

Meadowood Moments

A Community Newsletter



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MNA Board Moment



As summer winds down and the school year is underway, Meadowood is alive with energy and community spirit. We're looking forward to Meadowood Festival 2025 on Saturday, September 20:

our largest outdoor event yet. Join us for a day of fun, community pride, and opportunities to support local initiatives. It's a great chance to meet neighbors, enjoy entertainment, and celebrate everything that makes Meadowood a wonderful place to live.

We also invite you to our General Meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, where guest speaker Austin Hill from The Wild Animal Sanctuary will share inspiring stories and insights about wildlife rescue and conservation.

See you around the neighborhood!

— Zohra Nacer, MNA Media Officer

APS Seeking Community Input for 5 Year Plan

The Meadowood Neighborhood Association and Meadowood residents were honored to have two members of the Aurora Public Schools (APS) Board with us at our July 9th General Meeting: Director Vicki Reinhard (retired APS teacher & Meadowood resident) and Director Debra Gerkin (also a retired APS teacher). The APS Board is aware of deficiencies & limitations in APS which are due to COVID, etc. They are striving to improve our schools are seeking community input to "Identify Our Vision and Values" as they develop their next 5 Year Plan for APS. There are 4 questions to be answered as they asking and the group had a discussion about each of them.

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Meadowood Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Meadowood Church

Guest Speaker: Austin Hill from
The Wild Animal Sanctuary

Meadowood Moment

Vendor Opportunities For Meadowood Festival 2025

We are looking for vendors to participate in the Meadowood Festival on September 20! Educational activities, crafts, food, services, and all kinds of vendors are welcome to join us.

If you are interested, please visit our website <https://aurorameadowood.com/vendor-application/> to complete the vendor application form. We will also promote your business on our Meadowood Facebook page to help spread the word. Take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your offerings and be part of our community celebration!

The Delivery Crew Moment

A big thank you to Jackie and her kids for helping deliver the *Meadowood Moments*. Their enthusiasm and commitment brighten our community in so many ways.

At the same time, we want to say a warm farewell to Dean, who has been a proud Meadowood resident for 44 years and has faithfully delivered newsletters for many years. Dean, your dedication has meant a lot to all of us, and we wish you the very best in your new home.

Thank you to all the wonderful members of our delivery crew: your efforts truly help keep Meadowood connected.



Meadowood Annual Festival

Saturday, September 20th, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Meadowood Park, Meadowood Church parking lot,
and Hero's Pizzeria Parking Lot

You are invited to the Meadowood Fall Festival: a day full of fun, food, and time to connect with neighbors and friends from Meadowood and nearby communities. Here is what you can look forward to:

- Hawk Quest live from 1:00 to 2:00
- A Petting Zoo: friendly animals the whole family will love
- Step it Up dance performances
- Bouncy fun and games for kids of all ages
- Tasty eats including hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks, and an ice cream truck
- DJ and live music in the park
- Face painting for everyone who wants a splash of color
- Prize drawings: enter to win the one you want most
- A variety of vendors: some offering educational resources, others selling handmade goods, treats, and more

And don't miss the after-party! Hero's Pizzeria will host a live performance by Walker Williams starting at 6:00 PM. Come out and enjoy the day with your community!

Community Input, *continued from front page*

1. What does success look like for students? *Students should be encouraged to reach their full potential, students would have the skills to be successful in life no matter what direction they choose.*
2. How do you measure student success? What evidence tells us that students are successful? *State tests, report cards, number (%) of HS graduates, etc. APS needs to continue to offer a number of vocational programs. APS works with Community College of Aurora for STEM training. They also have an Executive Internship Program for 11th & 12th graders in many areas including health. Some schools have Air Force Jr ROTC units and APS has a College Career Fair or offering a variety of options.*
3. How would you describe your experience with the school in your community? *We need more information on activities; we want to learn how we can help either volunteering or supporting events or helping with projects.*
4. What are your expectations of the school for your community and/or your student? *Need more tools to help my child – everyone seems to care but parents need help. What about home schooled students? APS also allows home schooled children to be included in any extra-curricular activities of the schools. They are our APS students, too.*

August 2nd is a big Back to School event where supplies for students will be available and lots of information & fun activities are planned. Let's know what is happening in our schools and support them. Fill out the survey and give the APS Board your input.

