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MNA Board Moment



As I reflect on the past year, it's impossible not to feel a sense of pride in our incredible community. 2023 was a year of growth, connection, and impactful events that brought us all together. Our 2nd annual

Meadowood Festival was a huge success, attracting over 600 attendees, over a dozen vendors, our local police, and city officials. We continued our commitment to keeping our community clean with our two neighborhood Dump Days. We made improvements to the fences around the perimeter of our neighborhood by re-staining several areas to create a more uniform look. Our friends over at Meadowood Church and Hero's Pizzeria hosted many events that make Meadowood an exciting and family-friendly place to be. And our other local neighborhood businesses like Fruit Shak, Step It Up and Dueling Land continued to provide amazing places for us to eat, dance and play. I hope you'll continue to show them and all our local businesses your support and appreciation for the services they provide to us every day.

As we step into 2024, I'm excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Let's continue building on the positive momentum we've generated together. I'd like to invite you to join us in growing our impact this year. We're on the lookout for volunteers to write newsletter columns, lend a hand at events, provide admin services to the board, and bring fresh ideas to the table. Your unique perspectives and talents can help us make our neighborhood even better. If you are interested in getting involved, or just have questions about our organization, neighborhood or local resources, you can reach me directly at president@aurorameadowood.com, or go to our website at www.aurorameadowood.com.

Here's to a fantastic new year filled with community, connection, and shared success. Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

— Keegan Hayes, MNA President

Meadowood Moment

Meet & Greet: Meadowood Meets Around A Delicious Dinner

It was great seeing some of Meadowood residents showing up to the Meet & Greet event at the Hero's Pizza on December 13th. This was a casual event organized by the Meadowood Neighborhood Association for residents to meet each other and enjoy a complimentary dinner. Residents came with their spouses, significant others, friends, and kids to have some fun and meet their neighbors, "we had great conversation and the food was great" says Lori one of the Newsletter volunteers. Some Meadowood Moments newsletter distributors were present and were all recognized for their service and time. It was a friendly atmosphere and all neighbors seemed to have some good conversation with each other. "It is nice to get together with the community" Seana said. "This is a great event", Elise added before she got interrupted by Bailee, the 6th year old girl to say: "the food was great!" Cindy, with a smile on her face described the event as a "nice surprise!" Dean, a 42 year Meadowood resident expressed his hope to see more residents caring for each other. "Things have certainly changed over the years" he said. "I would like to see residents meeting more often with their next-door neighbors. A block party or simple gathering would allow neighbors to get to know each other".

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Meadowood General Meeting

We hope you will consider attending our MNA General Meeting to be held in the Mission Viejo Library Meeting Room on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:15pm. During the general meeting we will have Nia Campbell, Chief Academic Officer as our Guest Speaker. We will discuss MNA 2024 upcoming plans and community issues and concerns during an open forum. Please consider coming to the general meeting to get more engaged with your Meadowood neighborhood and to get a chance to win the door prize drawing at the end of the meeting.

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Malia, a 4 year old little girl was the youngest guest at the dinner. With a joyful voice, she expressed how much this gathering was fun because she was able to play and enjoy food. Karen, who was hoping for her favorite meal of pasta or spaghetti still enjoyed the food with her neighbors. Mary who came a little early to help the MNA Board members with setting up was having a good time. "I am trying to go to all MNA organized events" she said. "This is wonderful for our community and the MNA Board are putting so much work into it." Katye uttered how important this gathering was for the community. "This is important, but it would have also been nicer to have more diversity from our rich neighborhood." Although most guests were associated with the Newsletter delivery, MNA board members were thrilled to meet each of them and hoping to see more residents participating in future events.

— Zohra Nacer, MNA Media Officer





Meadowood

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MNA Supporting Scouts

During the Meet & Greet event, Crew 308 Scouts expressed their gratitude to the Meadowood Neighborhood Association for their support to Scouts and for encouraging them to do service and fundraising projects around Meadowood. The President of the Venturing Crew Samir Ould-Khaled presented an appreciation plaque to the MNA President Keegan Hayes on behalf of all Scouts to the Board of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association.





