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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: May 7th, 2007 - 7:00pm

Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon

Colfax is back. On May 20, the starting gun will sound for the second annual Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon, Half Marathon and Five Person Team Relay. Spectators will cheer, bands will play and runners will see the sites as they run from the Aurora Sports Park, down Colfax Avenue, past the State Capitol building and cross the finish line at the Colorado Mills mall in Lakewood.

There will be mounds of entertainment along the 26.2-mile course, including [Java Fest](#), a celebration of all things caffeine. The fun will start bright and early at Fletcher Plaza, and will feature coffee samples, live music, games and more. Those who can crawl out of bed and get to the party before 6:30 a.m. will get a free cup a' joe.

To register, volunteer or get information, visit www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.com or 303-770-9600.

For information on Java Fest, visit auroragov.org/java or call 303-326-8FUN.

Graffiti Meeting - May 2nd (3:00pm)

Please join us at Gateway High School on May 2nd at 3:00pm to discuss the community problems surrounding graffiti.

Council Member Markert has invited special guests for this meeting to discuss exciting possibilities for Tierra Park! As a result of your concern and involvement, Tom Barrett, Manager of Parks Operation and Management, will join us to discuss some exciting plans the Parks Department is creating to deter graffiti in Tierra Park and encourage neighborhood involvement and participation.

Council Member Markert has also invited Presiding Judge Richard Weinberg, to the meeting to discuss court fines and penalties related to graffiti convictions. Don't forget to invite your neighbors and other interested parties to this meeting. See you at 3:00 PM on May 2nd!

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Upcoming Events:

- May 2, 2007
 - Graffiti Meeting (GHS)
- May 7, 2007
 - Neighborhood Association Meeting
- May 8, 2007
 - CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser Day
- May 18-19, 2007
 - Community Garage Sale (pg 2)
- May 19, 2007
 - Aurora E-Cycling (pg 5)
- May 20, 2007
 - Colorado Colfax Marathon

Upcoming Garage Sale

May 18th - May 19th

The spring community garage sale this year will be held on Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th. Be sure to take advantage of this weekend to clean out your home and garage.

Letter from the Editor

As I sit down to write this column, I am looking out my window at a busy neighborhood beginning to emerge from the shrouds of winter. Yards are being cleaned, lawns prepared, and outdoor home improvement projects are getting underway. All this activity reminds me why I enjoy living here and why I enjoy the wonderful Colorado weather. It also makes me think about the neighborhood and how it would be nice to become more involved as a neighborhood.

As I ponder, I quickly begin to wonder why we, as a neighborhood, don't seem to participate or organize activities to build neighborhood relationships. Activities such as a neighborhood-wide summer BBQ or an organized sports games for kids at the park would be great opportunities to meet your neighbors and build a stronger-knit community. Who knows, you may even learn about some of the hidden talents and resources of your neighbors. I know I could have used a drywall expert over the winter months!

If you have ideas or are interested in organizing such an event or activity, I'd encourage you to let the neighborhood association board members know. The more interest that is shown, the better chance something could get organized. Feel free to e-mail me as well if you have any suggestions, comments, or anything else regarding the neighborhood.

I can be reached at:
editor@woodrimcrossings.org

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

Cornerstone Community Church Evangelical Presbyterian

303-751-7005

www.CornerstoneAurora.org

14140 E. Evans Ave.
Aurora, CO 80014

Sunday Worship 9:00 am

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

Please
join us!

Upcoming Events:

National Day of Prayer - May 3rd
Prayer Service at 6:30 pm

Vacation Bible School - July 27-29
"Water Works"
All preschoolers - 5th graders are invited

Christ the King American Old Catholic Church

A city of refuge



Sunday Mass 10:00 am
14100 E. Jewell Ave
Aurora, Co. 80012
(303) 750-9120

Neighborhood Watch Tip

Keep Unattended Garages Closed

Spring is here...summer is just around the corner! During this time of the year, folks are starting to peek out of their winter hibernation and become more active outdoors. Please remember to close your garage door if you are not nearby. Open and unattended garage doors make for "easy pickin's" to a criminal.

If you notice your neighbor appears to have left their garage door open, contact them and let them know.

Meeting Minutes

WOODRIM/CROSSINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Life Care Center of Aurora, 14101 E. Evans Ave.
February 5, 2007

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

There were 13 neighbors and 1 speaker present.