— Dottie Wire, MNA Secretary





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Our Facebook group is a great way to stay engaged with our community! Join us on Meadowood Neighborhood Aurora Facebook Page to learn more.

Pets' Moment **Back-to-School Blues: Don't Forget Your Pets**

As the school year starts and routines shift, our pets can feel the change too. Dogs and cats who are used to summer activity and attention might suddenly face quiet days alone. A little extra love and structure can help your furry friends adjust as the household gets back into school mode. To ease the transition:

- Stick to a consistent schedule for feeding, walks, and playtime.
- Leave a favorite toy or treat puzzle to keep them mentally stimulated.
- Consider a short morning walk to burn off energy before everyone leaves.
- Try leaving on a radio or TV for background noise to make the home feel less empty.



ANNUAL FESTIVAL '25

Saturday, September 20th

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Meadowood Park Aurora

Hawk Quest live from 1:00 to 2:00

Petting Zoo | Step it Up dance performances

Bouncy fun and games | DJ and live music

Food | Face painting | Prize drawings | Vendors

And don't miss the after-party!

Hero's Pizzeria will host a live performance by Walker Williams starting at 6:00 PM.

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Aurora Public Schools News – Get Back to School Ready!

After the many celebrations throughout the spring, which culminated with graduation ceremonies in May, our 2025 graduates are well on their way! To all graduates, honorees, certificate achievers, and those committed to serving in the armed forces, congratulations! Best of luck, Class of 2025!

As one chapter closes, we are also preparing for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Students in grades 1-12 will begin on August 6, while preschool and Kindergarten will start on August 12. It is hard to believe another school year is just around the corner! Dust off your pencils and binders and have those new shoes ready!

The 2025-26 school year starts soon, and we want all students to be ready for the first day of class. Please complete the Annual Online Student Check-In now by visiting aurorak12.org/check-in! Parents or guardians must check in their returning students before the start of the school year. The Annual Online Student Check-In System is a convenient way for parents and guardians to update or confirm addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, health information, preferred language and more. If you have an email address on file with us, you should have received an email with your username.

The annual Back-to-School Kickoff returns to the Town Center at Aurora Mall! More than 15,000 students, staff and families are expected to join in the fun and entertainment. There will be FREE backpacks with school supplies, immunizations, and lots of food and fun! We hope you can join us as well! *Power Your Potential*

AUGUST 2, 2024, 10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Town Center at Aurora Mall, 14200 E Alameda Ave, Aurora
 — Vicki Reinhard, Meadowood Resident
 Director, Aurora Public Schools, Board of Education

Mission Viejo Library Programs

LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sat, Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m. 150 for 50 Fundraiser Launch

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Tue, Aug. 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m. Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)

Thu, Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Sensory Storytime (ages 0-5)

Thu, Aug. 28 at 10:30 a.m. Special Storytime: Pets (ages 0-5)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Aug 20 at 4:30 p.m. Papercraft Club (ages 6-18)

Wed, Aug 27 at 4:30 p.m. Terrarium Snack Craft (ages 6-18)

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Thu, Aug 21 at 4:30 p.m. Squishy Painting (ages 12-18)

Thu, Aug 28 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Sat, Aug 23 at 2:00 p.m. Chaos Crafting

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AT-LARGE

Danielle truly loves her hometown of Aurora, Colorado. It's where she was born and raised, graduated from Overland High School, graduated from the Community College of Aurora, served our country honorably, started her businesses, and is raising her son.

Focusing on what's important to Aurora...

Jobs & the Economy

As a successful small business owner and entrepreneur, Danielle knows firsthand what it takes to live within a

Public Safety

Danielle will continue to fight for a stronger, safer Aurora while bridging the gap between Aurora citizens and our local Aurora law enforcement.

Taxes & Fees

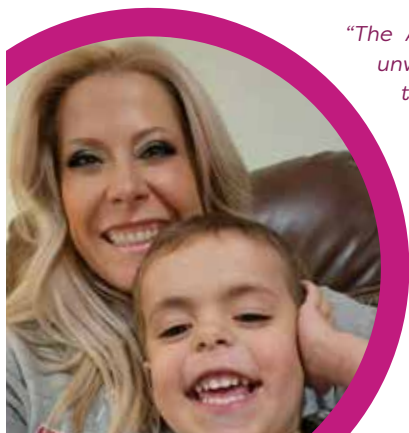
Danielle isn't a politician, she's a job creator and a single mom who works hard to live within her budget and believes government should do the same.

