

# Meadowood Moments

## A Community Newsletter



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### MNA Board Moment



**H**appy New Year Meadowood! We would like to wish all of our neighbors a very happy & prosperous New Year.

2025 was a year to remember. Some things that were accomplished with the combined efforts of Hero's Pizzeria, Meadowood Church, and the American Legion for our community included:

- **Dump Day:** Every year, we apply for a grant from the city to be able to help our residents, owners and renters, to be able to discard debris that has just been hanging around. It's open to our neighboring communities as well. Both dates were filled with smiles and appreciation.
- **The Easter Egg Hunt (Hero's):** MNA donates candy and time to help provide such a great experience for our families.
- **Meadowood Annual Festival:** The Festival had a larger turnout in 2025. MNA, along with Meadowood Church and Hero's, provided food, fun, smiles, music, and helped some of our businesses promote themselves. The "Step It Up" performances were on point!
- **Clean Up Day:** Every year, a Clean-Up Day is planned and organized by Beth Mumma to help keep our streets clean. She would love for you to come out and volunteer.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Held at Meadowood Church, it was a great success. MNA donated candy and cars. Hero's donated hot dogs and created a beautiful trunk to treat from.
- **Meadowood Moments:** This newsletter reaches you thanks to the help of dedicated volunteers from your neighborhood. Media Officer Zohra volunteers her time to put this newsletter together for all of us and coor-

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### Meadowood Moment

## Meadowood Neighborhood Association Dinner Brings Warmth on a Wintery Night

**O**n December 3rd, the Meadowood Neighborhood Association gathered for a memorable community dinner at Jus Grill. Despite the snowy, stormy weather, many neighbors braved the cold to share an evening of good food, warm company, and heartfelt appreciation.

The restaurant provided the perfect setting: quiet, welcoming, and family-friendly; creating an ambiance that encouraged conversation and connection. Laughter and friendly chatter filled the room as neighbors enjoyed a delicious meal together.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of all the Meadowood Moments newsletter carriers. These dedicated volunteers deliver the newsletter throughout our neighborhood month after month, ensuring everyone stays informed and connected. Each carrier was acknowledged and thanked for their hard work and commitment to the community.

As the newsletter editor, it was especially meaningful for me to see the people who work hard to deliver the *Meadowood Moments* newsletter to your doorsteps. It was so heartwarming to connect with the dedicated carriers who help get the word out about all of our neighborhood events. I truly appreciate all of you for your efforts!

By the end of the night, guests left with full hearts and smiles on their faces. The gathering was a wonderful reminder that even on the stormiest evenings, the Meadowood spirit shines bright when neighbors come together.

— Zohra Nacer, Media Officer



### Meadowood General Meeting

**W**e hope you'll join us for our MNA General Meeting on Wednesday, January 14th, at 6:30 pm in the Meadowood Church Community Room!

We'll be discussing the Meadowood Neighborhood Association's exciting plans for 2026, and there will be an open forum to talk about community issues and concerns. It's a great opportunity to get more involved in your neighborhood and connect with your neighbors. Plus, we will be holding a fun door prize drawing at the end of the meeting – but you'll need to be there in person to win!

## Board Moment, *continued from front page*

dinates with all volunteers to make sure you receive it. New volunteers are always welcome.

- **Meet & Greet:** Our Meet & Greet this year was held at Jus Grill. Many of our neighbors patronize the establishment, and they reached out to MNA to invite us for the event. Being a good neighbor pays!
- **Breakfast with Santa:** Hosted by Hero's, this event is always a magical time for our young neighbors. MNA donated the Hayride. Who would've thought you'd see Clydesdales clopping around our neighborhood?

### What are we looking forward to in 2026?

You! We are looking forward to seeing you at the General meetings. Without input from you and getting involved this neighborhood will just be a dot on the map.

We need bilingual volunteers and want your ideas to help continue to make Meadowood a fun, safe place to live.

And let's all welcome our most popular neighbors. **Wild Turkeys** in Meadowood.

