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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: November 7, 2005 - 7:00pm

### Visit us on the Web!

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

### Request for Contributions

As many of you are aware, we are a voluntary neighborhood association that serves as a voice for our neighborhood to the city and surrounding areas. Our budget is funded entirely by voluntary contributions, city micro/mini grants, and the sale of advertising in our newsletter. These funds have helped to provide services such as the following:

- ◆ A newsletter that is printed and delivered to all neighbors
- ◆ A website that serves as a valuable communication tool
- ◆ Newspaper advertising for our community garage sales
- ◆ Signs and other materials used for our community garage sales
- ◆ Wooden entrance signs
- ◆ Steel signs that announce our meetings

The neighborhood association last asked for contributions in January of 2002. Selling of ads, receiving city micro-grants\*, and being frugal has helped to extend the prior contributions for such a long period.

We are again asking for voluntary contributions from our neighbors. A suggested amount of \$15 (or whatever you feel you can provide) would greatly help to continue providing the above mentioned services. An envelope has been attached to this newsletter for your convenience. Make checks out to Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Assoc. or WCNA. All contributions are greatly appreciated!

**\* Due to city budget cuts, the micro-grant program has been suspended indefinitely. As a result, we must rely solely on contributions and selling advertising to fund the budget.**

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### Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 27, 2005
  - Ward IV Town Meeting (pg. 4)
- Nov. 1, 2005
  - Election Day
- Nov. 7, 2005
  - Neighborhood Association Meeting (pg. 1)
- Nov. 8, 2005
  - CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser Day
- Dec. 13, 2005
  - CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser Day
- Dec. 15, 2005
  - Yard-of-the-Season Selection Night (starts at 7pm so make sure your lights are on!)

## Neighborhood Watch

By Lynn Bradley

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 250 participating households - but **we still need block captains** for every street.

If you have not yet been contacted by a block captain, please contact our Area Coordinator Lynn Bradley to join.

E-mail Lynn at:

**nwcoordinator@woodrimcrossings.org**

With approximately 500 households in our neighborhood, we need more block captains and participants. It's easy and painless to take an active part in being informed about the safety of our community!

## Neighborhood Watch Tip

### Turn on your outside lights at night

Lights at night are a crime deterrent. Remember to turn your lights on in the evenings. Better yet, upgrade your lights to new models that have "dusk-to-dawn" capabilities. These models will automatically come on when dark, and turn off during the daylight hours. They are relatively cheap and easy to install and can be found at any home improvement store.

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## Opt-out of Pre-approved Offers

Do you receive numerous offers in the mail from credit card companies informing you that you are "pre-approved" for yet another credit card?

These offers are easy targets for crooks. With a little work they can apply and receive credit under your name, and you may never know it until its too late.

Removing yourself from these offers is very easy. You can remove your name from pre-screened credit or insurance offer mailing lists from Experian, Innovis, TransUnion and Equifax by calling 888-5OPT-OUT (888-567-8688).

You will be given a choice to opt out for two years or permanently. If you elect to opt out permanently, you will be mailed a Notice of Election to Opt Out Permanently, which you must sign and return to activate your permanent opt-out. Even though your request becomes effective normally within a week or so, it may take several months before you see a reduction in the amount of solicitations.

## Citizen Traffic Corps

The Citizen Traffic Corps (CTC) is a program that allows citizens to patrol their neighborhood streets for speeders.

Participants of the Citizen Traffic Corps (CTC) program receive an abbreviated course in the use and operation of a traffic radar device. After attending the CTC training course, participants are loaned a radar device and log sheet. Participants work in groups of three and include a radar operator, license plate recorder, and information and license plate verifier. Speeding violators are recorded by the CTC participants, and then sent letters from the Aurora Police Department to serve as a reminder to slow down. **The goal of the program is to encourage safe driving through friendly reminders and citizen empowerment.** Strict police enforcement may be utilized in persistent areas.

If you are interested in this program\*, you are encouraged to contact Sgt. Franklin Michelson at: 303-739-6344.

