

Meadowood Moments

A Community Newsletter



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MNA Board Moment



It is April. It's lovely to have daylight lasting longer. I am, like many of you, looking forward to seeing the first colorful signs of spring, and to anticipate the outdoor activities! April is

looking lively and full of celebrations! Meadowood is hosting a colorful celebration in April on Easter Day. Little residents will have a blast hunting for eggs, winning prizes, making some crafts, and playing games. MNA is supporting the Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration in Meadowood park, along with the American Legion and Hero's Pizza (Please see detailed information in this newsletter and our Facebook page).

April is also a month to celebrate the Earth, specifically on April 22, Earth Day. It is our chance to applaud our own efforts and choices to care for our planet. This is an opportunity for all of us to be re-inspired to take action, reminded that our actions affect our neighbors near and far.

Little things all of us can do as good neighbors can go a long way, whether it's a walk through Meadowood Park, picking up litter, recycling, planting a tree or just enjoying Nature in our own backyards. Take a few moments to sit quietly, you will hear the chirps and squawks of birds. Enjoy discovering the first green leaves on a tree and take a walk in this beautiful neighborhood. By making Meadowood a happy home for its residents, we are also contributing to making our world a happier, healthier place to live.

— Zohra Nacer, MNA Media Officer

Meadowood Moment

Protecting Your Home: Ensuring Proper Insurance Coverage

Our Colorado weather is somewhat unpredictable and at times, very unforgiving. Be sure to check with your insurance agent to know what coverage you have for wind & hail damage. It is also important to confirm that you have backup for sewer & drain. If a hailstorm hits, call your agent for referrals: they have referrals for numerous, reputable companies. Do NOT let anyone or any company file a claim on your behalf. Always, speak directly to your agent or insurance company to ensure your assets are fully covered.

— Brenda Rauterkus, MNA Vice President and Insurance Specialist

Hop On Over To The Meadowood Easter Egg Hunt!

When: Sunday, April 20th

Where: Meadowood Park

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Egg Hunt Begins: 11:45 AM

WHAT TO EXPECT?

Easter Bunny: A special visit from the Easter Bunny! Roll out your camera for selfie-taking and smiling.

Face painting: Creative face painting to bring out the inner bunny, butterfly, or any magical character you dream of!

Crafts to take home: Design your very own holiday keepsakes to cherish the day.

Prizes: A special drawing for some amazing baskets, graciously donated by Meadowood Neighborhood Association and Meadowood Church.

Sponsored by: Hero's Pizza, American Legion Post 1992, and the Meadowood Neighborhood Association.

Don't miss out on the fun! Take your family and share in a special day.



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Electronics Recycling Special Event Pricing

March 31 to April 11 (closed Sunday)

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Dispose of your electronics responsibly when our electronics recycling partner, PedalPoint LifeCycle Solutions (formerly Techno Rescue), offers special event pricing for Aurora residents. Most items with a cord or battery are accepted. \$5 per carload; additional charges for select electronics will be applied (visit webpage for details).

PedalPoint LifeCycle Solutions (formerly Techno Rescue),
3251 Lewiston St., Suite 10

More information: AuroraGov.org/Recycle

Save The Date!

Scouts Aeration Day

Venturing Crew 308 will be in Meadowood on Saturday, May 10 for aeration services. If you would like to reserve a spot, please send an email to crew308aurora@gmail.com with your name, address and your phone number, so we can call you the day of the service. Crew 308 will accept a donation of \$50!