— **Brenda Rauterkus, MNA Vice-President**

## Meadowood in 2026

Your Meadowood Neighborhood Association (MNA) Board members wish you a positive and fulfilling 2026. 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 2026 plans. We are always looking for new ideas. Please send us your comments/ideas to [Info@AuroraMeadowood.com](mailto:Info@AuroraMeadowood.com).

### 2026 Plans

- General Meetings – Invite guest speakers to our General Meetings with Meadowood residents.
- Dump Days – in June and October 2026.
- Neighborhood Garage Sale – summer of 2026
- Easter Event in the Park – support the annual Easter event.
- Meadowood 2026 Festival – the 4th Annual Fall Festival.
- Trunk or Treat – support this annual Meadowood Church event.
- MNA Communication – maintain a MNA Website & Facebook Page.
- Meet and Greet – to encourage residents to meet new neighbors.
- Expand MNA Visibility – toward positive outcomes for Meadowood.
- Monthly Newsletter – Produce and deliver this Meadowood newsletter to 2240 Meadowood households each month.



# Meadowood

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## This Space Intentionally Left Blank for Teen Services



### Meadowood Neighborhood Aurora >

🔒 Private group · 601 members

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# Breakfast with Santa and Wagon Rides Bring Holiday Fun to Meadowood



Meadowood was full of smiles, laughter, and holiday spirit on December 13 during Breakfast with Santa and the popular wagon rides. From 9:00 am to noon, families stopped by throughout the morning to enjoy the festivities and spend time together.

Hero's Pizza hosted Breakfast with Santa and served pancakes to families. Some neighbors sat down to enjoy breakfast, while others simply came to say hello to Santa, take pictures, and soak in the holiday cheer. Santa spent the morning chatting with kids, posing for photos, and even inviting some children to sit on his lap as they shared their Christmas wishes.

The holiday fun was not just for kids. Plenty of adults joined in too, showing up in Christmas outfits, including Robert L. from Meadowood wearing his Santa hat while enjoying the wagon ride with his family. It was great to see neighbors laughing, catching up, and celebrating the season together.



The Meadowood Neighborhood Association partnered with Kodiak Ranch, owners of 12 Mile Stables Trail Rides, to offer wagon rides pulled by two beautiful Clydesdales. A big thank you goes to Gary and Charlotte for bringing Blake, a 20 year old gentle giant, and Apollo, a lively 5 year old. The horses pulled the wagon on multiple rides throughout the morning, with each ride lasting about 20 minutes. Care was taken to keep the route comfortable for the horses, making sure they stayed happy and well rested.

Kids had an absolute blast riding in the wagon, waving to neighbors, taking pictures, and meeting the horses up close. With Charlotte's guidance, children gently petted the horses on their shoulders and proudly posed for photos. The sunny weather made the day even better, and kids loved showing off their festive Christmas outfits without needing coats.



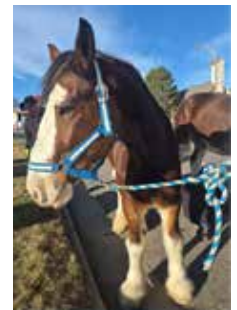
Neighbors shared how much they appreciated the event. One resident said, "This was such a nice thing the Meadowood Neighborhood Association did. It really brought everyone together." Another added, "It was simple, fun, and exactly what the holidays should feel like."

As the morning wrapped up, the board members of the Meadowood Neighborhood Association were the last to climb into the wagon, mostly just to stand for a final photo after time ran out. They were happy to step aside all morning and even happier knowing that so many families had a great time.



Breakfast with Santa and the wagon rides were a fun and relaxed way to celebrate the holidays in Meadowood. Thank you to Hero's Pizza, Kodiak Ranch, Gary, Charlotte, Santa, and everyone who came out to make the morning so special.

