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Woodrim Crossings Neighborhood Association

Neighbors are encouraged to participate to help keep our neighborhood strong. The Woodrim Crossings is actively involved in the Neighborhood Watch program and encourages neighbors to join. This newsletter is published a few weeks prior to each meeting, and volunteers deliver it to every home in the neighborhood.

Our next neighborhood association meeting will be held at:

Cornerstone Community Church
14140 E. Evans Avenue, Aurora CO 80014

Cornerstone Community Church is located just to the south of the Life Care Center. Signs will help direct people to the right location.

Next Meeting: November 6th, 2006 - 7:00pm

Note: Please see above for information regarding the change in location of this month's meeting!

Proposed Changes to our Bylaws

The bylaws committee has reviewed and proposed the following main changes to our neighborhood association bylaws:

- Change to 4 meetings per year instead of the current 6. Meetings would be held in February, May, August and November on the first Monday of the month.
- Reduce the number of officers from 9 down to 5. Originally the bylaws called for 5 "at-large" members and it is proposed to reduce this to 1 "at-large" member. The remaining officers would be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Changes to the bylaws will be voted on in the November neighborhood association meeting. The proposed bylaws can be viewed on the community website at: www.woodrimcrossings.org

Note: This neighborhood newsletter would still be published 6 times per year.

Please SLOW DOWN in the Neighborhood!

We love our children, so please remember to follow the posted speed limits in the neighborhood. There have been several reports of speeders, particularly along Asbury, Fairplay, S. Elkhart, and East Evans Avenue. If possible, please report any speeders to the Aurora Police Department.

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Upcoming Events:

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• Neighborhood Association Meeting (pg. 1)

Nov. 7 - Dec. 7, 2006
• 7th Annual Festival of Wreaths

Nov. 14, 2006
• CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser Day

Nov. 16, 2006
• Ward IV Town Meeting

Dec. 12, 2006
• CiCi's Pizza Fundraiser Day

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 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 Tip

Keep Porch Lights on at Night

It will soon be getting dark earlier in the evenings. Keep the neighborhood bright and safe by adjusting your outdoor porch lights to come on at dusk and turn off at dusk. Outdoor "dusk-to-dawn" lights can be purchased for reasonable prices at local home improvement stores.

Ward IV Town Meetings

November 16 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Apple Creek Grill 10600 E. Iliff Ave. Aurora

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

7th Annual Festival of Wreaths

November 07 - December 07

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Aurora History Museum

15051 E. Alameda Parkway Aurora 80012

Enjoy this display of wreaths created by local businesses, organizations and residents, and bid on one to take home.



Open House
Nov. 11th, 2006
9:00AM – 2:00PM

*Come and enjoy our Wellness Day.
Consult with Health and Beauty Experts. Browse
and/or shop with Commercial Products and Hand
Crafted Creations.*

**Events include: Personal Trainers, Nutritionist,
Massage Therapist,
And a Prolific Chiropractor.**
**Vendors: Bird RV, Books Are Fun
Juice Plus, Party Lite, Stampin' Up,
Arbonne, Cookie Lee Jewelry,
Homemade Gourmet,
plus Hand Crafted Creations.**

Abilene Street Market Shopping Center
1254 S Abilene St. Aurora CO 80012
303-743-SLIM (7546)

*Bring this flyer to
Slim and Tone's Open House
and receive additional
Door Prize Tickets*



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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
September 11th, 2006

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

There were 18 neighbors and 4 speakers present.

Speakers:

President, Scott Willis, first introduced our Ward IV City Council Representative, Molly Markert. Molly said that the main issue she and the other speakers planned to discuss was safety, and in particular the concern about traffic at Fairplay St. and Evans Ave. This is the intersection in our neighborhood just west of Nick's Garden Center. Next introduced was our PAR Officer, Damon Vaz. He explained there is a stop sign on S. Fairplay St., which is the north/south street, and that there is not a stop sign on E. Evans Ave., which is the east/west street. He said that he has seen cars speeding on Evans into and out of our neighborhood and has given tickets. Also introduced was Alan Samura, Senior Planner with the Public Works Department, which is part of Traffic Services for the City of Aurora. Alan explained that the city has to follow guidelines established by the legislature. He showed a large book containing the Colorado Traffic Guidelines. Neighbors had suggested a 4-way stop at this corner as a solution to slow down traffic. However, according to the guidelines, 4-way stop signs are not to be used to control the speed of traffic, but to give the right of way. A stop sign should be on the street with the lesser traffic, which is the case on Fairplay. To have a 4-way stop the traffic should be somewhat balanced. He then explained additional guidelines for how many cars need to regularly cross an intersection in an 8-hour period before a 4-way stop sign would be installed. The direction used the most should have 2400 cars during that period and the street, which used the least, should have 1600 during that period. A traffic study was recently done at that intersection. Counters were put at the intersection of Evans and Fairplay the last week of August. This study showed that there are more cars on Evans east of Fairplay than west of Fairplay since many come from or go onto Fairplay from Evans. The study also showed that the intersection has only one third of the necessary traffic for 4-way stop signs. Since the intersection doesn't qualify for 4-way stop signs, we need to find another solution. Chris Neuharth requested that Alan Samura do another traffic study at the same location for approximately a week, so that a trend can be established on the time frame of when the habitual speeding occurs the most. Having that information would focus enforcement activities on that block.

