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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: May 5th, 2008 - 7:00pm

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

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### Spring Neighborhood Cleanup Day

**When: Saturday May 3rd, 10am to Noon**

Where: Meet at the Corner of Iliff and Sable

What: Join your neighbors and help make Woodrim Crossings beautiful! Bring your gloves and some extra trash bags to help clean up trash along the neighborhood perimeter (Iliff and Sable). It only takes a short while and greatly helps to clean up litter in the areas most visible to visitors.

### Spring Neighborhood Garage Sale

**When: May 16th & 17th (Friday and Saturday)**

Where: Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood

The spring community garage sale this year will be held on Friday, May 16th and Saturday, May 17th. Be sure to take advantage of this weekend to clean out your home and garage. Signs will be posted around the neighborhood to attract potential customers. Note: The Fall garage sale will be held on September 5th and 6th so mark your calendars!

### Stay Informed! - 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**

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### Upcoming Events:

- May 3rd, 2008
  - Neighborhood Cleanup Day
- May 5th, 2008
  - Neighborhood Association Meeting
- May 16th & 17th, 2008
  - Community Garage Sale
- May 22nd, 2008
  - Ward IV Town Meeting
- June 24th, 2008
  - Neighborhood Watch Meeting
  - Ice Cream Social

## Ward IV Town Meetings

April 24 7-9 p.m.

Heather Ridge Country Club  
13521 E. Iliff Ave. Aurora

May 22 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Stampede Night Club  
2430 S. Havana Street Aurora

June 26 7-9 a.m. (note-this is a morning meeting)

Rosie's Diner  
14061 E. Iliff Ave. Aurora

Join Council Member Molly Markert for a discussion on issues affecting Ward IV residents.

Contact 303-739-7015 for more information.

## Thank You Volunteers!

Our neighborhood is so fortunate to have such outstanding volunteers to deliver our quarterly Newsletters. Those names with an \* have delivered for over 12 years! I hope you will honor their commitment by reading the Newsletters and hopefully attending a meeting soon.

Barbara J.\*, Scott W., Geri S.\* Sabrina C., Ken W.\*, Randall S., Patti and Steve G.\*, Anna S., Sue P.\*, Sharon W.\*, and Kathy G.\*

## Spruce up for Spring

Spring is a great time to spruce up your home and neighborhood. Please help keep the neighborhood clean by picking up trash when out for a walk. In addition, the city street sweepers will be around sometime between May 14th and May 19th. Please try to keep your vehicles off the street during this time to allow them to sweep the neighborhood.

## N. Watch Ice Cream Social

**SAVE THE DATE**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008**

**6:00 P.M.**

**TIERRA PARK (by the swings)  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
MEET OFFICER CHAD BERGER  
BRING A PICNIC, LAWN CHAIR,  
AND QUESTIONS**

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

## Cornerstone Community Church Evangelical Presbyterian

**303-751-7005**

[www.CornerstoneAurora.org](http://www.CornerstoneAurora.org)

**14140 E. Evans Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80014**

**Sunday Worship 9:00 am**

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

### Other ministries:

**Men's Bible Study  
Women's Ministry  
Prayer Ministry  
Praise Team  
Youth Praise Team  
Choir  
Gospel Band  
Fellowship**



## Light Rail Station Workshops

As FasTracks expands through Aurora, we are busy planning for three new light rail stations. They can be a great asset to the community and your neighborhood, and we're excited about the change they will bring. We hope you are, too.

The city of Aurora will be holding three workshops this year so we can hear what you want around the stations as they are constructed. Please come and help us shape such an important part of your community.

The first public workshop was held on Thursday, April 3, 6 - 8:30 p.m. at:  
North Middle School  
12095 Montview Boulevard  
Aurora, CO 80010

**All three station area plans will be discussed.  
For more information, call 303-739-7181.**

# Meeting Minutes

WOODRIM CROSSINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING (February 4th, 2008)  
Ethiopian Evangelical Church, 15150 E. Evans Avenue, Aurora, CO 80014

## Call to Order:

Kathy Gamrath, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:27pm. (The meeting started late due to the snow. Scott Willis, President was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

## Role Call:

There were 6 neighbors present and 1 speaker present.

