

# Meadowood Moments

## A Community Newsletter



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### MNA Board Moment



**M**eadowood is ending summer on a high note: Meadowood Festival 2023! We had a very successful festival in 2022 and we are doing it again this year! This will be the largest outdoor event in our community. You are all invited to get to know each other, socialize, network and support community initiatives. Meadowood Neighborhood Association is thrilled to partnership with the American Legion, Meadowood Church and Hero's Pizza to make this event possible for our residents.

There will be a movie night in September and other events throughout the year. If you have any ideas or would like to help, we would love to hear from you!

Can't wait to see you all!

— Zohra Nacer, Media Officer

### Meadowood Moment

#### 2023 Meadowood Festival

**When:** Saturday, August 19th from 11am to 5pm

**Where:** Meadowood Park, Meadowood Church & Hero's Pizzeria Parking Lots

**M**eadowood community is invited to this event hosted by the Meadowood Neighborhood Association, Hero's Pizzeria & Tavern, The American Legion and Meadowood church! Bring the family out for community building fun!

**The festival will include:**

- Petting Zoo
- Bouncy Fun and Other Games
- Food – hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks and an ice cream truck.
- Music
- Face Painting and Clown
- Enter Drawings for the prize of your choice – The Meadowood Neighborhood Association will have baskets with 4 different themes: Garden, Kids, Kitchen & Bathroom
- Local Vendors booths

If you are a vendor and would like to set up a booth, please contact us at [Info@AuroraMeadowood.com](mailto:Info@AuroraMeadowood.com)

### Call to Action:

**S**ubmit your request via our Facebook page or contact [Info@AuroraMeadowood.com](mailto:Info@AuroraMeadowood.com). If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact us at [MediaOfficer@AuroraMeadowood.com](mailto:MediaOfficer@AuroraMeadowood.com).

### Calendar of Events

**Meadowood Festival 2023:** Saturday, August 19, 2023- Meadowood Park and Parking Lots

**Meadowood Handcrafters:** Tuesdays from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at Meadowood Church

**Council Member Town Meeting:**

Ward V (Alison Coombs)

Saturday, Aug. 19, 10:30 a.m. to noon,

Mission Viejo Library, 15324 E. Hampden Circle  
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 6 to 7:30 p.m.,

Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way

### Pet Contest Winners



*Diesel*



*Patches*

### National Water Quality Month

National Water Quality Month is dedicated to making the most of the relatively small amount of fresh water we have. Clean water is vital to our individual health, our collective agricultural needs, and our environment.

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## Summertime Neighborhood Improvements

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association has been working on improving the appeal of our neighborhood with two projects this summer – staining the perimeter fences and replacing two signs.

There are two original brick walls with Meadowood signage along S. Winston Street at E. Hampden Avenue, that were constructed by Wood Brothers when the subdivision was established around 1970. The original signs were wood. While lasting over 50 years, these signs were starting to show their age! So we commissioned Yesco to manufacture two new metal signs and they are now installed.

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association Board has a goal to improve the look of our neighborhood. One project is to apply stain to the perimeter fences, creating a more unifying look.

This summer we are concentrating on the fences along Chambers Road. The current Phase III is on the west side of Chambers. We are about halfway through the staining process of this section, with 25 out of 42 homeowners participating so far. The members of the MNA Board are in the process of contacting the remaining households for approval.

Phase I and II, along South Buckley Road, between E. Yale Avenue and Dartmouth Avenue, had an overall participation rate of 83%. Please let us know your feedback – do you like the color? Does it improve our neighborhood?

Please encourage your neighbors' participation!

— Kim Wisdom, MNA Treasurer



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## Free Mulch For All

Does your garden need a little extra love this summer? Well, you're in luck!

**Saturday, Aug. 19, 7 a.m. to noon**

The city is giving away free mulch to residents, while supplies last.

*Intersection of East Hampden Avenue and Dawson Street*

More information: [AuroraGov.org/Trees](http://AuroraGov.org/Trees)

## AUGUST WATERING SCHEDULE

THREE DAYS PER WEEK

POP-UPS	ROTOR HEADS	ROTARY NOZZLES
<b>5</b> MINUTES	<b>10</b> MINUTES	<b>16</b> MINUTES

## Aurora Water Moves To Normal Watering Stage

Although Aurora's reservoir levels remain below average, the abundant rain has reduced outdoor water demands, allowing Aurora residents to use less water. City Council has lifted the stage 1 drought, and Aurora is in a normal watering stage. Customers may choose any three days to water each week. Watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is not allowed until Oct. 1. And, just because you can water more often, doesn't mean you need to. The monthly watering schedule provides enough supplemental water to keep your turf happy and healthy. Please remember, because our reservoirs have not fully recovered, continue to use water wisely. For water conservation tips, updated watering times and more information may be found at [AuroraWater.org](http://AuroraWater.org).