**\*Residents who wish to participate must be members of an active Neighborhood Watch group in the City of Aurora.**

## Meeting Minutes

WOODRIM/CROSSINGS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
Life Care Center of Aurora, 14101 E. Evans Ave., Aurora, CO  
September 12, 2005

### Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Russ Perron, President, at 7:00 p.m.

### Roll Call:

There were 11 neighbors present.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the July 11, 2005, meeting were read by Kathy Gamrath. They were approved as read.

### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was given by Madolyn Paroske, Treasurer. Our balance is \$373.76. Expenses included \$305.38 for printing costs, \$39 for advertising for the spring garage sale, and \$5 for our name registration fee. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. Madolyn reported that the last time the association asked for contributions was in January of 2002. We have sold ads and have been frugal and so have been able to meet the budget. She reported that at this time we will need to ask neighbors for contributions. The last time we asked for \$10 from each household. It was decided that we will ask this time for \$15 or what ever a family would like to give. Madolyn will write up what the money is used for, and an envelope will be included in the next newsletter.

### Old Business:

Neighbors are reminded that trash cans should be stored out of site. They are also reminded to use Access Aurora to report homes not in compliance with city code. The number is 303-739-7280.

Russ reported that he contacted Code Enforcement about the drainage problem east of our neighborhood at the church and business buildings. He has not gotten a response yet at this time. Russ will also call the city managers office about the problem.

Scott Willis updated neighbors on the Traffic Radar Program. He has gotten a couple of calls suggesting where to set up radar in our neighborhood. There will need to be three at a time to run the radar gun. The radar will be set up only during day light.

### New Business:

There was an incident of money being taken by two boys from a Jewell student when she was selling for a school fundraiser. The school asks parents to not let children sell for school fundraisers by themselves. Barb Johnson and Emma Perron will write a letter to Jewell Elementary School expressing concern for students' safety surrounding school fundraisers.

Barb Johnson reported that on the Planning Commission agenda it was noted that a day spa wants to move by Motel 6 and Rosie's.

Concern for the location of 2 large Neighborhood Association garage sale signs was voiced. There was only one to put up for our last sale. All neighbors who might have them are asked to look in their homes for them.

There is concern about what the fence along Iliff looks like. The possibility of spraying it with a colored stain was discussed.

There has been two instances of vandalism in the neighborhood. Cars have been spray painted on Evans and paint balls have been thrown on cars. If this happens neighbors are to call the police.

The Yard of the Month report was read. It will be included in the next newsletter. The committee will pick the Yard of the Season on Dec. 15.

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## Meeting Minutes (continued from page 3)

Chris Neuharth reported on the ability to subscribe to the newsletter online. Those interested would go to the web site to do this. Advertising costs were discussed. We have accepted preprinted full page ads in the past for a cost of \$45. This option has since been discontinued. It was moved and passed that we now have an option for a full page ad (not preprinted) for \$75, and that the association has the right to refuse any advertising. Ads could also be used for recognition of any event or accomplishment.

The next meeting will be on November 7, 2005.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Kathy Gamrath, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report (as of Sept. 11, 2005)

<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>							723.14
Check	6/26/05	2006	Colorado Dept. of Revenue	Name Registration	Licenses	-5.00	718.14
Check	6/26/05	2007	Madolyn Paroske	Reimburse for garage sale ad	Advertising	-39.00	679.14
Check	6/26/05	2008	Madolyn Paroske	Reimburse for newsletter printing	Printing	-132.42	546.72
Check	8/15/05	2009	Office Max	Newsletter printing	Printing	<u>-172.96</u>	<u>373.76</u>
Total Wells Fargo Bank						<u>-349.38</u>	<u>373.76</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b><u>-349.38</u></b>	<b><u>373.76</u></b>

## Ward IV Town Meeting

October 27, 2005 - 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Rosie's Diner 14061 E. Iliff 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.