## Minutes:

The minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

## Treasurer's Report:

The account balance as of the last report was \$603.42. The amount comprised of \$165 in advertising revenue, \$5.97 in postage for newsletters, \$72 for yearly website hosting, and \$102.15 to Office Max for newsletter printing costs.

Speaker 1: Ryan Frazier, Councilman, Aurora City Council, came by to see if he could be of help with anything. If we have any questions about the community we have been invited to contact him. He also came to give a short update on the light rail plans for our area. Currently, they are not scheduled to be completed until the year 2015. They still must do an assessment to study the impact of the community, traffic patterns, etc. While an assessment is underway, they will not be moving forward until they have their analysis complete. For more information, call the Public Information Office at 303-299-6990 or visit the RTD Fast Trax web site at [www.rtd-fasttracks.com](http://www.rtd-fasttracks.com).

During March through June of 2008, there will be several key meetings about the RTD Fast Tracks corridor schedule. Nine mile station is very close to our neighborhood, and having another parking garage on Iliff may not be a bad option. When they took away the express busses, they didn't plan for overflow.

Ryan also talked about the water rates – the City of Aurora is considering a number of options for the new water rate structure. For example: three tiers vs. four tiers. As of yet, there was no official vote yet discussed at the winter workshop on February 1st. It is likely to be up to 20,000 gallons within 1st tier as 75 to 80% used no more than 20000 gallons in any given month. They are also looking at a \$1 per square foot rebate, and other discounts for having high efficiency washing machines.

They are still looking at a 12% increase in water rates with the new water rate structure. There was a twenty year period that passed without any increases, and they now have a lot of catching up to do. The Prairie Waters project is not the only source of the extra cost. The existing water system needs to be maintained and there are lots of pipes that need to be replaced. The City Council is voting on this soon.

## Old Business:

Neighborhood development: Barb Johnson attended a meeting with the planning commission on January 23, 2008 for Grace Korean Baptist Church. She observed that the planning commissioners were well informed and the architect and Mr. Kim are working very closely according to their original plans. They addressed the area where the trash pickup is positioned to make sure it is away from the houses. They also addressed some other concerns about the placement of the parking lots, as well as having the church enter into an agreement to leave the lights on longer than an average business at night so the area does not become a nuisance.

Barb needs the new site plans from the city commissioners. We need to know why they are not building out over the thirty parking spaces that were included in a previous city plan and the reason they are changing back to the original plan to not install the thirty extra parking spaces.

The plans passed the planning commission and are going to city council, hoping to have the building in within the next six to nine months. The church is planning to remove the existing prairie dogs as humanely as possible according to the neighborhood development committee report.

Judy Shultheiss attended the Buckley Air Force Base Community Advisory Group held at the Central Aurora Public Library. They are currently involved in the cleanup of some of the areas on the base, and a small area outside of the base to the Northwest. There is some spent ammunition and other miscellaneous objects left over from past training practice. The area they are working with is not near the Woodrim Crossings neighborhood, and does not directly impact our area. Therefore we have determined it is not necessary to track their activities and will not be attending the quarterly meetings.

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## Meeting Minutes (continued from page 3)

Kathy Gamrath had spoken to Scott Willis before the meeting. Scott had mentioned to ask for help for the work to refinish the Woodrim Crossings signs in the spring. He suggested he would buy a gallon of varnish and needs volunteers to help with the project. There are two signs that are currently not mounted and will see if the person who has helped hang them up in the past is available.

The area where we may still need rocks is a smaller area than we originally anticipated. We still need to make a decision to put in a little bit of rocks near the intersection of Iliff and Sable.