Meadowood Neighborhood Aurora >

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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.

Electronics Recycling Event

Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 2-5, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., & Jan. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 The city is offering Aurora residents special event pricing for electronics recycling through its e-cycling partner, Techno Rescue. Business customers are not eligible for this event. *For pricing and what items are accepted: AuroraGov.org/Recycle. Techno Rescue, 3251 Lewiston St., Suite 10*

Christmas Tree Recycling

Dec. 26-Jan. 8. Bring your Christmas tree to one of the city's free recycling drop-off sites. Remove all nails, decorations and stands from trees prior to drop-off. No artificial trees will be accepted. Free mulch is available anytime (while supplies last) at all drop-off locations. Please bring your own truck, bags, shovel and containers. *AuroraGov.org/Recycle
 Del Mar Park, 12000 E. Sixth Ave. (west parking lot)
 Saddle Rock Golf Course, 21705 E. Arapahoe Road
 Olympic Park, 15501 E. Yale Ave.*

Meadowood Trash & Recycling Program with Waste Connections

- Reasonable rate - includes weekly trash pickup and recycling every other week.
- Fewer trash company trucks in Meadowood means less traffic, less pollution, less noise and less wear and tear on neighborhood streets.
- Rebate of \$2/home/month goes back to the neighborhood association for community projects and events.

Help us help Meadowood – Sign Up Today!
 Call 303-288-2100 * www.wasteconnections.com



Meadowood In 2024

Your Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Board members wish you a positive and fulfilling 2024. There are 2240 households in the Meadowood neighborhood, making it one of the largest neighborhoods in the city of Aurora. We all have a common bond – Meadowood. On one hand we are stuck with each other. On the other hand we are all in this together. It is MNA’s aim to enable Meadowood to be a positive place to live; to maintain a constructive relationship with Aurora authorities and resources; to promote open communication; and to plan for neighborhood improvements and social opportunities.

Toward this end – here is a summary of MNA 2024 plans. We are always looking for new ideas. Please send us your comments/ideas to Info@AuroraMeadowood.com.

2024 Plans

- Monthly Newsletter – Produce and deliver this Meadowood newsletter to 2240 Meadowood households each month.
- Bi-Monthly Meetings – Invite guest speakers General Meetings with Meadowood residents.
- Welcome and orient new residents moving into Meadowood each month
- Dump Days – in June and October 2024.
- Neighborhood Garage Sale – summer of 2024
- Meet and Greet – to encourage residents to meet new neighbors.
- Easter Event in the Park – support the annual Easter event.
- Meadowood 2024 Festival – the 3rd Annual Fall Festival.
- Trunk or Treat – support this annual Meadowood Church event.
- MNA Communication – maintain a MNA Website & Facebook Page.
- Expand MNA Visibility – toward positive outcomes for Meadowood.

Mary’s Moment

Living in Meadowood Over 50 Years!

I believe we are so lucky to live in Meadowood. All around, I see wonderful neighbors helping each other out. In our neighborhood, there seems to be a contest between several guys with snow blowers. When we have several inches of snow, we always wonder whether J.. or R...or A. will be first out to clear our sidewalks! Thanks!!!

Our park is a place that we can enjoy in all kinds of weather. Even on snowy days I see residents out for a short walk. Recently the city had the trees between Hampden and Dartmouth trimmed way back and the dead evergreens removed. Now we can see so many nests just waiting for new occupants this spring.

Finally, the Meadowood signs at some of our main streets advertise our lovely neighborhood. At Christmas, some hardy soul has decorated them with tinsel that shines beautifully. I have not seen other neighborhoods advertising their names. We are proud.

