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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.

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### Next Meeting: March 6th, 2006 - 7:00pm

**This month's guest speaker: Officer Damon Vaz from the Aurora Police Department. Topic is: 'Emergency Preparedness'**

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### 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. With just over 500 households in our neighborhood, we'd like to see an increased number of participating household's. We also **need block captains** for every street.

If you are interesting in becoming a block captain, or just want to participate, please contact our Area Coordinator Lynn Bradley to join. E-mail Lynn at:

**nwcoordinator@woodrimcrossings.org**

Neighborhood Watch is a fast and easy way for every neighbor to stay informed about crime and safety in our neighborhood. Join today!

### Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 6, 2006
  - Neighborhood Association Meeting (pg. 1)
- Mar. 18, 2006
  - High Line Canal Cleanup (pg. 2)
- Mar. 23, 2006
  - Ward IV Town Meeting (pg. 2)
- April 27, 2006
  - Ward IV Town Meeting
- May. 1, 2006
  - Neighborhood Association Meeting

### Visit us on the Web!

Stay current on all the happenings in and around our neighborhood by visiting our website at: **www.woodrimcrossings.org**



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!

A few other features on our website:

1. Sign-up online to receive our newsletter via e-mail.
2. Sign-up online to receive e-mail reminders of upcoming meetings.

## Great High Line Canal Cleanup

Volunteers are needed for this year's High Line Canal clean up on Saturday, March 18, 2006 (rain/snow date Sat., March 25) from 8 a.m. to noon. Last year 474 volunteers collected over 6 tons of garbage in less than four hours. Registration will take place at the Community College of Aurora, 16000 E. Centre Tech Parkway, on event day. Sponsored by the Aurora Water Department, volunteers remove trash from the 11 miles of the canal that runs through Aurora before Denver Water's spring release of water, which turns the channel into a free-flowing stream leading into Sand and Tollgate Creeks. The clean up protects a vital resource from pollution while improving the landscape for this high-use recreational area. This is also an opportunity to learn about the problems caused by littering and the importance of protecting and caring for our waterways by preventing pollution. For more information or to register, contact the Clean Water Program at (303) 739-7372, or e-mail [jscarbea@auroragov.org](mailto:jscarbea@auroragov.org). You can also register online by going to: [http://www.volunteermatch.org/results/opp\\_detail.jsp?oppid=160243](http://www.volunteermatch.org/results/opp_detail.jsp?oppid=160243) Contact Joanne Scarbeary or Lisa Klotz at 303-739-7372. for more information.

## Donations Donations Donations

They just keep coming. The following neighbors have donated since the last newsletter.

- Amy Halvorson Bayer & David Bayer
- Henry & Martha Teigen
- Karlene & Timothy Morgan
- Betty Stapp
- Sandy & Leon Garcia

Thanks to all for your support of WCNA. Donations can be sent to Madolyn Paroske 14837 E. Pacific Pl. Make checks out to WCNA.

## Neighborhood Watch Tip

### Winter Driving

Before winter weather arrives, make sure your vehicle is in good condition, especially the tires. Before driving, clear the ice and snow from your vehicle, all windows and windshield wipers. Be sure the windshield washer reservoir is adequately filled with a freeze resistant cleaning solution, and carry spare fluid in your vehicle.

## Ward IV Town Meeting

March 23 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Rosie's Diner 14061 E. Iliff Ave. Aurora

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

## Code Corner

### Trash Removal and Containers

It is the responsibility of the occupant and/or owner to have the trash removed weekly, or more often if necessary. Trash must be in an approved, secure trash container. The trash container must be reasonably screened from the adjacent street and be stored in the rear or side yard only, and screened from the street, not in the front yard. **Trash containers may not be placed in the front yard or alley prior to 5 p.m. on the day before trash pickup and must be removed within 12 hours after pickup.** Trash service is required.

## 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](mailto:editor@woodrimcrossings.org)

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

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## Meeting Minutes

WOODRIM/CROSSINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
Life Care Center of Aurora, 14101 E. Evans Ave., Aurora, CO  
January 9, 2006

### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Scott Willis, Vice President, at 7:10 p.m.

### Roll Call:

There were 9 neighbors present.