At this time Sergeant Freddy Barnes, Supervisor of District 3 for PAR Officers, was introduced. The possibility of speed bumps was addressed. Sergeant Barnes informed the group of such problems as plowing the streets with speed bumps and the problems fire trucks have with speed bumps. He said that a dip in the street should only be used for drainage. He then addressed other traffic-calming devices. There are three places in the city where speed tables have been tried. They are elongated speed bumps, and they have not been liked in the neighborhoods because they are hard to drive on. There are now lots of speed tables coming out in different cities. Center islands have also been tried and have not been liked by the neighbors. To get one of these traffic-calming devices, 75% of the neighbors 600 feet on each side have to agree to it.

The question was asked what the study at the intersection uncovered about the number of speeding cars. The answer was that the average speed of the cars on Evans was 25 mph. The fastest speeder was going 61 mph. In 7 years, there have been two accidents at this intersection. They were fender benders. There has not been a fatal accident in the city in 12 years on neighborhood streets.

The city is limited by what the law says we can do at an intersection. However, there are things we can do in a proactive way. Two new additional speed limit signs will be installed. The officers will try to find out when drivers are speeding the most in order to give out more tickets. Alan Samura will meet with Scott Willis at the corner to observe traffic. A portable speed trailer, which tells drivers their speed, could also be used at that intersection for a while. It was decided to use the November meeting for a follow-up discussion.

Molly next talked briefly about the graffiti in the park. She announced that there would be a meeting on Wed., Sept. 20th at 2:30 at Gateway High School to discuss the graffiti problem. When offenders are caught they have to go with the graffiti unit to help clean up.

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Meeting Minutes (continued from page 3)

Minutes:

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes of the July 10th, 2006, meeting as printed in the last newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Barb Johnson, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. There was \$1348.82 in our account at the beginning of the past 2-month period. Expenses included \$50 for the May garage sale and \$124.32 for printing. Deposits were \$90, of which \$25 was from contributions and \$70 from advertising. Our balance is \$1,269.50. It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

Scott will get two garage sale signs before the next meeting. He can still get them for the same price announced at the last meeting, which is \$190 per sign.

Next the changes to the by-laws were discussed. The main change proposed is to go to 4 meetings a year instead of the present 6. The meetings would be in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. on the first Monday of the month. No one has received any response about this proposed change after it was put in the minutes last month. A summary of the by-law changes will be put in the next newsletter, and voting on the by-law changes was tabled until the next meeting in November. The meeting changes would begin with the Feb. 2007, meeting.

We were informed that an entertainment center, Amazing Jakes, will open in the previous Sam's Club. It is a family oriented center, which can host birthday parties and other activities. All felt it will be great for our neighborhood.

We were reminded to call the police when barking dogs are a problem in the neighborhood.

New Business:

The next meeting will need to be in a different location, since the Life Care Center will be used for pre-voting the first Monday in November, and Jack Nelson offered his church for the meeting. It is the Cornerstone Community Church at 14140 E. Evans Ave.

The entrance to our neighborhood at Iliff and Sable was discussed. There are many weeds and trash on both sides. The possibility of installing large rocks on both sides of the entrance was discussed. Across Iliff at this intersection is very attractive, and these large rocks are used. It was decided to have a clean up day on the 14th of October from 10:00 to 12:00. We will meet at this intersection with trash bags, gloves, and rakes. Lynn Bradley will start the email tree to notify the neighborhood of this event. At this time we will also measure the area to have an idea of how much rock would be needed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.
Kathy Gamrath, Secretary

Thank You for your Contributions

The following WCNA neighbors have recently made a contribution to our voluntary dues:

Kennis & Kiyo English

If you are interested in making a contribution to help pay for services such as this newsletter, please send an e-mail to: treasurer@woodrimcrossings.org

This newsletter is a proud supporter of our Neighborhood Watch Program.