Minutes:

While our speaker was setting up, the minutes of the November 6, 2007, meeting as printed in the newsletter, were approved with one correction. The correction was that the meeting adjourned at 8:50 instead of 9:50.

Treasurer's Report:

Barb Johnson gave the treasurer's report for the year 2006. The beginning balance on Jan. 1 was \$1,723.49. Income included \$140 from neighbor donations and \$380 from newsletter advertising. The income totaled \$520. Expenses for the year were \$787.94 for newsletter printing, \$72 for website hosting, \$50 for a garage sale ad, and \$12.30 for office supplies and postage. Expenses totaled \$922.24. The year's ending balance was \$1,321.25. We have about \$400 less at the end of the year than we did at the beginning. Barb reported that there has been an increase in printing the newsletter. The price has doubled. This was reflected in the 2007 Proposed Budget, which Barb presented. \$1,040 was budgeted for printing, \$72 for website hosting, \$300 for 2 garage sale signs, \$100 for 2 garage sale ads, and \$12.30 for office supplies and postage. These expenses total \$1,524.30. The budgeted income included \$400 from neighbor donations and \$400 from newsletter advertising totaling \$800. The proposed ending balance was \$596.95. All approved the budget. A bill for Officer Vaz was approved. Barb reported that Sharon Ward had fallen on ice and hurt her back. All hoped for a speedy recovery for her and expressed appreciation for all she does in getting the newsletters to the printer and then to the block captains to pass out.

Speaker:

Kathy Gamrath introduced our speaker. He was Dennis Brachfeld from Xcel Energy. His topic was saving on our energy bills by making some changes in our homes. He said that he has had experience with several changes making a large difference. He has been the contractor 2 of the 3 years Xcel Energy has sponsored the energy makeovers. Before 1973 energy saving was not very important, so many houses were not insulated properly. A law was passed in 1979 stating that new houses had to have proper insulation installed. Dennis reported that nearly half of the average household energy costs are from heating and cooling. He suggested going to the web site www.aboutsavingheat.com. Information is available there about home comfort audits. Several informative handouts were passed out. All thanked Dennis for a very informative and enjoyable presentation.

Old Business:

Barb Johnson reported that Molly Markert reported to her that if the speed limit on Evans Ave. were lowered to less than 25, it could cause a civil liability for any accidents.

It was reported that Amazing Jakes on Abilene St. will open April 9.

Chris Neuharth will post on our web site the next 8-hour class for CERT, which will be the end of March. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team.

We again discussed installing rocks on the 2 corners of Iliff and Sable, and Iliff and Elkhart. Barb reported that the grant in cooperation with the utilities department, discussed at the last meeting, is for a 1000 square feet minimum. We would have to have vegetation in a water metered controlled area. We don't have any common areas with access to water. Someone from our neighborhood would have to go to 2 classes and we would need a landscape design. Without water availability, this grant is not something we can apply for.

We discussed getting 2" rocks from Nick's Garden Center. Kathy Gamrath will talk to Nick's before the May meeting, and she will let Scott know what is available.

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New Business:

Barb received information about Rocky Mountain Cancer Center on Potomac wanting to increase the size of their parking lot. We were asked to give approval as a neighborhood, and Barb reported back that we had no comment.

Barb passed out the 2005 Financial Review for the City of Aurora. If anyone wants this brochure, call 303-306-0454.

There have been several sightings of coyotes in our neighborhood. We were encouraged to not let small pets loose in the neighborhood.

On March 17 there will be a clean up day for the Highline Canal. Information about this was given to the group.

We received a letter from the city asking if we could offer names of people in our neighborhood who could shovel for elderly and disabled individuals who also may have limited financial resources. These individuals at times contact the city, and the city would like to refer some of these calls to a representative in the respective neighborhoods. Scott Willis will put his name into the city as a contact for our neighborhood. If you are available to help in this way call him at 303-745-4310.

We received a letter about a new charter school to open August of 2007, in Aurora called Global Village Academy, located on Airport Blvd., near the Aurora Mall and Civic Center, for grades K-5. Instruction will be half a day in English and the other half day in either Spanish or Mandarin Chinese, taught by highly qualified, native speaking teachers. If you are interested in this school for your children, call 303-482-2032.