### Speaker:

Kathy Gamrath introduced our speaker, Elizabeth Lefebvre, Public Relations Specialist for the Utilities Department of the City of Aurora. She is from the Capital Projects Division. This division does capital projects including new stations, piping, etc. Her topic was the new project the Water Department is about to undertake. It's a key element of Aurora Water's comprehensive plan to provide a reliable, high quality, water supply to the city, now and in the future. Her talk and slide show covered the project background, its purpose and need, how it will affect us, the construction schedule, and a time for questions. Water will be pumped from wells along the Platte River in Weld County. It will be treated and pumped 34 miles south by pipeline to the Aurora Reservoir area. The project uses water the city already owns. The project will be started in October of 2006. The projected delivery of water is in 2010. It will increase the supply of water by 20%. Elizabeth passed out handouts. Her presentation was very informative and interesting. She answered many questions.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the November 7, 2005, meeting which were printed in the last newsletter were reviewed and approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Barb Johnson for Madolyn Paroske. The beginning balance was \$762.99. Our current balance is \$1,805.58. \$230 was collected for ads in the newsletter the last two months. Printing costs were \$132.42. The total contributions from neighbors as of this date is \$1,256.00. This amount has been sent in during the last few months.

### Old Business:

A letter was read by Barb Johnson from Bob Adams, Aurora Public Schools Superintendent. He thanked our association for the letter we sent about children's safety when selling for fundraisers. He said that he has advised principals to use discretion with fundraisers and to have the safety of students in mind. A neighbor in attendance who lives on Sable thanked the association for its part in getting the large arrow signs installed on Sable at Warren Pl.

### New Business:

Chris Neuharth mentioned some ideas which would be helpful to keep the web site updated. He felt it is important to have parts changed regularly to keep people coming back. He was thanked for the great job he is doing. The web site will need to be renewed in February. The cost is \$72. This expense was approved. The opportunity for neighbors to sell items on the web site was discussed. Chris can set this up. It would be a free service. It was hoped that this would also promote more traffic on the site. It was moved, seconded, and passed to do this.

The dates for the rest of the meetings were set. They are March 6, May 1, July 10, September 11, and November 6. The garage sale dates were also set. In the past they have been the weekend before Memorial Day weekend and the weekend after Labor Day weekend. These dates are May 19 and 20 and September 8 and 9. Friday and Saturday are the days which will be advertised. We have still not found the 2 missing garage sale signs. Ideas for getting new ones was discussed. The original ones were donated and are a very high quality.

Some time ago a By-law Committee was established. Getting that committee together was discussed. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting. All who are interested should attend that meeting, and people will be added to the committee. The by-laws have not been revised in some time.

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We discussed the importance of confining trash when put out to be picked up. Everyone should be aware of the certain holiday weeks when the trash will be picked up one day later.

We discussed the possibility of having a welcoming letter for new neighbors with the dates of the meetings listed.

Barb Johnson read some correspondence. There was a card from Molly Markert thanking us for the newsletter which she said was very well put together and informative. She said she was sorry to not be able to attend the meeting. There was also a note from a neighbor saying thanks for the newsletter.

A neighbor has asked the association to discuss having someone from Xcel Energy come to a meeting and address having natural gas installed in the neighborhood where it is not installed now. Scott Willis will call Xcel Energy to schedule this.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Kathy Gamrath, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report (as of January 2, 2006)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Split</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Wells Fargo Bank</b>							286.99
Deposit	11/4/05			Deposit	Dues	476.00	762.99
Deposit	11/4/05			Deposit	Advertising	55.00	817.99
Check	11/4/05				Bank Chrg	-2.50	815.49
Deposit	11/14/05			Deposit	Dues	280.00	1095.49
Deposit	11/14/05			Deposit	Dues	45.00	1140.49
Deposit	11/14/05			Deposit	Advertising	50.00	1190.49
Deposit	12/1/05			Deposit	Dues	215.00	1405.49
Check	12/6/05				Bank Chrg	-2.00	1403.49
Total Wells Fargo Bank						<u>1116.50</u>	<u>1403.49</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b><u>1116.50</u></b>	<b><u>1403.49</u></b>

## Aurora water project approved by city council and on track

**By Elizabeth Lefebvre (Public Relations Specialist - Aurora Utilities Department)**

On September 26, 2005 the Aurora City Council approved one of the largest water projects in the city's history. Unofficially referred to as the "South Platte Project," it is the most cost-effective, environmentally friendly and immediate way to provide a new high quality water supply to Aurora Water customers now and into the future.

The "South Platte Project" will draw water Aurora already owns through collector wells located near the South Platte River, and deliver it to nearby purification basins where it will undergo a naturally cleansing process as it moves through the earth's sand and gravel.