**STAY INFORMED,
STAY SAFE,
JOIN TODAY!**



Yard of the Season Award

It's time to start thinking about pulling out the decorations and lights and getting ready for this year's yard of the season award. Committee members will be going around the neighborhood on the evening of December 19th to vote for the best displays. Be sure to have your lights on that night!

Volunteer Opportunities

Get involved and have fun! Volunteers have a chance to make new friends, improve their skills and make a difference in our community. Volunteers are all ages and backgrounds. If you have a few hours to share or are looking for an ongoing volunteer opportunity, we can help you. For more information, contact Susan Everett at severett@auroragov.org or 303-326-8618.

Important Notice - Possible Enrollment Changes at Jewell Elementary

Parents of children attending Jewell Elementary school should have received a letter recently regarding possible enrollment changes. **Please be aware that these changes may affect if your children will continue to attend Jewell. Currently there are 2 out of 5 proposed scenarios that could cause your kids to be bused to another school.** Below is a re-print of the letter sent to parents:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enrollment changes at Virginia Court, Jewell, Century, Tollgate and Wheeling elementary schools have led to capacity issues. Some of the schools are below enrollment capacity while others are overcrowded. To balance enrollment, APS has formed a committee to analyze elementary school attendance areas at these schools. The committee includes parents, community and staff members. The goals of the committee are to:

- Assess the current attendance areas*
- Assess current enrollment and building capacities*
- Review and assess the academic and nonacademic programs at each school*
- Reduce dependency on mobiles*
- Create attendance area scenarios that foster neighborhood schools and minimize need for APS transportation*

In November, the committee will present attendance area recommendations to parents, community members and staff for feedback. Meeting dates, times and locations will be announced later this month.

After collecting public feedback, the committee will make attendance area recommendations to the APS Board of Education. If the board approves the recommendations, new attendance areas would go into effect in fall 2007.

Updated information will be posted at www.aps.k12.co.us/boundary on a regular basis, including the open house meeting schedule. For more information, please contact Jewell Elementary school.

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- Claim Jumper - Lantz Trantham
- Cornerstone Community Church
- ADT Security Services, Inc. - Barbara Miller
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- Christ the King American Old Catholic Church

Successful Cleanup Day

Thank you to all those that were able to attend the neighborhood clean-up day at the corner of Sable and Iliff! Approximately 12-14 people attended to help clean up the intersection and their support resulted in a large number of garbage bags collected full of trash and debris. Future clean-up days will be planned to help keep our neighborhood clean and inviting to those that travel in, out, and around our neighborhood. Volunteers for this task are greatly needed and appreciated!

“Making disciples who know Christ more fully and who make Christ more fully known.”

**Cornerstone Community Church
Evangelical Presbyterian**

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

303-751-7005



Sunday Morning Worship
9:00 am

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

Adult Ministries
Men’s Bible Study -
Tuesday mornings at 6:30
Women’s Bible Study -
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm
And much, much more!



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
&
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Aurora, CO 80014

Phone 303 696-6657 Fax 303 696-1694
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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.

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!

Visit: www.woodrimcrossings.org

Household Tips

Tips to Prepare for Winter

The following are some useful tips to help you prepare your home for the upcoming winter:

1. Drain and disconnect outdoor hoses.
2. Blow out your sprinkler lines and shut down the system to avoid freezing the pipes.
3. Give your lawn a head start for next spring by applying a winterizer fertilizer on your lawn.
4. Cover or store your patio furniture to protect from the snow and cold.
5. Get your furnace inspected and be sure to put in a fresh filter.
6. Apply caulk around doors and windows to seal any air leaks to keep your house warmer.
7. Clean out your gutters to remove any leaves and debris that may have accumulated.
8. Replace the batteries in carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, and check to make sure these are all in working order.

Recipe Favorites

Crockpot Stew

- 1 lb Beef Stew Meet
- 2 - large potatoes (quartered)
- 1 - large onion (quartered)
- 2 - carrots (sliced)
- 2 - celery (sliced)
- 2 - cups bouillon (2 cups water + 2 bouillon cubes)
- 1 - can Cream of Mushroom soup (don't add water)
- 1 - can Cream of Celery soup (don't add water)

Layer all ingredients as listed in crock pot. Cook all day on low.

Recipe found on: www.hungrymonster.com

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