Elections of officers for our Neighborhood Association will be held at our May meeting. Barb Johnson and Kathy Gamrath volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. The meeting will be at Barb's house, and she will call others to be on the committee.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Kathy Gamrath, Secretary

2007 Proposed Budget

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Beginning balance 1/1/07		1,321.25
Expenses:		
Newsletter printing	(1,040.00)	
Website hosting	(72.00)	
Garage sales signs	(300.00)	
Garage sale ads	(100.00)	
Office supplies/postage	(12.30)	
		(1,524.30)
Additions:		
Neighbor donations	400.00	
Newsletter advertising	400.00	
		800.00
Ending balance 12/31/07		596.95

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

**This newsletter is a proud supporter of our Neighborhood Watch Program.
STAY INFORMED, STAY SAFE, JOIN TODAY!**

Yard of the Month

It's that time of year again. All your hard work, blood, sweat, and tears in your yard can earn you the prestigious Yard of the Month award! Committee members will be riding bikes around the neighborhood on Saturday, July 7th this year to pick the Yard of the Month winner. If anyone is interested in joining the committee to view the yards and pick the winners, please contact Kathy Gamrath at:

secretary@woodrimcrossings.org

Keep Woodrim Clean

A clean and litter-free neighborhood not only looks better, but also helps to improve our house values. Please remember to pickup trash in and around your property. In addition, if you are walking around the neighborhood and notice trash, help everyone by disposing in a nearby trashcan.

Aurora E-Cycling

Computers and televisions shouldn't be thrown out in the regular trash because they contain chemicals that can cause serious environmental problems. Fortunately, Aurora residents and small businesses can bring them to the E-cycling: Computer Recycling Event where they will be responsibly recycled.

When: May 19th - 9 am to 2 pm
Aurora North Facilities at 15700 E. 32nd Ave – one block east of Chambers on 32nd.

- A small fee will be charged.
- Computers, monitors, televisions, and computer related materials will be accepted. Refrigerators, microwaves and other electronic appliances will not be accepted.

Open only to Aurora residents and businesses.

Sponsored by Environment Aurora, a citywide effort to think green.
For more information, call 303-739-7555.

Newsletter Feedback Request

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

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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

Important Numbers

Access Aurora	303-739-7000
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
PAR Officer, Damon Vaz	303-627-3173
dvaz@auroragov.org	
Aurora Fire, Non-emergency	303-627-3130
Molly Markert - Ward IV	303-739-7516



**Garden Center
&
Farm Market**

2001 S. Chambers
Aurora, CO 80014

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

Spring Irrigation Start-up Tips

Courtesy of: HunterIndustries.com

- Before turning on any water to the system, make sure all manual drain valves are returned to the "closed" position.
- Open the system main water valve slowly to allow pipes to fill with water gradually. If these valves are opened too quickly, sprinkler main lines are subjected to high surge pressures, uncontrolled flow and water hammer.
- Verify the proper operation of each zone valve by manually activating it from the controller.
- Walk through each station on the controller, checking for proper operation of the zone. Check for proper operating pressure (low pressure indicates a line break or missing sprinkler), proper rotation and adjustment of sprinkler heads, and adequate coverage. Check and clean filters on poorly performing sprinklers. Adjust heads to grade as necessary.
- Reprogram the controller for automatic watering. Replace the controller back-up battery if necessary.
- Uncover and clean the system rain sensor, if applicable.
- Finish and clean any in-line filters for drip irrigation zones.

Personal Safety Tips at Home

Residents are encouraged to keep all doors locked, including sliding and glass doors. It's also important to keep windows locked, partially open, using window stops to prohibit access.

Lighting is an inexpensive tool for preventing nighttime crime. It only costs pennies a month and neighbors can work together to take turns turning on their porch lights.

Pay attention to suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Write down and report the descriptions of suspicious people and license plate numbers.

Be wary of letting unfamiliar people into your home. Install a peephole in your front door. Ask for identification, a phone number, references and a business card, and call the business to verify the information while the person remains outside of the home. If there is any doubt, do not let the individual inside and contact the police.

Join Neighborhood Watch. You can also ask your local PAR Officer to share crime prevention tips with a group of neighbors. Call 303-739-6000 to learn more.

Street Light Outage Reporting

Now you can report street light outages with an easy online form. Go to 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 the 24/7 customer service number at 1-800-895-4999. Phone representatives use the same online reporting system.

Neighborhood Pulse

What are you most concerned about in the neighborhood?

- A) Graffiti problems
- B) Speeding on neighborhood streets
- C) Trash/Litter throughout neighborhood
- D) Problems in the park
- E) Other

E-mail responses to (editor@woodrimcrossings.org) and results will be tallied and presented in the next newsletter. If you chose (E), please indicate the specific concern(s).