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Aurora Public Library Moment

Mission Viejo Library: April Programs

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Sat, Apr 12 from 10:00-1:00 Library Bookbags

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-6)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Apr 2, 4:30 p.m. Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)

Wed, Apr 9, 4:30 p.m. Clay Club (ages 6-18)

Wed, Apr 16, 4:30 p.m. Papercraft Club (ages 8-18)

Sat, Apr 19, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)

Wed, Apr 23, 4:30 p.m. Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Apr 3, 4:30 p.m. Seed Bead Craft (ages 11-18)

Thu, Apr 10, 4:30 p.m. Teen Book Club:

Leopard star's Honor (ages 11-18)

Thu, Apr 17, 4:30 p.m. Anime Club (ages 11-18)

Thu, Apr 24, 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 11-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Fri, Apr 4, 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Coloring

Sat, Apr 5, 2:00 p.m. Resin Bookmark

Fri, Apr 11 & 18, 11:00 a.m. Yin Yoga

Fri, Apr 25, 10:30 a.m. Colorado Gardening MythBusters

Sat, Apr 26, 11:00 a.m. Social Security for Disabilities

For more information about library programs, call 303-326-8600 or visit auroralibrary.org.

City of Aurora Moment

Engage Aurora Live!

Saturday, April 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway

EngageAurora.org/EngageAuroraLive

Provide input on some critical projects impacting Aurora's future, and enjoy food and family friendly activities like Touch-A-Truck. Park on the west side to access the event.

When you arrive, stop at our tent to pick up an event passport to get stamped and be entered into a drawing for a gift basket. Offer feedback on projects like Build Up Aurora infrastructure planning, Connecting Aurora multimodal transportation master plan, Colfax BRT Next bus rapid transit east of I-225, and Radiating Possibilities library master plan.

Fox Flix: "The NeverEnding Story"

Saturday, April 19, 2 p.m.

Aurora Fox Arts Center, 9900 E. Colfax Ave.

On his way to school, Bastian (Barret Oliver) ducks into a bookstore to avoid bullies. Sneaking away with a book called "The NeverEnding Story," Bastian begins reading it in the school attic. The novel is about Fantasia, a fantasy land threatened by "The Nothing," a darkness that destroys everything it touches. The kingdom needs the help of a human child to survive. When Bastian reads a description of himself in the book, he begins to wonder if Fantasia is real and needs him to survive. Admission is \$5, with drinks and snacks available for purchase. More information: AuroraFox.org



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Cooking Moment

Individual Cheesecakes



- 16 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 8 ounces vanilla yogurt
- 18 vanilla wafers
- 21 ounces cherry pie filling

Beat cream cheese, eggs, sugar and vanilla on high speed with electric mixer. Line muffin cups with foil or paper liners and place one vanilla wafer in bottom of each. Pour cheesecake batter over each wafer until cups are $\frac{1}{2}$ full. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes and remove from oven. Spoon vanilla yogurt over each while hot. Cool and top with cherry pie filling.

Kids Moment

Fun Facts

- It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

Word Search

Can you find all the words hidden in this puzzle?

Bushes	Leaves	Sod
Dig	Plant	Soil
Earth	Pot	Sun
Flowers	Rake	Trowel
Garden	Shovel	Water

G	A	D	U	I	E	H	T	S	U	N	E	P	L	A
A	H	N	P	S	O	D	T	O	V	H	D	N	F	E
R	E	F	S	F	O	G	A	R	F	I	E	P	R	R
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T	E	N	A	P	V	D	R	G	N	F	T	P	N	E
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F	N	T	E	R	U	O	T	F	H	D	P	T	O	R
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City of Aurora Moments

Aurora Annual Volunteer Expo

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Pkwy

Wednesday, April 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Aurora Municipal Center Lobby, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy

Join the city of Aurora and local nonprofits for a day of excitement and purpose. Explore a world of volunteer opportunities that match your interests and skills, and learn how you can be a hero in your community by making a difference! Based on last year's feedback, the city will host two volunteer expos, one during the week and the other on the weekend. See a list of participating organizations at AuroraGov.org/Volunteer. Questions? Email volunteer@auroragov.org.

Quincy Reservoir Reopens For The Season

Quincy Reservoir, 18350 E. Quincy Ave., has reopened for the season and is ready for you to explore and enjoy from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Affordable day and annual passes are available at Quincy Reservoir and can also be used at Aurora Reservoir. For more information on hours of operation, boating and fishing, visit AuroraGov.org/Reservoirs.



