Thur. April 28, 11 a.m - 3 p.m.	Aurora Animal Shelter Open House
Mon. May 2, 7:00pm	Regular neighborhood meeting (page5)
Tue. May 10, all day	CiCi's Pizza Day
Sat. May 14, 5:20 am –3:00pm	Trout Tournament \$25K prize (page 5)
Sat. May 14, 5:20 am –3:00pm	Slim and Tone Fundraiser (page6)
Fri & Sat May 20-21	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Sat. May 21, 7:30 p.m.	Aurora Symphony Orchestra
Thur May 26	Ward IV Town Meeting (page2)
Thur. June 30, 7:30 to 9 a.m	Ward IV Town Meeting (page2)

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Any Day is a Good Day to Visit the Park.



Our Neighbor the Ethiopian Church

By Gehta Ybarkachu, Pastor

Often times when I mention to people that I am a minister at an Ethiopian church their expressions are confused and they ask, "what denomination that is?" Some know that it is not a denomination at all but rather a people born in Ethiopia. Ethiopia is in the upper east of Africa. It is surrounded by Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia, and Kenya. It is one of the oldest civilizations known to man.

The Denver-Aurora area is home to over 10,000 Ethiopians and their families. Many came to the United States during the communist persecution of the 1980's and early 1990's. They came seeking Asylum, Freedom and Economic opportunity. The Senior Pastor, Endashaw Kelkele came to the US 16 years ago after fleeing Ethiopia because of religious persecution. He had to walk over 150 miles to reach safety in Kenya.

Ethiopian Evangelical Church is a non-denominational Christ centered church. It is among the largest Ethiopian Congregations in the US. Our location near Woodrim Crossings was among the first Ethiopian churches built new in North America. The Sunday service is preached in Amharic, one of the main languages, the children and youth attend separate services done in English. Our Church is also home to the Outreach, a Tuesday night service at 7PM in English. Please stop in and say hi, or sit and enjoy the worship – (God Bless You)

St. Andrew's Village

St. Andrew's Village is building a new facility at 13801 E Yale Ave., next to our post office. It will be like a small village where retired individuals can make their home. The wonderful thing about this concept is that one doesn't have to change facilities, as they need more assistance.

Fundraiser How it Went

Last CiCi's night I noticed that we had several receipts. YEA! We will receive a check for over \$17.00 this time. Keep up the good work. Remember the 2nd Tuesday is CiCi's pizza day.

Ward IV Town Meeting

April 28 7 to 9 p.m.

Heatheridge Country Club 13521 E. Iliiff Ave. Aurora 80014 Join Council Member Molly Markert as she addresses issues affecting residents in Ward IV. Contact Colleen Lindstone, 303-739-7015 for more information.

Ward IV Town Meeting

May 26 7 to 9 p.m.

Fire Station No. 11 2291 S. Joliet St. Aurora 80014 Join Council Member Molly Markert as she addresses issues affecting residents in Ward IV. Contact Colleen Lindstone, 303-739-7015 for more information.

Ward IV Town Meeting

June 30 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Rosie's Diner 14061 E. Iliiff Ave. Aurora 80014 Join Council Member Molly Markert as she addresses issues affecting residents in Ward IV. Contact Colleen Lindstone, 303-739-7015 for more information.

Native Plant Walk -

April 16 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Morrison Nature Center at Star K Ranch 16002 E. Smith Road Aurora 80011 A local naturalist will lead a hike through the Star K Ranch, identifying native plants, including whether they are edible and other uses. Limited to 25. Pre-Register by calling 303-739-2428. Contact Amanda Lacina 303-739-2428 for more information.

Xeriscape Grants

It was determined that it wouldn't be cost effective for us to improve the areas along Iliiff. Since the grants available are small it would take us several years to improve our common areas.



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Phone 303 696-6657 Fax 303 696-1694
www.nicksgardencenter.com

Expo Recreation Center Open House

You are invited to attend a free open house April 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Expo Recreation Center 10955 E Exposition Ave.

Come celebrate the reopening after the 6-month renovation. Will offer refreshments, prizes, and class demonstrations on cooking, dog training, dance and more. For more information visit auroragov.org or call 303-326-8630.

Secretary/Minutes

WOODRIM CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF MEETING

Life Care Center of Aurora, 14101 E. Evans Ave., Aurora, CO
March 7, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association was called to order by Vice President, Geri Hess, at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

There were 17 neighbors present. Geri asked each to introduce themselves.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 10, 2005, meeting were approved as they were printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Madolyn Paroske, treasurer. Expenses for the last two months were \$72 for 12 months of web hosting and \$132 for newsletter printing. \$72 was deposited for advertising in the newsletter. Our balance is \$743.76. The treasurer's report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gary Beckham reported for The Nominating Committee that they recommend the current slate of officers for reelection for the next year. The officers are Russ Perron, President; Geri Hess, Vice President; Kathy Gamrath, Secretary; and Madolyn Paroske, Treasurer. The officers were unanimously elected.

