

# Meadowood Moments

## A Community Newsletter



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### MNA Board Moment



February is Valentine's month but it is also Black History month, and includes President's Day (17th) & Random Acts of Kindness Day (17th). What a great opportunity we each have to celebrate the contributions of black people in our community & our country; and to express appreciation for our loved ones! We can make a deliberate effort to be kind to someone just because we can. Love takes many forms: sharing genuine words of encouragement, little gifts, doing something special for someone or just listening and learning about someone & their background. We can be good neighbors by just saying Hi to them or keeping our sidewalks clear of snow for children walking to school or people walking to the bus or just walking their dog. Have you voluntarily shoveled someone else's walks or driveway just because? Do we check on family & neighbors to make sure they are okay? What do you actually know about our US Presidents-especially George Washington & Abraham Lincoln whose birthdays were in February? Do you know more than a few stories from school days? The theme for Black History Month 2025 is "African Americans & Labor". What do you know about this subject? Let's learn because Meadowood is a diverse neighborhood. Get to know people who have a different background than you do. We have much to learn from each other.

Our first General Meeting for 2025 was on January 8th and a summary of that meeting follows. We will be making some interesting changes for this year. For the first half of 2025, we will meet every other month & then June through November or December, we will

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### Meadowood Moment

The Meadowood neighborhood was established in the early 1970's & is one of the largest residential communities in Aurora with over 2200 homes. Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) is not an HOA, but aims to make our community a better place through events, community impact projects and discussion forums. MNA does not have covenants that residents must follow nor rules to limit how you live. We seek to promote the welfare & common good of our community. Becoming a member of MNA is easy. You only have to own or rent a home in Meadowood, pay the \$24 per year fee and commit to being a good neighbor. If you use Waste Connections as your trash/recycle provider, your MNA fee is paid by Waste Connections who gives MNA \$2 per month per Meadowood customer. You must tell Waste Connections that you live in Meadowood & want our contracted price. However, our contract with Waste Connections will end in a little over a year so we need more families to support MNA directly so we can continue to offer the events and programs we have been doing and hope to continue in the future. We can all do our part to make Meadowood the best neighborhood possible.

We work together with Hero's Pizzeria, Meadowood Church and the American Legion to put on some major events each year like the Easter Egg Hunt, Meadowood Festival, Trunk or Treat, and Breakfast with Santa. Working with businesses in our community helps us all serve you, our neighbors better.

MNA sponsors two annual Dump Days, Community Garage Sale, Appreciation Dinner for newsletter volunteers, etc. There are exciting plans for 2025 so check out the summary of the General Meeting on January 8th. Come get involved so Meadowood can keep getting better & better. We need your input.

### General Meeting Summary From January 8, 2025

1. President Charlotte Mervin introduced the Board members and the positions they hold:
2. President: Charlotte Mervin, Vice-President: Brenda Rauterkus, Treasurer: Kim Wisdom, Secretary: Dottie Wire, Media Officer: Zohra Nacer (was not present due to her vacation)
3. Meeting Minutes from Nov 13, 2024 Annual Meeting were approved
4. Financial Report as of Dec 31, 2024 was approved and the Proposed Budget for 2025 was approved as presented.
5. **Meeting day, time & frequency**—after discussion, MNA will meet at **6:30pm** to accommodate people's work schedules. We will continue meeting at Meadowood Church on the **2nd Wednesday every other month Jan-June** – (March 12, May 14) & *then meet every month July-Dec*: (July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10 ?).
6. We will put Facebook & website info in the newsletters.
7. Problem with trees coming through fences, trailers on the street, garbage & trash around homes. People are encouraged to contact Access Aurora on their website [https://auroragov.org>city\\_hall>contact\\_us](https://auroragov.org>city_hall>contact_us) or call 303-739-7000.

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## MNA Board Moment, *continued from front page*

meet monthly. However, we will continue to meet the 2nd Wednesday at Meadowood Church but begin our meetings at 6:30pm to accommodate people getting home from work.

We encourage you to checkout our Facebook page, **Meadowood Neighborhood Aurora**, to keep up with details about upcoming events and to connect with your neighbors and local services. We will soon have our website updated with current information. More on that in the days ahead.

Thanks for making Meadowood such a great place to live! Let's do our part to show love every way we can this month.