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Garden Moment

Until recently, a lot of companion planting was based on little more than hearsay, but there's an increasing body of scientifically grounded research that proves that growing specific plants together can reduce pests, boost growth, and even help wildlife.

- **Basil** is a help to tomatoes as an interplanted repellent to thrips. Basil also deters moths that lay eggs for tomato hornworms and armyworms. Basil also attracts bees, which improves pollination, tomato health, and flavor.
- **Dill** attracts ladybugs, which eat tiny garden pests such as aphids and spider mites.
- **Garlic and garlic spray** have a strong scent that deters many insects. Aphids can't stand garlic! Garlic also repels onion flies, ermine moths, and Japanese beetles. Plant garlic between rows of potatoes alongside lettuces and cabbages and near fruit trees, together with alyssum, to attract aphid-eating hoverflies.
- **Mint** deters aphids, ants, and flea beetles. Just be careful to plant mint nearby in its own pot or bed, as it is a very aggressive grower!
- **Nasturtiums** attract hungry caterpillars away from brassicas like cabbage, broccoli, and kale – grow these close to those crops.
- **Parsley** attracts beneficial insects to protect and pollinate tomatoes. Plant these herbs between tomatoes.
- **Sage** is a helpful herb that repels carrot flies. Also, plant it around a cabbage patch to reduce injury from cabbage moths.
- **Sunflowers** pair well with cucumbers and pole beans. They help provide support for climbing plants and shade for crops, which can become sun-stressed in hotter climates.

- **Tansy** is a real draw to pest-eating bugs such as ladybugs, ladybirds, and predatory wasps. At the same time, tansy repels many typical baddies, such as cutworm, which attacks asparagus, bean, cabbage, carrot, celery, corn, lettuce, pea, pepper, potato, and tomato plants. Tansy is a perennial, which means you only have to plant it once. What more could you want in a garden flower?

Add more flowers! Growing **calendula** or **cosmos** nearby will attract tiny parasitizing wasps and aphid-hungry hoverflies. We also love **marigolds** and **zinnias** for drawing in pest-hungry beneficial bugs.



More Companion Gardening Tips

Much of companion planting considers the height of different vegetables.

- Lettuce, radishes, and other quick-growing plants sown between hills of melons or winter squash will mature and be harvested long before these vines need more legroom.
- Leafy greens like spinach and Swiss chard will grow in the shadow of corn.
- Bush beans tolerate the dappled shade that corn casts and, since their roots occupy different levels in the soil, don't compete for water and nutrients.
- Don't get *too* fixated with pairing up crops. Correct spacing, sun, water, and good soil management are the most important influences on your growing plants.

Pets' Moment

What Happens if Dog Eats Onion?

Consuming onions can lead to dogs developing a condition called hemolytic anemia. This condition impacts/destroys a dog's red blood cells, leaving dogs without enough of them for healthy functioning. Severe onion poisoning in dogs can be fatal.

But can a small amount hurt my dog? Generally speaking, toxicity occurs when a dog ingests more than 0.5% of their body weight in onions at one time. To put it simply, even a small amount of onion, garlic, or another toxic allium food can poison a dog easily. Dogs will recover from mild exposure to onions or garlic however severe poisoning can be fatal, especially without treatment. If you know your dog has eaten onions or garlic, you should take him to the veterinarian immediately even if there are no immediate symptoms.

This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services



MEADOWOOD MARKET REPORT

MEADOWOOD OVERVIEW

| Stats as of 3/13/2025 |

Actives on the Market: 21 priced from \$448,500 – \$569,400

Under Contract to Close: 12 priced from \$399,500 – \$565,000

Sold since January 1st, 2025: 10 priced from \$390,000 – \$500,000

By Style

Ranches sold: 3 priced from \$425,000 – \$499,000

Tri-Levels sold: 5 priced from \$380,000 – \$570,000

Bi-Levels sold: 2 priced from \$470,000 – \$480,000



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