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## Mary's Moment

### Aurora Public Schools: From 1 School to 65!

I thought it would be fun to do a brief history of Aurora Public Schools. I once found information about long, long ago when there was a tiny school built on runners which would be moved from little settlement to little settlement. The earliest stable school was built where E. Jewell and Powhatan Mile Road intersect and was called Coal Creek School which serviced the few children who lived on farms in the area. Around 1885, William Smith became the first official superintendent with a school named after him.

Currently there are almost 40,000 students and 2,000 staff including nurses, lunch room workers, etc. and with a student-teacher ratio of 16-1. We have 65 schools ranging from early childhood to 1 gifted and talented, 12 charters and 1 vocational. There are 6 high schools. Our students come from about 130 countries speaking 160 languages!

One of Aurora's most famous graduates is our current mayor, Mike Coffman, a graduate of Aurora Central.

We have a new superintendent, Michael Giles, Jr. Welcome!

Our school, Dartmouth, has 400 plus students from pre-kindergarten to 5th grade. Its motto is "Every student shapes a successful future." Make it a wonderful year, everyone!

— Mary Metcalf, Meadowood Resident

## APS 15th Annual Back to School Kickoff on Aug. 5!

Aurora Public Schools is excited to host our 15th annual Back to School Kickoff to celebrate the beginning of the 2023-24 school year! APS students and families will enjoy free goodies, food, entertainment and more. This is an event you won't want to miss!

**Join us Saturday, August 5 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Town Center at Aurora.**

Free backpacks and school supplies will be provided to APS students while supplies last. The event is also a great opportunity to meet school staff and explore the many resources we provide to students and families. If you are new to the district, you can also register your child for school.

Low- or no-cost immunizations and vaccinations will also be available. Please be sure to bring your child's shot records. We hope to see you there!



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### Aurora Offers Emergency Cooling Stations For Hot Summer Days

July is typically the hottest month in Colorado. If you are out and about on a hot summer day with temperatures reaching 99 degrees or above and need a space to cool down and get hydrated, consider visiting a city cooling station. Case managers from Mile High Behavioral Healthcare will be available during peak hours at the Aurora Day Resource Center to provide resource information.

**Emergency Cooling Station locations include:**

- Central Library,  
14949 E. Alameda Parkway  
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;  
Friday-Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Hoffman Library, 1298 Peoria St.  
Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;  
Sunday: Closed
- Martin Luther King Jr. Library,  
9898 E. Colfax Ave.  
Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;  
Sunday: Closed
- Aurora Day Resource Center,  
13387 E. 19th Place  
Monday-Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Aurora Youth Caravan

*Through Aug. 17 at various times and locations*

Enjoy the FIVE-O Gaming Trailer from the Aurora Police Department, Ebooks and crafts from the Aurora Public Library, resources and giveaways from Aurora’s Youth Violence Prevention Program, games and entertainment from Compound of Compassion and free food from The Salvation Army.

- July 20, 3 to 6 p.m., Montview Elementary School, 2055 N. Moline St.
- July 27, 3 to 6 p.m. Settlers Park, 14800 E. Walsh Drive
- Aug. 3, 4 to 7 p.m., Virginia Court Elementary School, 395 S. Troy St. (only snacks, no food from The Salvation Army)
- Aug. 10, 4 to 7 p.m., City Park, 9701 E. 16th Ave.
- Aug. 17, 4 to 7 p.m., Altura Elementary School, 1650 Altura Blvd.

No registration is needed. Just show up and have some fun! Questions? Please email the Aurora Police Department Community Relations Section at [apdcommunity@auroragov.org](mailto:apdcommunity@auroragov.org).

### Global Fest: Saturday, Aug. 19, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Now in its 10th year, this free signature event celebrates Aurora’s diverse cultures and backgrounds. Performers will entertain all ages with family-friendly music and dance, a global fashion show, a parade of nations, an international marketplace, food, vendors and more.

*Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn,  
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[AuroraGlobalFest.org](http://AuroraGlobalFest.org)*

# Meet Matthew Glassman

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It has been a pleasure working with Matthew Glassman. He is prompt and accommodating to our family's busy schedule. He also has been proactive, making sure he understands our needs and ensuring we are spending our time constructively, only on properties that make the mark. Not only is he professional, but practical, honest, and approachable, which is a hard quality to find in this business. I will be working with Matthew in the future and highly recommend his services! - Shay P.