The Development Committee has 4 members. It was reported that the Life Care Center will start their new addition soon. The committee reported to the city that our neighborhood has no objections to the addition.

The Web Site Committee reported that they were able to get the web site for \$72 a year. This was the price for a nonprofit organization. The committee was thanked very much and given an applause for their exceptional work on our site. The committee is Chris & Kristin Neuharth, Geri Hess, and Scott Willis. Our web address is woodrimcrossings.org. Having ads on the web site was discussed. Chris will wait to see how many visit the site. He reported that 85 visited the site in February.

It was reported by Lynn Bradley, chairman of Neighborhood Watch, that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Tue., March 29 at Gander Mountain. Officer Vaz will talk about identity theft, meth labs, and other items of concern. Lynn reported that at least 200 homes out of the 500 in the neighborhood are receiving e-mail messages in the Neighborhood Watch program.

The xeriscape grant committee reported that it was determined that \$2000 would not be enough to start any landscaping on the perimeters of the neighborhood, so it was decided to not apply for the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Dates for the two neighborhood garage sales were decided. They will be May 20 and 21, and September 9 and 10.

Geri Hess asked for suggestions for what to charge for advertising in the newsletter. She has been charging \$10 for a business card size ad. It was decided that the charge for a quarter page ad will be \$25 and for a half page ad \$45. The charge to include a full page ad which has already been printed will be \$45.

Including ads for youth in the community was discussed. This could be for things like baby-sitting and yard work. It was felt it is important to get youth involved in the community. Lynn Bradley will check with Officer Vaz on any issues regarding safety for youth who would advertise.

It was reported that the next Ward IV meeting sponsored by Molly Markert will be Thursday, March 24. Molly would like to have citizen feedback for the city budget cuts.

Having a spring clean up day was discussed. Scott Willis will look into having dumpsters delivered to our neighborhood for a weekend.

A neighborhood picnic was discussed. Geri will ask in the newsletter for volunteers to plan a picnic. Several years ago the neighborhood had a picnic which had about 500 attending.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Kathy Gamrath, Secretary

Treasurer's Report	
BOH 11/1/04	\$876.18
Deposits	
Advertisements	72.00
Disbursements (newsletter)	
Office Max	132.00
Website	72.00
BOH 11/1/04	\$743.76

Newsletter Advertising

Geri Hess
 Advertising offsets the cost of printing the newsletter.
 Advertisement for a small donation:
 Business Card \$10
 ¼ page \$25
 ½ page \$45.
 Attach flyers \$45.

Use this space to advertise your business, introduce yourself, well wishing, invitations to a neighborhood event, or to announce a new member of your family or a fundraiser.

Babysitter's Training

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training **Certification Course** prepares youth ages 11-15 to safely and responsibly care for themselves and/or other children in the absence of parents or guardians. Youth will learn important skills in these core areas:

Leadership

Safety and Responsible Babysitting
 Basic care for infants and children

Check-Call-Care

Professionalism and Responsibility
 Make Decisions under pressure
 Feeding, diapering, and picking up baby or toddler
 Basic first aid, including care for minor injuries and prevention

This training is being provided at Ethiopian Evangelical Church for youth 11-15 years of age. The Date is May 14, time 9AM- 4:30PM, cost is just \$59 this includes lunch. Pre- registration a must, deadline to **register is May 11. Stop by the church or call 303-369-2329 and leave a message for Pastor Stan.**

Aurora Symphony Orchestra

Arts for a Better Tomorrow -

May 21 7:30 p.m.

Gateway Performing Arts Center, Gateway High School
 1300 S. Sable Blvd. Aurora 80012
 Contact 303-873-6622 for more information.

Code Corner

BUSHES/PLANTS/SPECIAL HAZARDS/TREES



Bushes over sidewalks must be cut back 6 inches from the sidewalk to clear 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 or maintained within 3 feet of a public right-of-way or sidewalk. It is the responsibility of the occupant and/or owner to cut and remove all tree branches lower than 8 feet over

sidewalks and 13 feet 6 inches over street, alley or highway. If it is a City of Aurora tree, call Forestry at 303-739-7177.

Please support our sponsors.