Development

Danielle will continue to ensure Aurora is one of the most business-friendly cities in the state and will continue to eliminate bureaucratic red tape and burdensome government regulations.

Revitalizing Neighborhoods

Local Aurora residents know what's best for their neighborhood and unlike politicians, Danielle will listen to those needs and respond.



"The Aurora Police Association proudly endorses Danielle Jurinsky for Aurora City Council. Her unwavering support for law enforcement in Aurora has been crucial for us to do our jobs, protect the public, and rebuild relationships in the community. Danielle is not only an Aurora resident, but she is a business owner in the City. This puts her in a unique position to understand the many aspects and challenges Aurora is facing today. Danielle has the knowledge and energy to drive this city back to a safe and prosperous place to live and raise our families. Danielle supports all first responders and we look forward to continuing our relationship with her in the City of Aurora."



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Cooking Moment

Fresh Corn & Tomato Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 cups fresh corn kernels (about 3 ears)
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 cup red onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar or lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste



In a large bowl, combine corn, cherry tomatoes, red onion, and basil. Drizzle with olive oil and vinegar (or lemon juice).

Toss gently to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Chill for 15–30 minutes before serving for best flavor.

Perfect for BBQs, potlucks, or as a light side on a hot day!

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Garden Moment



In the ever-evolving world of landscape design, staying ahead of the curve is essential to crafting outdoor spaces that inspire and delight. Whether you're envisioning a serene sanctuary or an entertainment haven, these top trends are sure to captivate and inspire.

1. Sustainable Landscaping: In an age where environmental consciousness reigns supreme, sustainable landscaping has emerged as a cornerstone trend. Landscape design companies in Denver are leading the charge by incorporating native plants, drought-resistant flora, and eco-friendly materials into their projects. By embracing sustainable practices, you can create a harmonious outdoor space that not only looks stunning but also minimizes environmental impact.

2. Lighting Design Magic: Illumination plays a pivotal role in accentuating the beauty of your outdoor space, and in 2025, lighting design is taking center stage. From energy-efficient LED fixtures to smart lighting systems that can be controlled with a swipe of your smartphone, the possibilities are endless. Landscape design services are harnessing the power of lighting to create dramatic effects, highlight architectural features, and extend the usability of outdoor areas well into the evening hours.

3. Seamless Indoor-Outdoor Living: As the line between indoor and outdoor spaces continues to blur, landscape design companies are embracing a seamless approach to integration. From expansive bi-fold doors to outdoor kitchens and living rooms, the goal is to create fluid transitions that invite you to enjoy the beauty of nature from the comfort of your home. By blurring the boundaries between indoors and outdoors, residential landscaping and construction companies are redefining the way we experience our living spaces.

4. Multi-Functional Landscapes: Outdoor spaces are no longer confined to a single purpose. Instead, they are becoming versatile hubs for relaxation, recreation, and entertainment. Landscape renovations are incorporating features such as fire pits, water features, and outdoor theaters to cater to a variety of needs and preferences. By embracing multi-functional design elements, landscape construction companies in Denver are transforming ordinary yards into dynamic destinations for year-round enjoyment.

5. Tech-Enhanced Landscapes: From automated irrigation systems to state-of-the-art outdoor sound systems, technology is revolutionizing the way we interact with our outdoor spaces. Landscape design services are harnessing the power of innovation to create landscapes that are not only beautiful but also highly functional and convenient. By incorporating cutting-edge technology into your outdoor design, you can enjoy greater efficiency, comfort, and control over your environment.

— Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect

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MARKET REPORT

MEADOWOOD MARKET SNAPSHOT

The Meadowood neighborhood continues to be one of the most approachable and family-friendly pockets in Aurora. With median home prices hovering around \$460,000 and properties spending just over a month on the market, Meadowood remains a steady seller's market without the frenzy.

Thoughtful updates and well-maintained yards still draw multiple offers, especially for homes that are move-in ready. Whether you're considering a move or simply curious about your home's value, now is a great time to stay informed and explore your options as we move through the busy summer season.



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