## 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

Full page ad (one-side): \$75

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)

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## Yard-of-the-Month

Members of the Yard of the Month Committee rode bikes through the neighborhood on August 20. They enjoyed looking very carefully at each yard and appreciated the time and effort that has been put into the well maintained and beautiful yards. The committee has picked **14502 E. Adriatic Pl.** as the winner. The sign was displayed in their beautifully landscaped and colorful yard.

The committee is looking forward to Thursday, December 15, to pick the Yard of the Season. On that evening the committee will look for beautiful holiday decorations and lights.

The criteria for honorable mention was general curb appeal; well trimmed and groomed bushes, trees, and lawns; and a variety of plants. Thank you to all homeowners for attention to your yards whether you are listed or not. The following are the yards we would like to give honorable mention to:

<u>Adriatic Pl.</u>	<u>Eagle St.</u>	<u>Fairplay St.</u>
14822	2224	2000
14862	<u>Elkhart St.</u>	2029
<u>Asbury Ave.</u>	2004	2111
14594	2116	2132
14695	2118	2142
14696	2156	2152
14831	2217	<u>Sable Blvd.</u>
14953	2218	2261
14973	2227	<u>Pacific Pl.</u>
<u>Atlantic Dr.</u>	2248	14505
14603	2258	14566
14613	2268	14596
<u>Baltic Pl.</u>	<u>Evans Ave.</u>	14607
14408	14791	14698
14437	14809	14827
14506	14820	14868
14637	14902	<u>Warren Ave.</u>
14638	14922	14636
14760	<u>Evans Pl.</u>	14665
14792	14569	14695
14796	<u>Evanston Ct.</u>	14707
<u>Dearborn St.</u>	2037	14853
2232	<u>Evanston St.</u>	14925
2251	2035	14985
<u>Eagle Ct.</u>		14986
2002		<u>Warren Pl.</u>
2114		14475
2236		

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Lost and Found Pets	303-326-8280
Graffiti Hotline	303-739-6063
Code Enforcement	303-739-7280
PAR Officer, Damon Vaz	303-627-3173
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Aurora Fire, Non-emergency	303-627-3130
Molly Markert - Ward IV	303-739-7516



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## Where are the Signs?

The neighborhood association has two large signs that help advertise our community garage sales. During this last garage sale, we were only able to put up one of the signs, as we were unable to find the other. For those of you that may have put up these signs in the past, please check your homes to see if you may have them. Please contact one of the board members if you happen to find the signs.

## Homeowner's Tips: Energy Saving Tips

You've read the news, so should be well aware that energy costs will be much higher than last year. Here are a few tips to help save energy this winter.

- ◆ Turn down your thermostat setting to 68 degrees. Doing so could save you up to 5% on your energy costs.
- ◆ Invest in a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust heating to your daily routine.
- ◆ Replace or clean furnace filters once-a-month.
- ◆ Seal up leaks around windows and doors.
- ◆ When the time comes, consider replacing any old inefficient appliances with new ENERGY STAR® rated products.



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## Family Favorites: Caramel Apple Cupcakes

**Submitted by: Kelli Nunn**

Want a great recipe for the Halloween and Thanksgiving Holidays? It's simple, fast, and fun! The products listed in bold can be ordered through Kelli Nunn, Tastefully Simple Consultant. Please see the Tastefully Simple ad for contact information. Please email Kelli Nunn at [tastefullykelli@comcast.net](mailto:tastefullykelli@comcast.net) if you would like to schedule your own taste-testing party with family and friends, and earn free products!

### Ingredients:

#### **Nana's Apple Cake Mix**

- 2 1/2 cups apples, divided
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)
- 1/4 cup **Creamy Caramel Sauce**, warmed

### Preparation:

Prepare **Nana's Apple Cake Mix** as directed on package with 2 cups apples and 2 eggs. Fill greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Allow muffins to cool completely before removing from pans. Combine remaining apple, walnuts and **Creamy Caramel Sauce**; divide evenly over cupcakes. Makes about 18 cupcakes.

## 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.