We wish to thank the following companies for their generous donations to offset our newsletter costs:

Farmers Ins. – Geri Hess
Claim Jumper – Lantz Trantham
Neu Design Co – Kristin Neuharth

Neighborhood Information

Important numbers:

Aurora Police Dispatch	303-739-6402
Non-emergency	303-365-2844
Non-emergency dispatch	303-627-3100
Narcotics Tip Anonymous	303-739-1964
Animal Control	303-326-8280
Graffiti Hotline	303-739-6063
Utilities Water Cops	303-739-7195
PAR Officer, Damon Vaz	303-627-3173
dvaz@ci.aurora.co.us	
Aurora Fire, Non-emergency	303-326-8999

Websites

Woodrim Crossings has a new website! The new website is easy to remember and it contains valuable information such as: upcoming meetings, neighborhood watch information, important news, etc. Please check out the new web site: www.woodrimcrossings.org
www.neighborhoodlink.com/aurora/woodcross



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Aurora, CO 80012
www.auroragov.org

Access Aurora

303-739-7000
Information about your property
<http://www2.auroragov.org/apps/portal/pages/property.cfm>
See an aerial map + lots of other stuff.
Neighborhood Support Liaison Program
Shawn Wright swright@ci.aurora.co.us
Neighborhood Liaison
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303-739-7442 Shawn

City of Aurora Liaison Program

Our liaison is Marsha Osborn 303-739-7402
mosborn@auroragov.org

The liaison program provides neighborhood leaders with information, organizational and project assistance, grants, block party permits, and Neighbor to Neighbor Roundtables.

Neighborhood Watch

Lynn Bradley

Hi! Neighborhood Watch is unique because it is sent by email to block captains who in turn send it out to their neighbors. If a neighbor would like to receive emails or knows a few neighbors and would like to become a block captain that person could contact me at lynnstitch@hotmail.com. Our neighborhood is growing steadily, but we would like to get the information out to everyone. When the police are in our area it's nice to put information out on the email system. If they need light we can turn lights on, they have asked us for information, we look for suspicious people and vehicles in our neighborhood. Woodrim Crossing is one of the safest neighborhoods now because of this program.
Lynn

Homeowner's Tips

Stay dry with preventive maintenance.

- Check your water heaters annually. If you need to replace a water heater inside your home, explore the possibility of moving it into the garage.
- Replace washing machine hoses with heavy-duty hoses every five years. Check control valves on washing machines annually.
- Check your roof periodically for wear and tear. Check for leaks, check the gutters and down spouts. Clean roof of any debris and check the chimney for soot buildup or obstructions such as nests etc.
- When you leave your home for longer than 2 days, turn off water valves going to the house, and turn off control valves to your household appliances.
- If your bill is abnormally high (for no apparent reason), do a complete inspection of your water system.
- Do not pour grease of any kind down your sink or disposal.

Trout Tournament

"News Aurora"

From 5:20 am to 3 pm May 14 at the Aurora Reservoir. Trout must weigh in by 3 pm. Two hundred tagged trout will be released prior to the tournament. In addition to the cash-prize trout all other trout will be eligible to win prizes based upon weight in adult and youth divisions.

Registration forms will be available at Front Range bait and tackle shops, the Aurora Reservoir, Aurora Public libraries, and recreation centers, and at the Aurora Municipal Center Beginning on March 14.

An entry form may be downloaded at auroragov.org or call 303-690-1286.

Aurora Animal Shelter Open House

April 28 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
15750 E. 32nd Ave. Aurora

Visit the newly renovated shelter, which includes new pet visitation rooms, shy cat rooms, a surgical suite for spay and neuter services, a puppy and kitten nursery, a reptile and exotic animal room and more. The shelter was designed to help increase adoptions and accommodate the more than 6,000 pets that go through the shelter each year. A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place immediately following the open house at 3 p.m. Contact 303-326-8280 for more information.

Thanks

Chris and Kristin Neuharth, Scott Willis, and Geri Hess for the new neighborhood website.
Sharon Ward and those who deliver the newsletter.



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**You are invited to the
1st Annual Fundraiser to Sponsor
"The Hashman Clan"**

In the 2005 AVON Walk for Breast Cancer
Saturday, May 14, 2005
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
On the Parking Lot at 1254 S. Abilene Street
Contact Diane 303-743-7546 (SLIM)

There will be something for most, kids to adults.

Woodrim Crossings Neighbors are participating in the Avon Walk - Kathy Gamrath, Donna Paulson, and Geri Hess. Connie Hashman is dealing with breast cancer. She lives just north of our neighborhood. Connie and her two daughters plan to walk in the 2-day marathon. Each walker must raise \$1800. So, come out and help raise their entrance fee.

There will be baked goods, crafts, face painting, games of skill to win tickets for door prizes including quilts, afghans, gift certificates for massages, gift baskets and many more items and services. This event is open to everyone –So, Bring your friends, and family. There'll be some free stuff too.

Life is a Journey



Find out about the directions
Come to

the **Outreach @ EEC**

15150 E Evans Ave, Aurora
Tuesday Evenings @ 7pm
303-369-2329 for more info