Matt was extremely invested in helping us find the perfect home. He made himself available on evenings and weekends and worked around our availability to show us every house we were interested in looking at. He was friendly and a pleasure to work with! - Brooke A.

Matthew was a great asset selling our home. Selling our family home was not a easy decision or task. He helped in so many ways, and eased the pain of our sale and our move. When the buyers tried to play "hardball" he didn't budge. He knows the area in Aurora well and always responded quick to any questions or issues we had. We totally recommend him - and will gladly use him again if we ever are looking to move back to the area. Thanks!!! - Katie G.

Matthew was incredible! As a first-time buyer I did not really understand the process of purchasing a home. Matt explained everything to me so that I could make the right choice for my family. I explained to him what I was looking for in a home and he was able to use that information to show me only the houses that I would be interested in which saved time. He was always available when I needed him for questions or open houses. I am extremely happy with our home and would recommend Matthew to any person looking to sell or buy. - Chris Z.

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**AUG. 8**  
**SOFIA TALVIK**  
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**SEPT. 12**  
**ZODIAC TRIO**  
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Aurora Fox Arts Center,  
9900 E. Colfax Ave.



**OCT. 24**  
**ARSENIC AND OLD LACE LIVE RADIO PLAY**  
Four professional actors portray 40 different roles in a classic comedy with sound effects  
Tallyn's Reach Library,  
23911 E. Arapahoe Road



**NOV. 14**  
**GONZALO TEPPA AND FRIENDS**  
Traditional Venezuelan folk music  
Central Library, 14949  
E. Alameda Parkway



**DEC. 12**  
**MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET LIVE RADIO PLAY**  
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## Cooking Moment Easy Chicken Salad

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- ½ cup chopped sweet pickle
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 ½ cups mayonnaise
- ¼ teaspoon onion salt
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper



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## Garden Moment

### Let Your Lawn Go Blonde



While we are familiar with the tan browns of dormant grass in the winter, we don't think about dormancy during summer. Just like that sun-kissed look of blonde hair, during July or August, you should let your grass go dormant during these hot days to reduce outdoor water use. Cool-season grass, like Kentucky bluegrass, can require up to two inches of water every week just to stay green.

However, one-quarter inch of water per week keeps the crowns hydrated and alive. It also reduces water consumption by 85%.

This grass will change color, but it isn't dead - it's alive and happy during its nap. To determine the difference between dormant and dead grass, we recommend the tug test. Grab a handful of grass and give it a slight tug. If it offers some resistance, the grass is sleeping.

If you have grass you water and mow but otherwise never use, Aurora Water can help you transform it into a beautiful water-wise landscape.

Check out the Grass Replacement Incentive Program by visiting [AuroraGov.org/GRIP](http://AuroraGov.org/GRIP). For program questions, email [conservation@auroragov.org](mailto:conservation@auroragov.org) or call 303-739-7195.

## Pets' Moment

### Preparing Your Dog For Back To School

The sudden switch from long summer days of playing with the kids to living in an empty (or busy) home can be a tough adjustment. Here are some tips from behavioral experts on making this yearly seasonal transition as smooth as possible for your dog.

Stock up on toys and fill them with desirable treats like small amounts of peanut butter, frozen banana slices, and dog food. These can be made up ahead of time and put in the freezer until you're ready to use them.

Hide those treats around the house for them to find. Make a game out of it.

Use positive reinforcement training. Encouraging your dog to work and think for their treats is a fun activity for both you and your pet.

Before school starts, begin getting your dog accustomed to the soon-to-be new schedule. Get up early, take your pup out for a rigorous walk, and introduce the activities they can do when everyone is gone.

Take your pup out for a sufficient time in the morning for bathroom time and having the first person to get home in the afternoon take them out again.

## Kids Moment

### Back to School Word Search

Academy	Chalk	Hall Monitor	Playground
Algebra	Civics	History	Reading
Bell	Class	Language	Recess
Blackboard	Desk	Library	School
Books	Geography	Literature	Science
Bus	Geometry	Lockers	Student
Cafeteria	Government	Math	Study
			Teacher



## Meadowood Report August 2023

Coming Soon!



### 3154 S. Helena Street

This large Glenwood model has 1,025 Square Feet on the main level with 3 bedrooms, a full bath, big kitchen with a eating space and large Living Room, the basement is partially done with walls in place, a half bath, room for a shower, bedrooms, and a big laundry area. There's a large 2-car garage with shelves, good sized grassed yard with sprinkler, and central A/C. It will go fast. Call for details!

### Meadowood Statistics

Homes on the Market	4
Home Under Contract to Close	5
Homes Sold & Closed in 2023 as of July 15	35
Home Sold over \$500,000	12
Homes Sold between \$400,000 to \$500,000	22

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