— Dottie Wire, MNA Secretary

## January Meeting, *continued from front page*

8. Regular Meadowood Events: Easter Egg Hunt, Dump Day #1 in June, Community Garage Sale (details TBD), Meadowood Festival with more vendors, Dump Day #2 in Fall, Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with Santa, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
9. Possible Upcoming Events in 2025: CPR Class: 2 levels, Clean-up Day-Beth Mumma will lead (details TBD), Food Truck Sat possibly at Eagle Park, promoting mental health awareness, Wills & Estate Planning, paper shredding, recycle event, etc.
10. Traffic Calming issues: MNA will fill out the application for the City of Aurora to address some these issues of high speeds near Dartmouth Elementary & along other streets.
11. We need people to volunteer to make these events happen. More information coming soon on committees & how to participate in your community.
12. Membership only costs \$24 per year per household. Most of our current funding comes through Waste Connections who currently gives MNA \$2 per month for each Meadowood customer. WC customers have their dues paid each year. However, our contract with Waste Connections ends Mar 31, 2026 so we need more members and some fundraising activities.
13. \$50 door prize went to Beth Mumma
14. **Next General Meeting will be March 12 at 6:30pm at Meadowood Church**

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# Mission Viejo Library Moments

## February 2025 Programs

**EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:**

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)  
 Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-6)  
 Tues., Feb. 4, closing Deadline to drop off stuffed animals for Stuffed Animal Sleepover  
 Thurs., Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m. Stuffed Animal Storytime (ages 0-6)  
 Wed., Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. Sensory Shenanigans (ages 0-5)  
 Thurs., Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m. Special Storytime: Dinosaur Dig (ages 0-6)  
 Wed, Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. Block Play (ages 0-5)

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:**

Wed., Feb. 5, 4:30 p.m. Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)  
 Wed., Feb. 12, 4:30 p.m. Clay Club (ages 6-18)  
 Sat., Feb. 15, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)  
 Wed., Feb. 19, 4:30 p.m. Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18)  
 Wed., Feb. 26, 4:30 p.m. 4-H: Intro to Embryology (ages 6-18)

**PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:**

Tues., Feb. 4, 5:45 p.m. Stuffed Animal Sleepover Photography (ages 11-18)  
 Thur., Feb. 13, 4:30 p.m. Resin Video Game Hearts (ages 11-18)  
 Thur., Feb. 20, 4:30 p.m. Anime Club (ages 11-18)  
 Thur., Feb. 27, 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 11-18)

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:**

Sat., Feb. 1, 2:00 p.m. Guided Meditation  
 Thur., Feb. 6, 4:00 p.m. Poetry Reading & Workshop with Aerik Francis  
 Fri., Feb. 7 & 21, 11:00 a.m. Yin Yoga  
 Sat., Feb. 8, 2:00 p.m. Plant Exchange  
 Fri., Feb. 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m. Hot Chocolate & Coloring  
 Fri., Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m. Date Night: Hilliard Moore Watercolor Class  
 Tues., Feb. 18, 2:00 p.m. Hot Cider & Coloring  
 Sat., Feb. 22, 11:00 a.m. CSU Master Gardener Series: Composting

**VIRTUAL/ONLINE PROGRAMS:**

Fridays, 5:30 PM Library Game Night (Teens)  
 Fridays, 8:00 PM Library Game Night (Adults)

**For more information about library programs, call 303-326-8600 or visit [auroralibrary.org](http://auroralibrary.org).**

### Ward V (Angela Lawson) Meetings

- **Saturday, Feb. 8, 10-11:30 a.m.,**  
Heather Gardens, 2888 S Heather Gardens Way
- **Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:30-8 p.m.,**  
Mission Viejo Library, 15324 E Hampden Circle



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## City of Aurora Moments

## Kids Moment

### Important Reminders For City

### Council Meetings & Public Comment

The Aurora City Council meetings occur generally on two Mondays a month at 6:30 p.m. in the Aurora Municipal Center's Paul Tauer Aurora City Council Chamber, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway. City Council meetings are hybrid, with the option for City Council members to attend in person or via teleconference. Agenda packets, minutes and voting results are available at [AuroraGov.org/CouncilMeetings](http://AuroraGov.org/CouncilMeetings). The community may attend regular council meetings in person, watch on Aurora Comcast cable channels 8 and 880, or view online at [AuroraTV.org](http://AuroraTV.org), [YouTube.com/TheAuroraChannel](http://YouTube.com/TheAuroraChannel) or on the AuroraTV app.

The public is invited to speak in person only at the podium during regular council meetings.

To speak during the one-hour Public Invited to be Heard portion of the agenda, complete a speaker slip upon arrival to the council chamber on the day of the council meeting (anytime between 5 and 6:20 p.m.).

To speak on an agenda item, register in advance at [AuroraGov.org/PublicComment](http://AuroraGov.org/PublicComment) by completing the Public Comment on Agenda Item form between 8 a.m. on the Friday before the council meeting and 1 p.m. on the day of the council meeting. To comment on an agenda item listed under the Public Hearing category, register online in advance or complete a speaker slip before the agenda item title is read.