— Respectfully submitted, Mary Metcalf, a 51 year resident of Meadowood



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2024 Water Rates Approved

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Capturing The Dream: Youth Talent Showcase

Friday, Jan. 5, 6 to 9 p.m. As part of the city of Aurora's 38th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, enjoy a talent show featuring youth 6 to 19 years old showcasing their talents, including singing, dancing, art, acting, poetry and more. Event partners: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Aurora Chapter and Young Aspiring Americans for Social and Political Activism (YAASPA). Questions? Email officeofdei@auroragov.org. *The People's Building, 9995 E. Colfax Ave.*
AuroraGov.org/MLK

MLK Jr. Commemoration Opening Celebration, Prayer Vigil and Proclamation Reading

Monday, Jan. 8, 4:30 to 7 p.m. An opening event featuring dance, music and theatre will celebrate MLK Jr.'s legacy. Refreshments will be provided, followed by an interfaith prayer vigil and the reading of the MLK commemoration proclamation during the Aurora City Council meeting. Questions? Email officeofdei@auroragov.org.
Aurora Municipal Center Lobby, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.
AuroraGov.org/MLK

The Local Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Discussion Panel

Thursday, Jan. 11, 5:30 to 7 p.m. As part of the city of Aurora's 38th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, enjoy a brief lecture about King's visits to the Denver area and discussion from a diverse group of Aurora residents reflecting on the legacy of the civil rights leader and how his vision has shaped our community.
Aurora History Museum, 15051 E. Alameda Pkwy.
Email officeofdei@auroragov.org to RSVP.
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City of Aurora Moments

Community College of Aurora Virtual Student Film Fest

Friday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. As part of the City of Aurora's 38th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, enjoy watching short films from Aurora Community College students honoring King. *Streamed live at AuroraTV.org. AuroraGov.org/MLK*

Interfaith Breakfast

Friday, Jan. 12, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. As part of the City of Aurora's 38th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, enjoy some breakfast and meet Poonam and Everett Moore, Poonam's by Design and E-Class Transportation owners, and featured designers in HGTV's "Rico to the Rescue." Consider donating youth art supplies for entry. Event partners: Aurora Community of Faith and Aurora Mental Health & Recovery. *Quebec Place Event Center, 430 S. Quebec St., Denver*
Email officeofdei@auroragov.org to RSVP. AuroraGov.org/MLK

MLK Commemoration Wreath-laying Ceremony

Saturday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m. to noon. Join the city of Aurora's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and city officials to lay the wreath honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. *Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave. AuroraGov.org/MLK*

MLK Commemoration Community Service Project

Saturday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. As part of the city of Aurora's 38th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration, help assemble and sort hygiene kits and care items for Aurora Public Schools students/families in need, honoring King's legacy. *Event partner: Iron Sharp Community Foundation.*
Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave.
Email officeofdei@auroragov.org to RSVP. AuroraGov.org/MLK

MLK Jr. African American Heritage Rodeo

Monday, Jan. 15, 6 p.m. Join Aurora's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for rodeo fun while honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. *Denver Coliseum, 4600 Humboldt St.*
Purchase tickets at NationalWestern.com/Rodeos

2024 MLK Parade

Monday, Jan. 15, 9:30 a.m. Join the city of Aurora and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission at this parade honoring King. *Denver City Park, 2001 Colorado Blvd.*
DrMartinLKingJrCHC.org

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Cooking Moment Applesauce Cupcakes

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 cups applesauce
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract



Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy in large mixing bowl. Add eggs and beat well. Sift dry ingredients together and add to mixture alternately with applesauce. Add vanilla and mix well. Spoon into muffin tins lined with paper cups. Fill each cup about 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned on top. Remove from tins to wire rack to cool. Makes 8 to 10 cupcakes.



Meadowood Report - January 2024

by PJ Ausmus



2024 is here and the real estate market is heating up. If you are thinking about selling your home, this is the perfect time to start thinking about staging, repairs, and pricing to get the most money for your home. If you are thinking of buying, inventory is rising and many opportunities are available to help with affordability. Give me a call and let's make a specific plan for your needs today!

| Meadowood Overview |

- Homes Active on the market: 7
- Homes Under Contract: 4
- Homes Closed in the last 90 days: 13
- Average Closed Price in the last 90 days: \$475,030
- Average Days on Market for Sales in the last 90 days: 13 days

(Stats as of 12/4/23)



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