After a 30-day natural purification process, the water will be pumped through project wells and piped 34-miles south to a new water purification plant near the Aurora Reservoir. There, at this new state-of-the-art facility, the water will undergo more traditional treatment processes before being delivered to Aurora homes and businesses.

While technical studies and site inspections are currently under way, the "South Platte Project" will not see major construction until late 2006 and early 2007. Still, this new water delivery system is expected to be online, providing high quality drinking water to Aurorans by 2010.



## Upcoming Meeting Dates

During the January neighborhood association meeting, the dates for upcoming meetings were determined. They are as follows:

- March 6th, 2006
- May 1st, 2006
- July 10th, 2006
- September 11th, 2006
- November 6th, 2006

All meetings are on Monday evenings starting at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at the Life Care Center. Please mark your calendar with these important dates.

## Community Garage Sale Dates

During our January meeting, the dates for the spring and fall community garage sales were set. The dates are as follows:

- Spring - May 19th and 20th (Friday and Saturday)
- Fall - September 8th and 9th (Friday and Saturday)

## Help Wanted

We are currently looking for volunteers to help review the neighborhood associations bylaws. If you are interested in helping out with this task, please contact our Vice President (Scott Willis) at: [vicepresident@woodrimcrossings.org](mailto:vicepresident@woodrimcrossings.org)

## Woodrim Crossings MarketPlace

As mentioned on the front page, our neighborhood now has the ability to post online classified ads. The system is very much like the classified ads you see in the newsletter, only it is online, free, and specifically for our neighborhood. The Woodrim Crossings MarketPlace is accessed from our website at: [www.woodrimcrossings.org](http://www.woodrimcrossings.org)


All users are able to browse ads, however, in order to place an ad you must first register. Registering is very easy and takes only a moment.

Be sure to checkout the new MarketPlace website often as new ads can be posted at any time!

## Please Support Our Sponsors

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Lost and Found Pets	303-326-8280
Graffiti Hotline	303-739-6063
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	<a href="mailto:dvaz@ci.aurora.co.us">dvaz@ci.aurora.co.us</a>
Aurora Fire, Non-emergency	303-627-3130
Molly Markert - Ward IV	303-739-7516



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## Household Tips

### Kitchen Efficiency (from MrsFixit.com)

1. When you're baking, if you use glass or ceramic pans you can generally set the temperature twenty-five degrees lower than a recipe calls for!
2. Don't open the oven to check the food more than necessary. Twenty five percent of the heat in the oven is lost when you open the door.
3. You can also turn your oven off about ten minutes before the end of cooking time to save yourself some dough.
4. When cooking on the stovetop, cover pans. It takes almost twice as long to boil a pot of water without a cover, and that's just wasteful!
5. If you don't need your stove exhaust fan in the winter, don't use it. It's just sending heated air up and out of the house!
6. As for the fridge, don't put it directly beside a heat source and make sure that there is space on both sides so it has room to breathe. It will be more efficient and last longer!
7. Make sure you clean behind and underneath your refrigerator at least twice a year, dust and dirt build-up makes the machine work harder than it needs to.

## Submit Your Ideas

We are currently looking for ideas and interesting topics to be presented by guest speakers at upcoming meetings. If you have an idea or interesting topic, or if you know of someone that can come as a guest speaker, please submit them to:

**[editor@woodrimcrossings.org](mailto:editor@woodrimcrossings.org)**

## Favorite Recipes

### Beef Tips in the Crockpot (dianaskitchen.com)

Ingredients:

- Stew beef, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 pounds
- 1 envelope Lipton onion soup
- 1 can golden mushroom soup
- 1/2 c. red wine
- 1 can mushrooms, drained

Preparation:

Mix all together in crockpot; cover and cook 8 to 10 hours on low setting. Serve over rice or noodles.

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Do you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share? We are always looking for new recipes to share with neighbors. Please submit your favorites to: **[editor@woodrimcrossings.org](mailto:editor@woodrimcrossings.org)**

## CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser

CiCi's Pizza will donate a generous portion (10%) of our sales to the Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association. So make the second Tuesday of each month CiCi's Pizza day. Invite all your friends and family members to put their receipts in the counter bucket for Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association. Donations will be used for general operations of the association.

## Thank you's

Special thanks to those who help to contribute to this newsletter, as well as, those that deliver it to all our households. Thank you also to Sean Burke for his suggestions, comments, and help with testing of the new Woodrim Crossings MarketPlace website.