### New Business:

A nominating committee was formed during the meeting to determine candidates for election of officers during the May meeting. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please be sure to attend the meeting in May.

We have a new Par Officer, Chad Berger. As usual, he is reminding us to keep all of our walks shoveled, and to make sure to not leave our cars running unattended. They have been busy writing tickets for "puffers".

### Correspondence

We received a notice of construction about the toll gate parallel interceptor project. The City is installing 12,000 feet of sanitary pipe from Chambers to Kalispell and it ends at Horseshoe Park. During Monday through Friday only, the adjacent trail will be closed during construction.

The Neighborhood Services Department has updated our registration so we have remained in compliance to remain a registered association.

## Yard of the Month

It's that time of year again to pull out all the stops and make your yard beautiful. Yard of the month committee members will be riding bikes throughout the neighborhood to pick the yard of the month winner on June 28th. Participating is a great way to help beautify your yard, our neighborhood, as well as, a means of providing colorful enjoyment for those that take walks throughout the neighborhood. Now is the time to spend preparing your yard to have a chance at displaying the coveted yard of the month sign in your yard! If you are interesting in helping judge houses, please contact Kathy Gamrath at 303-696-8317.

## Health and Fitness Tips

(Especially for those who've been inactive for a while)

- Use a sensible approach by starting out slowly.
- Begin by choosing moderate-intensity activities you enjoy the most. By choosing activities you enjoy, you'll be more likely to stick with them.
- Gradually build up the time spent doing the activity by adding a few minutes every few days or so until you can comfortably perform a minimum recommended amount of activity (30 minutes per day).
- As the minimum amount becomes easier, gradually increase either the length of time performing an activity or increase the intensity of the activity, or both.
- Vary your activities, both for interest and to broaden the range of benefits.
- Explore new physical activities.
- Reward and acknowledge your efforts.



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**Order Deadline:**

**May 9, 2008**

**Order Pick-up:**

**May 17, 2008**

**JUNE SALE**

**Order Deadline:**

**June 6, 2008**

**Order Pick-up:**

**June 14, 2008**

## 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



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## Donations Appreciated

Donations neighbors are a critical part in funding various neighborhood features, one of which is this newsletter and corresponding website. Donating even a small amount goes along way towards covering the newsletter printing costs. If you are interested in donating a few dollars, please contact any of the board members listed on the first page.

## Close the Door on Crime

With spring in the air this is generally when we see an increase in crimes such as:

- \* Thefts from vehicles at night
- \* Garage related burglaries & thefts [day & night]
- \* Stolen bikes and sporting good equipment.

The common factors on most of these are that:

- \* The doors to the garages are left up [day or night],
- \* Valuables are easy to reach or
- \* The car or house doors are unlocked.

We are trying to get ahead of the curve on this by:

- \* Elevating the awareness of this issue,
- \* Having neighbors watch out for each other,
- \* Getting those house & car doors closed and locked
- \* Have the valuables removed from cars even while they are parked at the house.

We will also be contacting homeowners at night to have them close their doors if it appears they have gone to bed and might not be aware the garage doors are open. Better to wake up to us vs. waking up to find you have been burglarized. If you have questions on what you can do to reduce your risk of being a victim of property crime please feel free to contact your PAR officer. Overall the trend in burglary is down. Let's keep it going that way.

## Aurora Symphony Orchestra presents Arts for a Better Tomorrow

*When: May 10 7:30 p.m.*

*Where: Gateway Performing Arts Center at Gateway High School (300 S. Sable Blvd. Aurora 80012)*

This symphony concert will feature the winner of the 6th annual Aurora Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition, and performances of Claude Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun," Johann Sebastian Bach's "Selections from Suite #3" and Ralph Vaughan-Williams' "Symphony #3 'Pastorale.'" Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and seniors age 55 and older. Parking is free. This is the 30th anniversary season for the Aurora Symphony Orchestra. Contact 303-873-6622 for more information.