Our winner for the misspelled word for the December Meadowood Moment Newsletter: **William! Congratulations!**

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Candy	Cupid	Gift	Hugs	Love	Valentine

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Can you assist with this? You will meet new neighbors, get good exercise & be a tremendous servant to all of Meadowood. We get more positive comments about this monthly newsletter than about anything else we do. Interested in Helping? Contact Zohra Nacer at [MediaOfficer@MeadowoodNeighborhoodAurora](mailto:MediaOfficer@MeadowoodNeighborhoodAurora) for more details.

### Cooking Moment Chocolate Chip Pie



**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 (6 ounce) package chocolate morsels
- 3 Tablespoons milk
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 4 eggs, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- whipped cream
- 1 baked pie shell

Melt chocolate morsels over hot water and blend with milk and sugar. Cool. Add egg yolks and vanilla and beat well. Add stiffly beaten egg whites, folding carefully into chocolate mixture. Spoon into baked pie shell. Chill several hours. Top with sweetened whipped cream.

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## Garden Moment

### Show Some Love to Your Garden

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- 1. Water Landscape Plants:** If the ground isn't frozen yet, take time to water trees and shrubs that were planted in the last 12 months, especially if there has been no snow for 2 weeks. Use a bucket or watering can, if your hoses are disconnected. New landscape plants need adequate irrigation to survive their first winter. Water evergreens like boxwood, Junipers and Spruces to help prevent winter burn. Water only when air and soil temperatures are over 40°F and there's no snow on the ground.
- 2. Protect Trees for Winter:** Build barriers around plants that typically get flattened by ice and snow — whether it's falling from the sky or sliding off nearby roofs. Some trees are easily damaged by heavy snow. A simple bamboo tepee could protect smaller trees. If you have not done so yet, wrap the trunks with crepe paper tree wrap.
- 3. Avoid Pruning Grasses:** Wait to prune dormant ornamental grasses until spring. The stems help protect the crown or growing point of the grass from repeated freezing and thawing, which can cause damage. Often grasses collapse or "lodge" under the weight of snow and ice over winter, which further helps insulate the crown from cold and ice. Some grasses, like Switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*), bounce back after lodging, even when coated with snow and ice. Once the cold stuff melts, stems rebound to stand upright.
- 4. Feed the Birds:** Keep bird feeders well-stocked and clean throughout the winter. Black oil sunflower seed attracts the widest variety of birds — but it's also a squirrel favorite. Safflower seed is a good choice when you want to offer something that both squirrels and house sparrows dislike. Try mixing both types of seed in a feeder along with a few peanuts for a beak-pleasing buffet that beckons black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice and woodpeckers. Hang suet feeders for woodpeckers and thistle seed socks for finches.
- 5. Continue Composting:** Keep adding kitchen waste to your compost pile through winter. In our climate where open compost piles freeze beneath heaps of snow, stash kitchen waste in a trash can with a tightly fitting lid through winter. Store the trash can outside in an easily accessible spot. In spring, as soon as the first few inches of compost thaw, remove the top layer, add your winter waste, then cover. Burying kitchen waste helps reduce odors and prevent critter foraging.

— Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect

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## Pets' Moment

### Winter Care & Valentine's Day Fun for Your Pets

As winter settles in Aurora, it's important to

keep our pets safe and warm. Here are a few tips to help your furry friends stay comfortable this season, plus some fun ideas for Valentine's Day!

- 1. Keep Them Warm:** For sensitive pets, consider a cozy sweater or coat. Limit outdoor time in extreme cold, and ensure your pet has a warm indoor spot to relax.
- 2. Protect Their Paws:** Salt and ice can harm your pet's paws. Wipe them off after walks or consider pet-safe booties to protect them from harsh chemicals.
- 3. Hydration is Key:** Even in winter, pets need plenty of fresh water. Make sure they have access to water, especially in heated indoor spaces.
- 4. Valentine's Day Love:** This February, show your pet some extra love! Treat them to homemade, pet-safe treats, or a new toy. Avoid giving chocolate, as it's toxic to pets!
- 5. Regular Vet Visits:** Cold weather can aggravate joint issues. Keep up with vet check-ups, especially if your pet shows signs of discomfort in the cold. Stay warm, stay safe, and share the love this Valentine's Day!

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## Snapshot of Meadowood

(as of January 15th, 2025)

- Actives on the Market - 14 priced from \$440,000 - \$575,000
- Under Contract to Close - 4 priced from \$435,000 - \$498,888
- Sold all of 2024 - 69 priced from \$375,000 - \$600,000

### The entire Denver Metro area in 2024

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