— Zohra Nacer, Media Officer



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### Mission Viejo Library: January Programs

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

#### EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS:

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (ages 0-2)  
 Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Tots Tunes (ages 0-5)  
 Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-5)  
 Tue, Jan 27 at closing Final drop-off day for  
 Stuffed Animal Sleepover  
 Thu, Jan 29 at 10:30 a.m. Pajama Storytime and  
 stuffed animal pickup (ages 0-5)

#### PROGRAMS FOR PRE-TEENS AND TEENS:

Sat, Jan 3 at 10:30 a.m. Dragon Painting (ages 12-18)  
 Thu, Jan 8 at 4:30 p.m. Nintendo Switch Club (ages 12-18)  
 Thu, Jan 15 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Tabletop Games (ages 12-18)  
 Thu, Jan 22 at 4:30 p.m. Drawing Hangout - Action Pose  
 Challenge (ages 12-18)  
 Tue, Jan 27 at 6:00 p.m. Service Hour Lock-In: Stuffed  
 Animal Sleepover Photography  
 (ages 12-18)  
 Thu, Jan 29 at 4:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Group (ages 12-18)

#### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN:

Wed, Jan 7 at 4:30 p.m. Shrinky Dinks (ages 8-18)  
 Wed, Jan 14 at 4:30 p.m. Perler Bead Club (ages 6-18)  
 Sat, Jan 17, 10:30-noon Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 0-12)  
 Wed, Jan 21 at 4:30 p.m. Clay Club (ages 6-18)  
 Wed, Jan 28 at 4:30 p.m. Snow Slime (ages 8-18)

#### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:

Sat, Jan 3 & 24 at 2:00 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons  
 Wed, Jan 7 at 11:00 a.m. Mini-Canvas Painting  
 Fri, Jan 9 & 23 at 11:00 a.m. Coffee and Coloring  
 Sat, Jan 10 at 2:00 p.m. Sherlock Holmes Board Game  
 Sat, Jan 17 at 2:00 p.m. STOP the Bleed Training  
 Wed, Jan 21 at 11:00 a.m. Clay Snowmen  
 Fri, Jan 30 at 11:00 a.m. Bamboo Fan Painting  
 Sat, Jan 31 at 2:00 p.m. Tea Tasting Party

#### PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES:

Sat, Jan 24 at 10:30 a.m. Cozy Game Day  
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## Garden Moment

**H**appy New Year! It's a new year and time to be planning new outdoor spaces. Schedule any major renovations in your landscape now. Landscape contractors will be busy again this year, so get on their schedule early.

### Start Seeds Indoors

January and February are for starting indoor seeds (tomatoes, peppers, cool-season veggies). Start dreaming of new plants to try with all the gardening catalogs being delivered! Order seeds, and get ahead on warm-season crops indoors for a longer growing season.

### Plan Landscape Renovations

Thinking of getting rid of some lawn areas? Call the City of Aurora Waterwise Department to obtain a free Xeriscape design for your front yard. You won't have to implement the entire plan in one year, it could be phased in as your budget allows. There are plenty of tips at [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org). Read the Water Wise Landscape Rebate Manual, then call 303-739-7195 to consult with the Water Conservation Staff.

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

— Kim Wisdom, Landscape Architect

## Kid's Moment

**W**e were recently contacted by several parents whose kids solved the riddle from one of our past newsletters. Congratulations to Rumiah (age 9) and Kailin (age 7) for getting all the answers correct!

We also received a wonderful response from Audrey Witner (age 9) to the question: "If you could be any animal for a day, which one would you choose and why?"

Audrey shared: "I would choose to be any type of cat or dog because cats and dogs are two of my favorite animals. I want to climb high and see the big world like cats do. I also want to see the world in different colors. I would like to run fast like a dog!"



# MEADOWOOD *Market Report*

~Stats as of 12/5/2025~

## MEADOWOOD OVERVIEW

<p><b>13</b> ACTIVES ON THE MARKET</p> <p>PRICED FROM <b>\$430,000 - \$585,000</b></p> <p>MEDIAN - \$487,500</p>	<p><b>7</b> UNDER CONTRACT TO CLOSE</p> <p>PRICED FROM <b>\$429,000 - \$504,000</b></p> <p>MEDIAN - \$440,000</p>	<p><b>103</b> SOLD SINCE JAN. 1ST, 2025</p> <p>PRICED FROM <b>\$305,555 - \$584,000</b></p> <p>MEDIAN - \$467,500</p>
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